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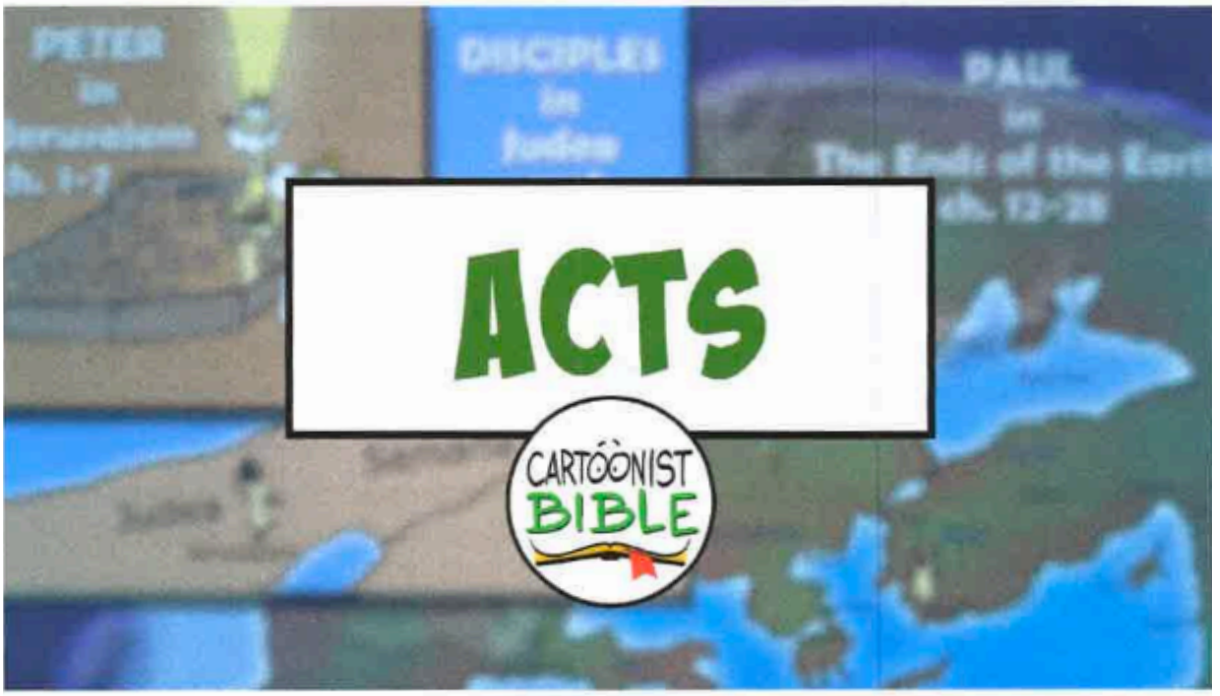
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Introduction

About This Book

This book brings together two of my passions. The first is preaching and teaching scripture. The second is art. I illustrated the four Gospels–Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John–between 2019-2022 while I was a pastor at a church in Eagan, MN. I illustrated those books because we were preaching through each Gospel, following the Narrative Lectionary, one Gospel each Spring. I squeezed the illustration work in the cracks of my full-time pastoral responsibilities.

Everything changed in the Summer of 2022. I began my call as the Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Part of my job is to create content for Faith+Lead Academy, using my skills as an illustrator and animator. I couldn't be happier. This project, to illustrate Acts, was part of my work to create a course on Acts for the Academy. The extra time and focus allowed me to expand my process. This book is a much more detailed telling of the story compared to my work with the Gospels.

Each page of this book lives online at cartoonistbible.com/acts. There you will find videos in which I walk through each panel, offering commentary along the way, along with many other online resources.

It is my pleasure to share this piece of art and scripture with you in a printed format. There is something satisfying about holding a book in your hand and soaking in the artwork in real space.

I hope you will enjoy reading this book as much as I did making it.

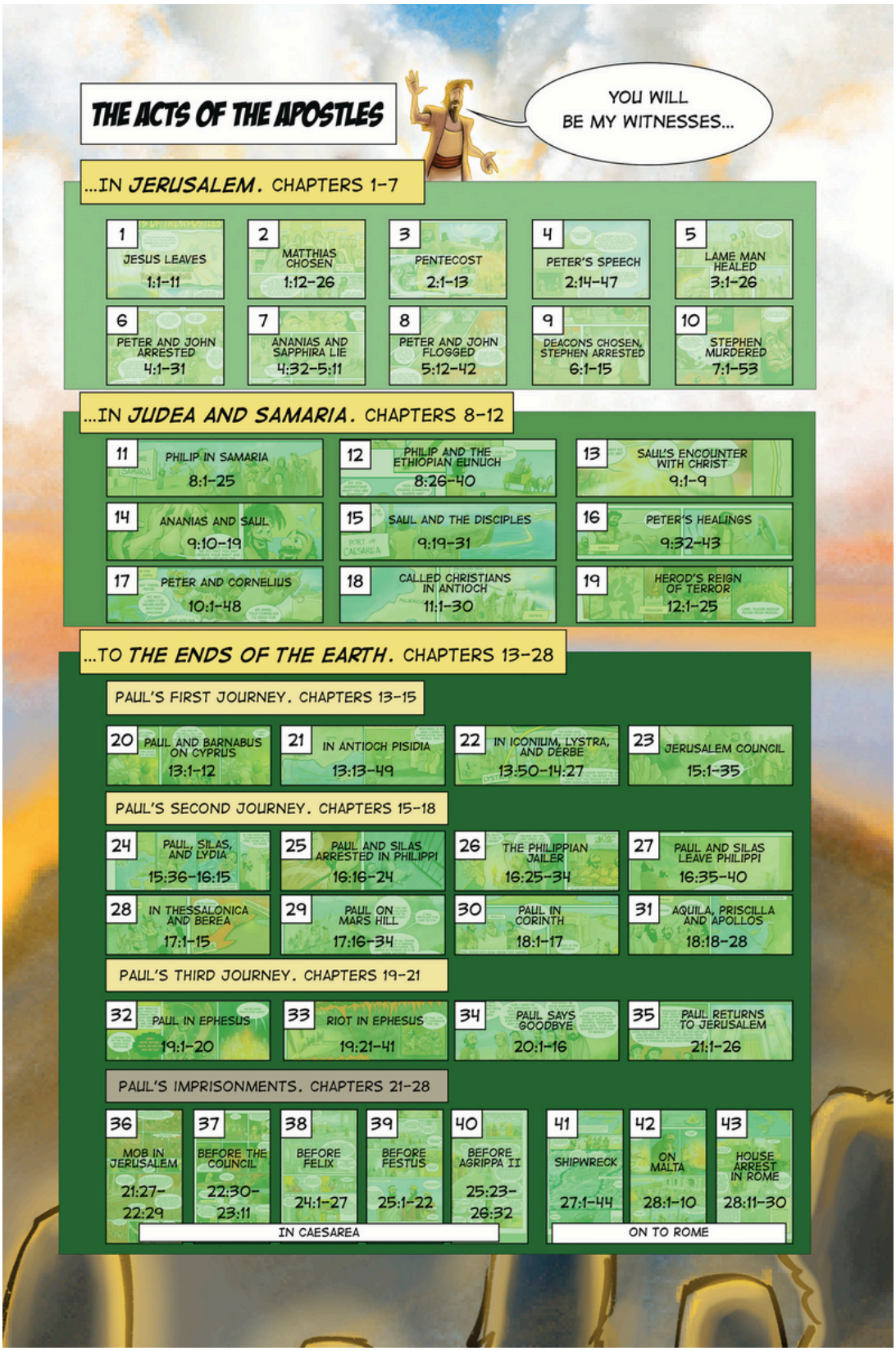
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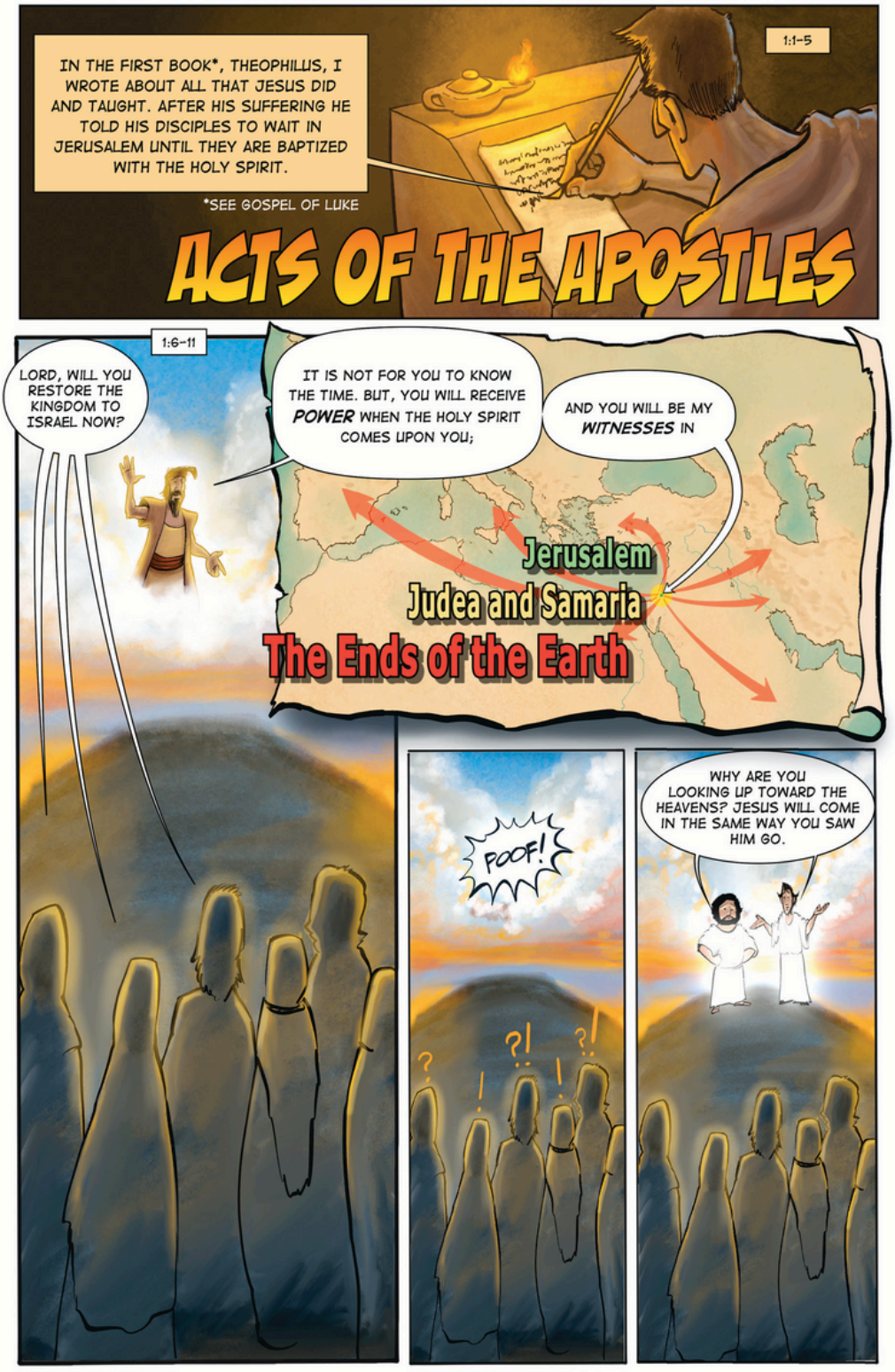


I am a pastor, teacher, and an artist. These three aspects of who I am play together in various ways. I am an associate professor of spiritual formation at Luther Seminary where I earned a PhD in Missional Leadership. I am also a freelance illustrator, and and a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Nearly every sermon I preach and lesson I teach has some form of cartoon involved to help learners visualize biblical and theological concepts.

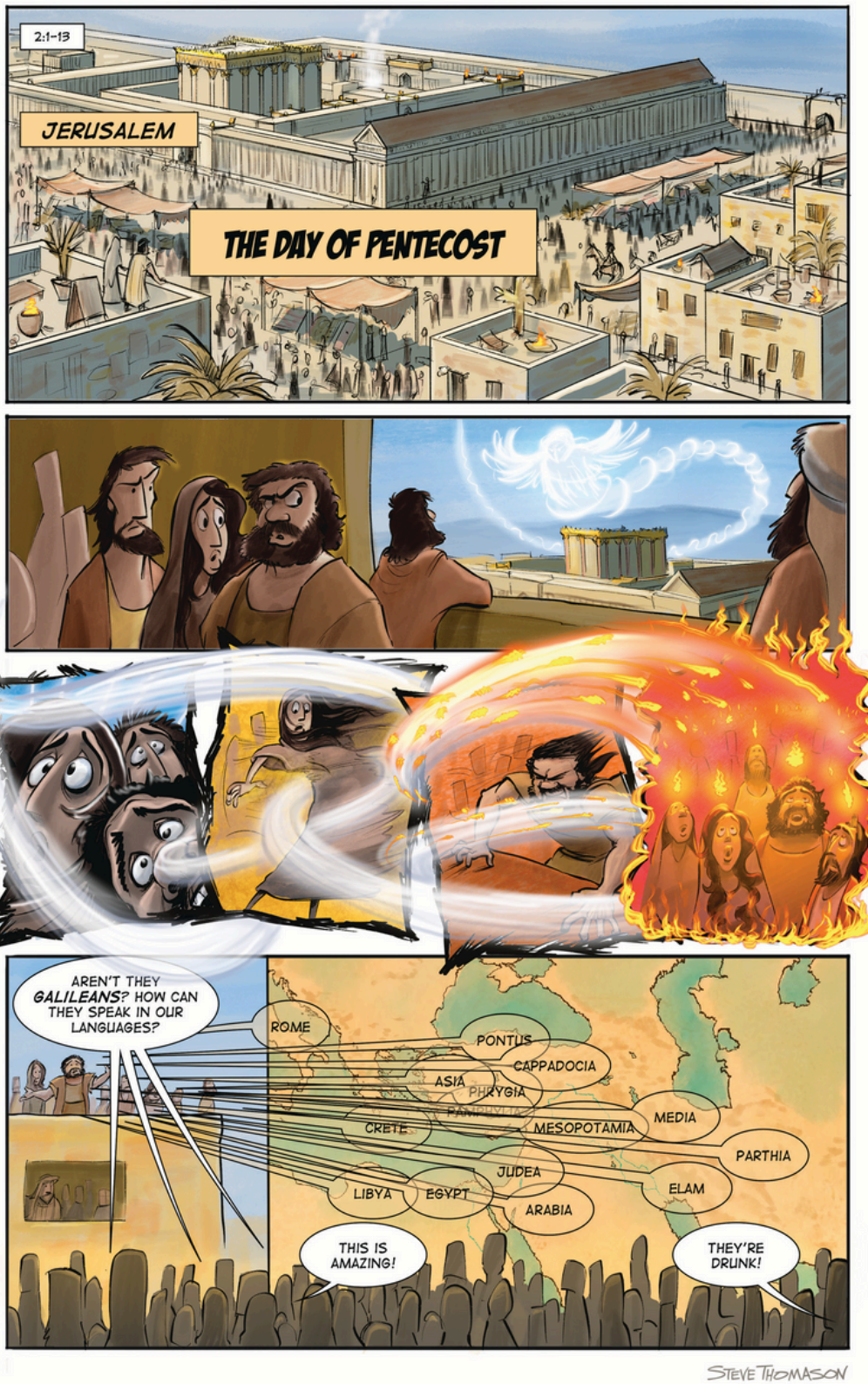
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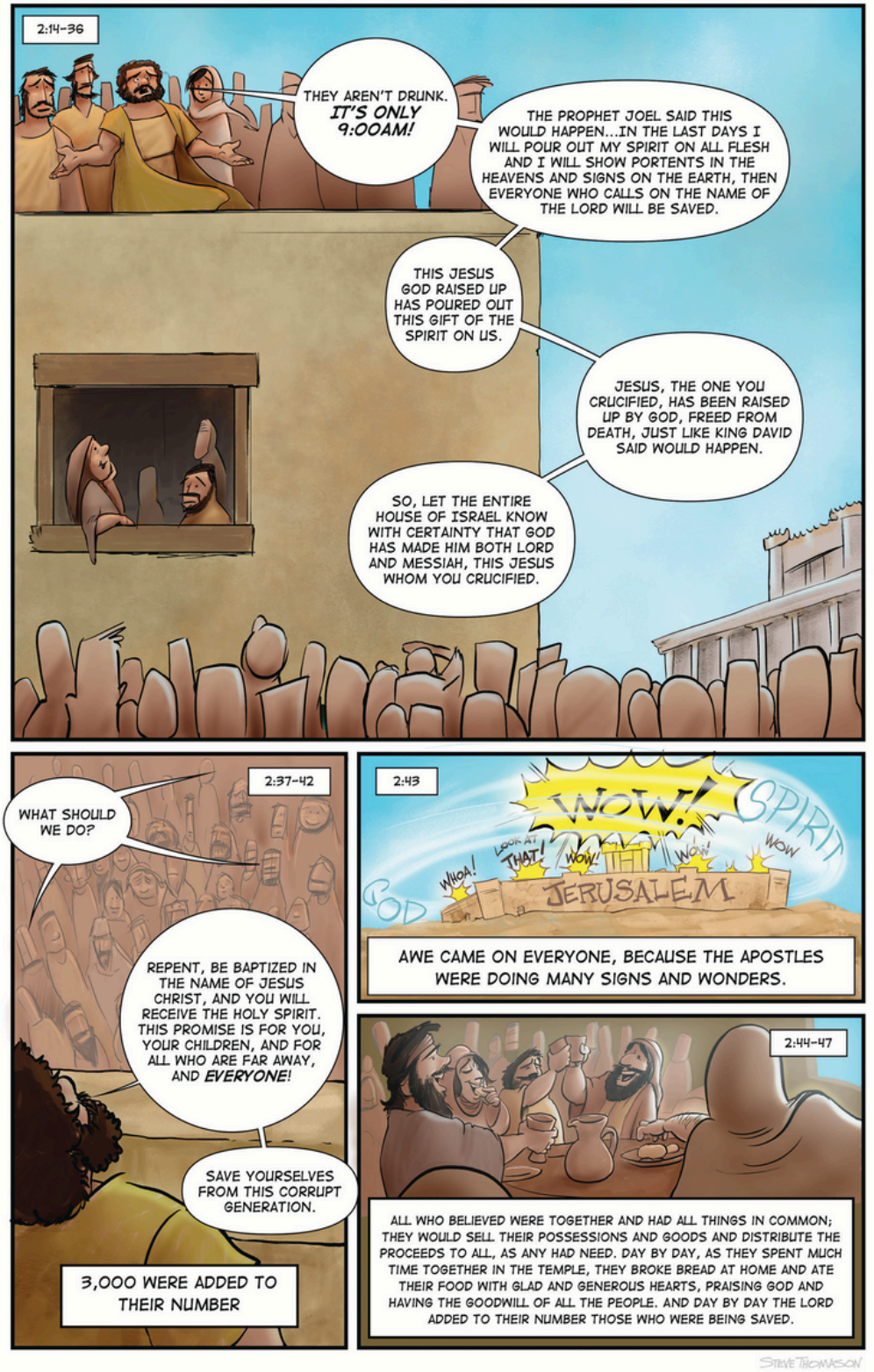
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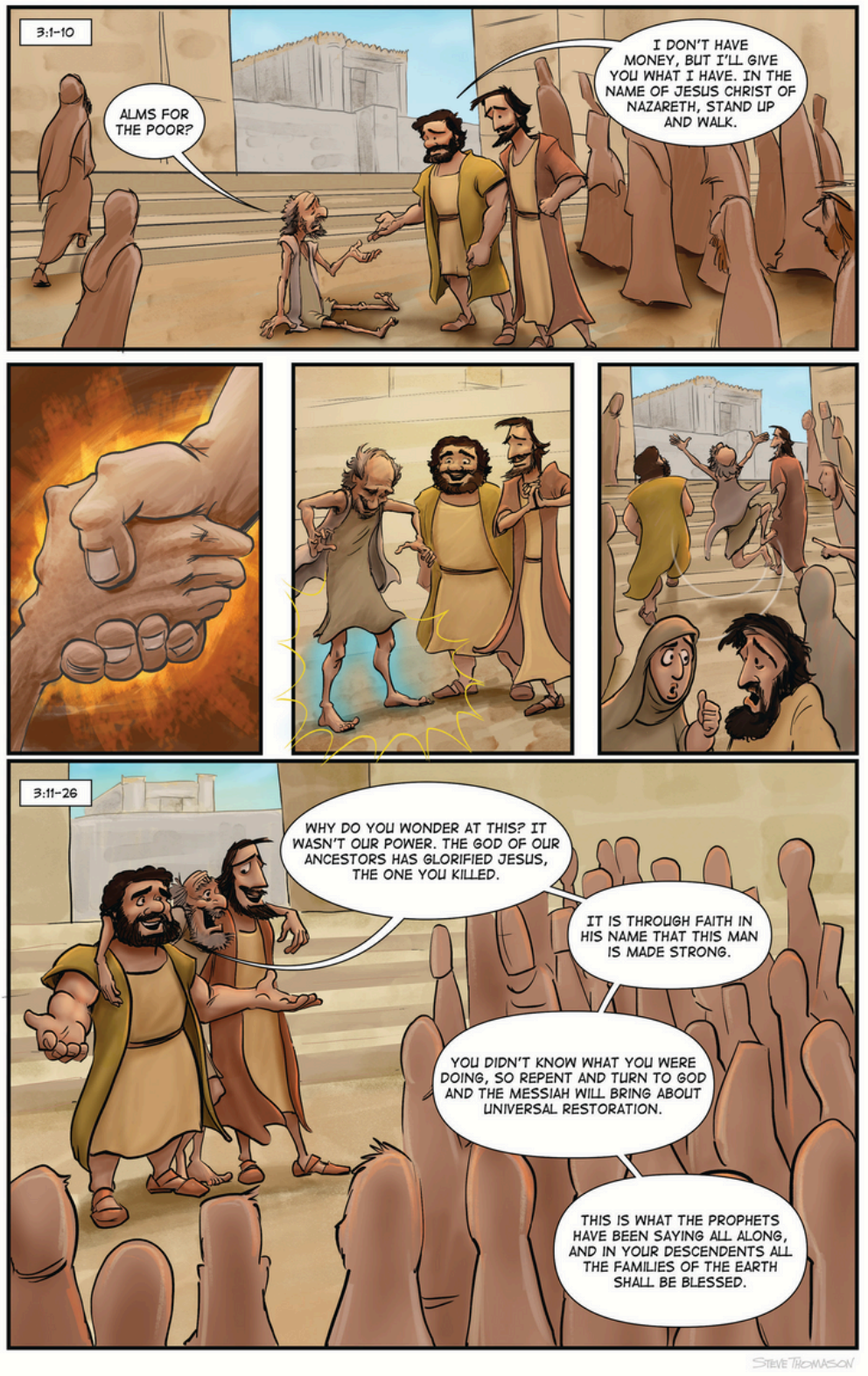

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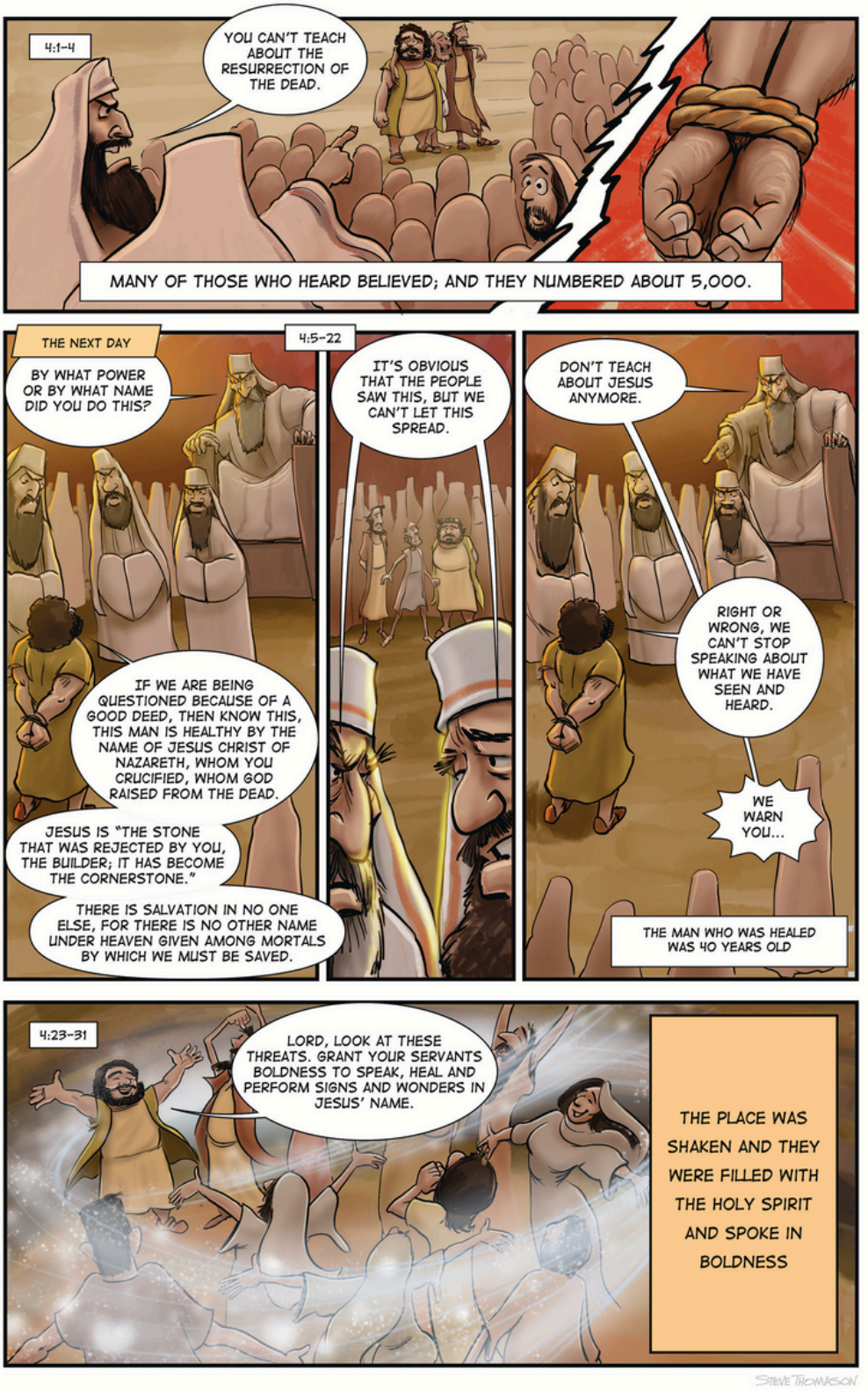

IN THE FIRST BOOK*, THEOPHILUS, I WROTE ABOUT ALL THAT JESUS DID AND TAUGHT. AFTER HIS SUFFERING HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO WAIT IN JERUSALEM UNTIL THEY ARE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.
*SEE GOSPEL OF LUKE
1:1-5
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
1:6-11
LORD, WILL YOU RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL NOW?
IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TIME. BUT, YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU;
AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN
Jerusalem
Judea and Samaria
The Ends of the Earth
POOF!
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING UP TOWARD THE HEAVENS? JESUS WILL COME IN THE SAME WAY YOU SAW HIM GO.

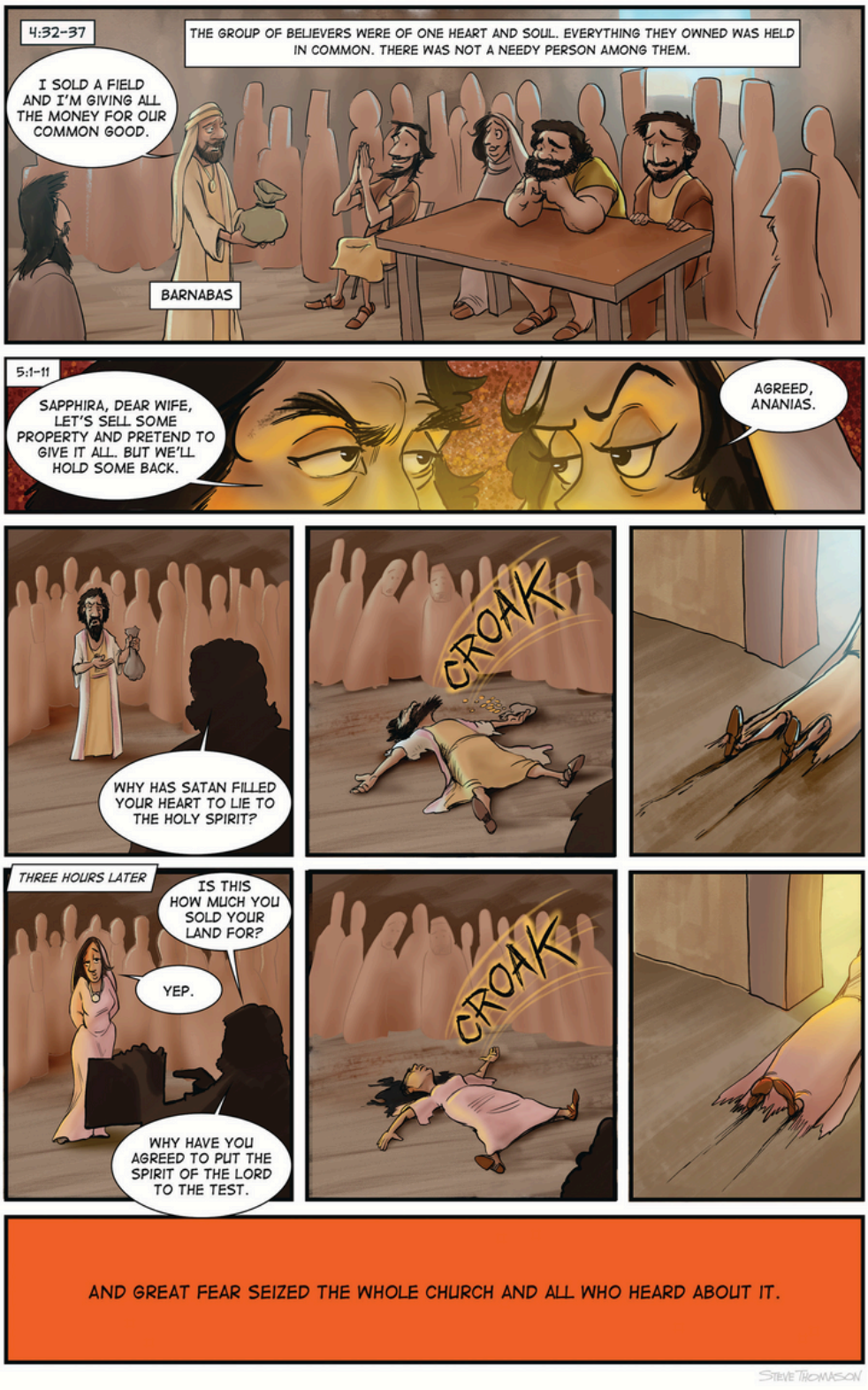

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JERUSALEM
MOUNT OF OLIVES
1:13-14
PHILIP
THOMAS
MATTHEW
ANDREW
BARTHOLOMEW
SIMON THE ZEALOT
JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS
JAMES
PETER
JOHN
JUDAS SON OF JAMES
MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS
WE NEED TO REPLACE JUDAS, SINCE HE BETRAYED JESUS AND TOOK HIS OWN LIFE. LIKE IT SAYS IN PSALMS, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BECOME DESOLATE, AND LET THERE BE NO ONE TO LIVE IN IT.' AND 'LET ANOTHER TAKE HIS POSITION OF OVERSEER.'
1:15-26
JOSEPH BARSABBAS (AKJ JUSTUS)
MATTHIAS
LORD, YOU KNOW EVERYONE'S HEART. SHOW US WHICH ONE YOU HAVE CHOSEN.
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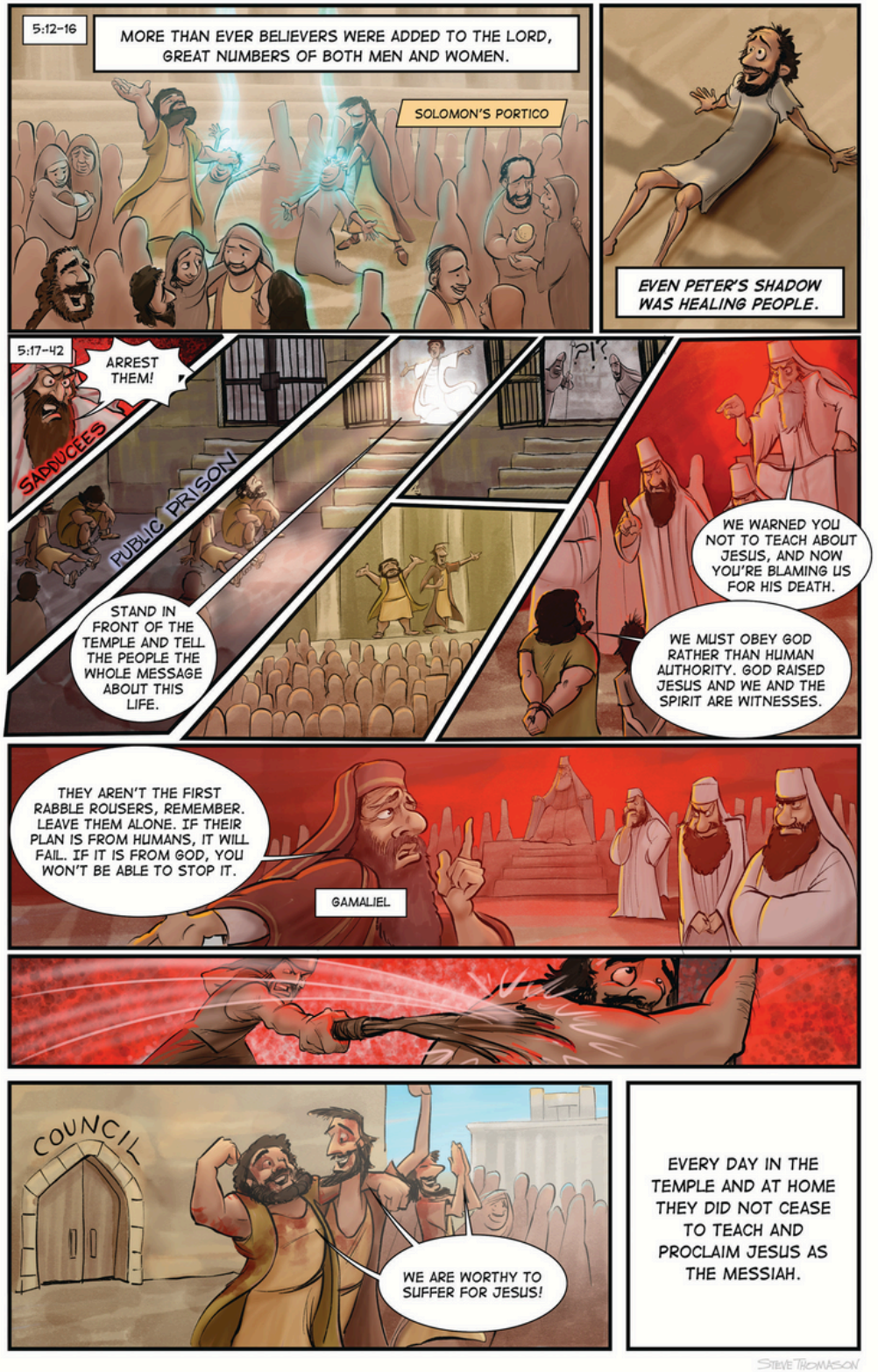

2:1-13
JERUSALEM
THE DAY OF PENTECOST
AREN'T THEY GALILEANS? HOW CAN THEY SPEAK IN OUR LANGUAGES?
ROME
PONTUS
CAPPADOCIA
ASIA
PHRYGIA
PAMPHYLIA
CRETE
MESOPOTAMIA
MEDIA
PARTHIA
JUDEA
ELAM
LIBYA
EGYPT
ARABIA
THIS IS AMAZING!
THEY'RE DRUNK!
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2:14-36
THEY AREN'T DRUNK. IT'S ONLY 9:00AM!
THE PROPHET JOEL SAID THIS WOULD HAPPEN...IN THE LAST DAYS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH AND I WILL SHOW PORTENTS IN THE HEAVENS AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH, THEN EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.
THIS JESUS GOD RAISED UP HAS POURED OUT THIS GIFT OF THE SPIRIT ON US.
JESUS, THE ONE YOU CRUCIFIED, HAS BEEN RAISED UP BY GOD, FREED FROM DEATH, JUST LIKE KING DAVID SAID WOULD HAPPEN.
SO, LET THE ENTIRE HOUSE OF ISRAEL KNOW WITH CERTAINTY THAT GOD HAS MADE HIM BOTH LORD AND MESSIAH, THIS JESUS WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED.
2:37-42
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
REPENT, BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. THIS PROMISE IS FOR YOU, YOUR CHILDREN, AND FOR ALL WHO ARE FAR AWAY, AND EVERYONE!
SAVE YOURSELVES FROM THIS CORRUPT GENERATION.
3,000 WERE ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER
2:43
WOW!
SPIRIT
WOW
WHOA!
LOOK AT THAT!
WOW!
WOW!
GOD
JERUSALEM
AWE CAME ON EVERYONE, BECAUSE THE APOSTLES WERE DOING MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS.
2:44-47
ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON; THEY WOULD SELL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS AND DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED. DAY BY DAY, AS THEY SPENT MUCH TIME TOGETHER IN THE TEMPLE, THEY BROKE BREAD AT HOME AND ATE THEIR FOOD WITH GLAD AND GENEROUS HEARTS, PRAISING GOD AND HAVING THE GOODWILL OF ALL THE PEOPLE. AND DAY BY DAY THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED.
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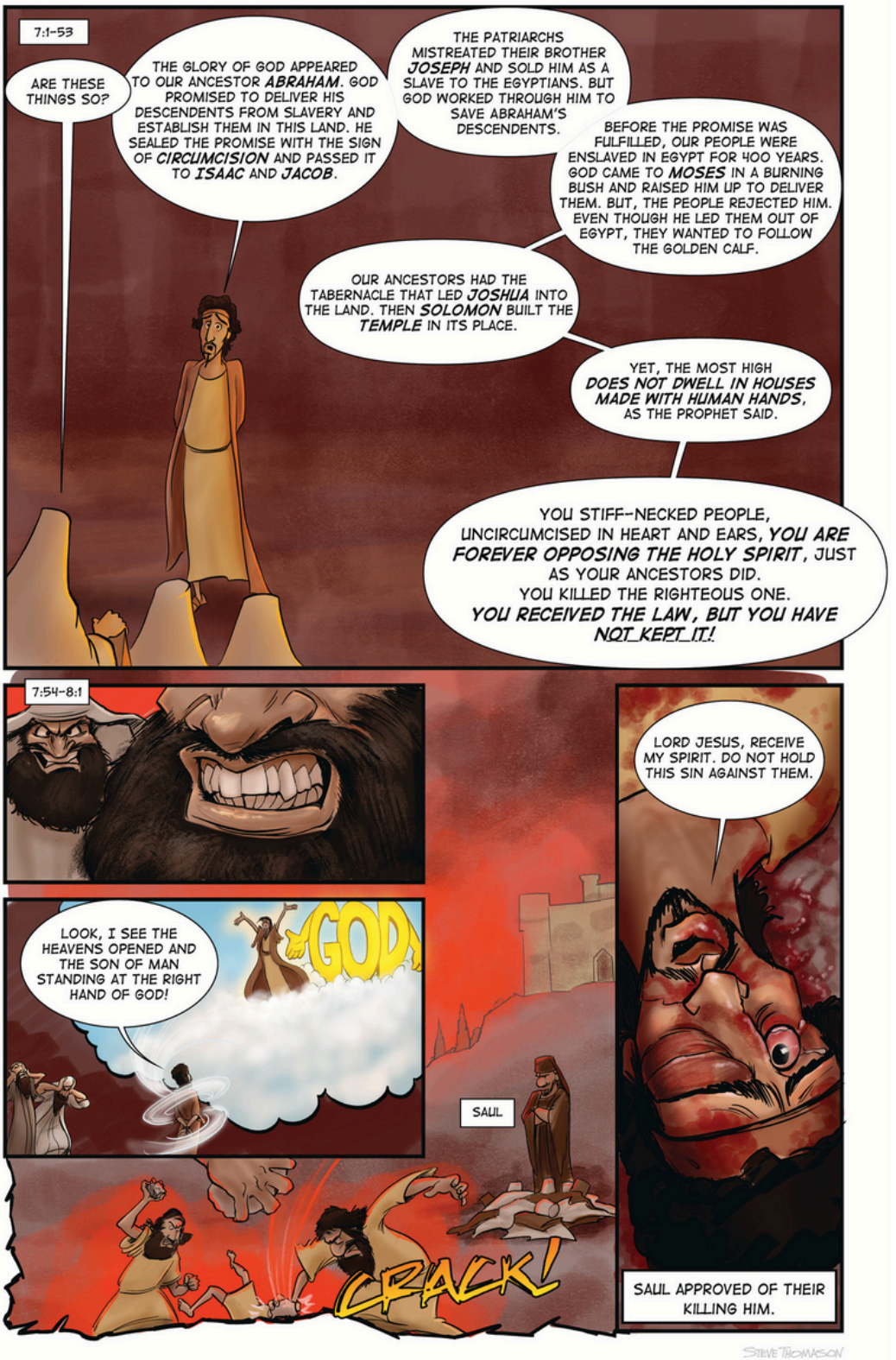

3:1-10
ALMS FOR THE POOR?
I DON'T HAVE MONEY, BUT I'LL GIVE YOU WHAT I HAVE. IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH, STAND UP AND WALK.
3:11-26
WHY DO YOU WONDER AT THIS? IT WASN'T OUR POWER. THE GOD OF OUR ANCESTORS HAS GLORIFIED JESUS, THE ONE YOU KILLED.
IT IS THROUGH FAITH IN HIS NAME THAT THIS MAN IS MADE STRONG.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE DOING, SO REPENT AND TURN TO GOD AND THE MESSIAH WILL BRING ABOUT UNIVERSAL RESTORATION.
THIS IS WHAT THE PROPHETS HAVE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG, AND IN YOUR DESCENDENTS ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.
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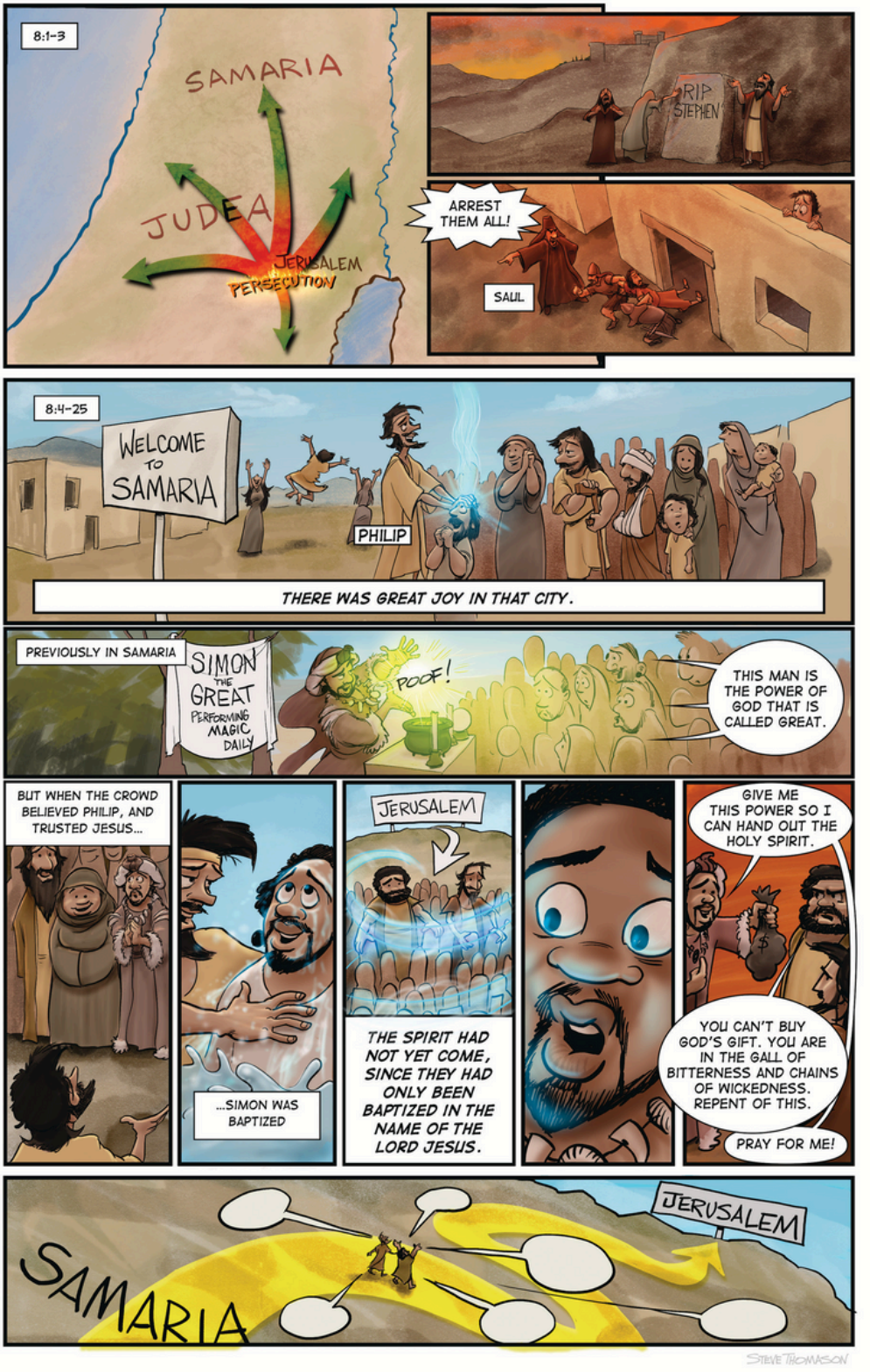

4:1-4
YOU CAN'T TEACH ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.
MANY OF THOSE WHO HEARD BELIEVED; AND THEY NUMBERED ABOUT 5,000.
THE NEXT DAY
4:5-22
BY WHAT POWER OR BY WHAT NAME DID YOU DO THIS?
IF WE ARE BEING QUESTIONED BECAUSE OF A GOOD DEED, THEN KNOW THIS, THIS MAN IS HEALTHY BY THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH, WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED, WHOM GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD.
JESUS IS "THE STONE THAT WAS REJECTED BY YOU, THE BUILDER; IT HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE."
THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MORTALS BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE PEOPLE SAW THIS, BUT WE CAN'T LET THIS SPREAD.
DON'T TEACH ABOUT JESUS ANYMORE.
RIGHT OR WRONG, WE CAN'T STOP SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.
WE WARN YOU...
THE MAN WHO WAS HEALED WAS 40 YEARS OLD
4:23-31
LORD, LOOK AT THESE THREATS. GRANT YOUR SERVANTS BOLDNESS TO SPEAK, HEAL AND PERFORM SIGNS AND WONDERS IN JESUS' NAME.
THE PLACE WAS SHAKEN AND THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPOKE IN BOLDNESS
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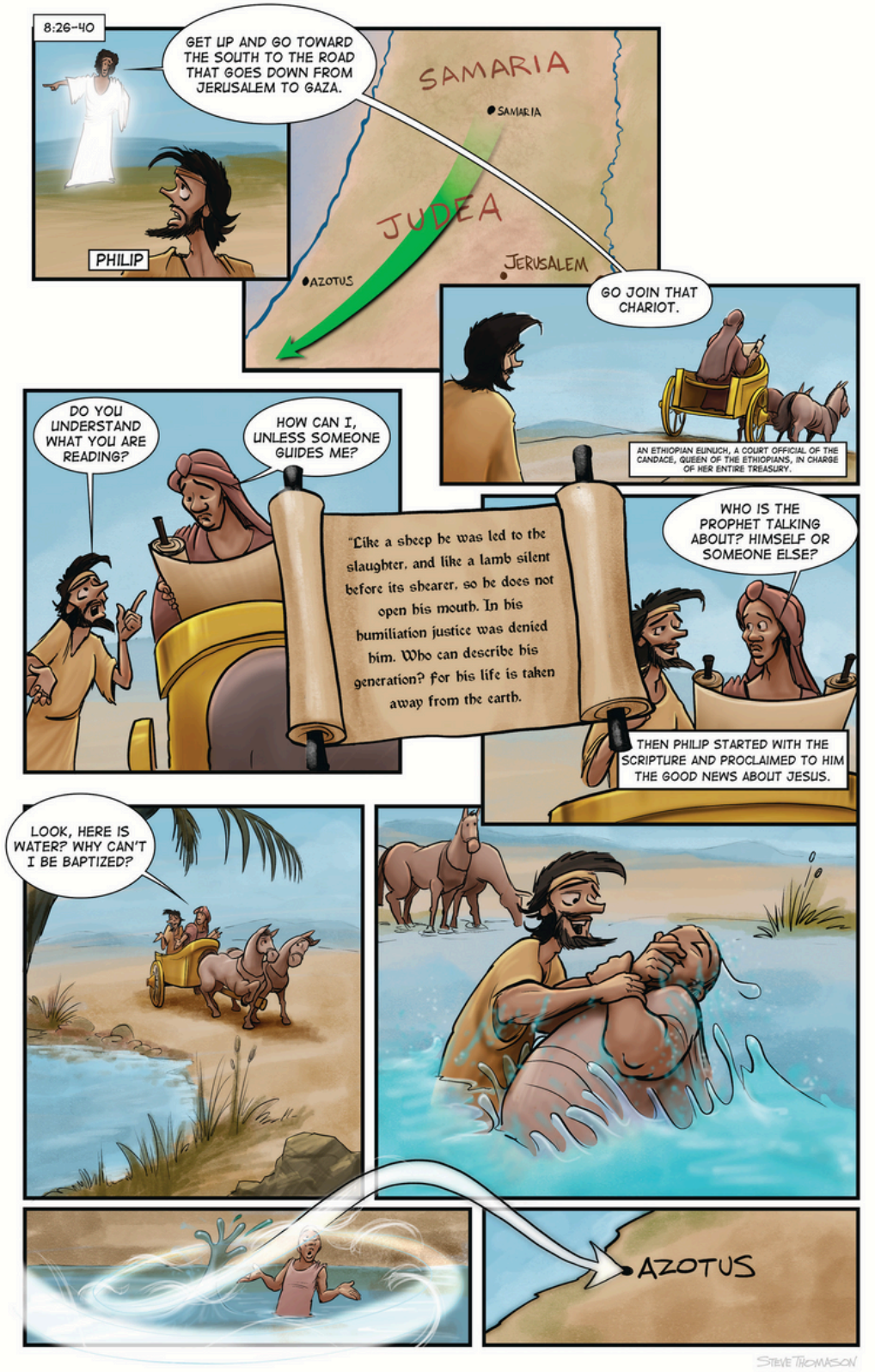

4:32-37
THE GROUP OF BELIEVERS WERE OF ONE HEART AND SOUL. EVERYTHING THEY OWNED WAS HELD IN COMMON. THERE WAS NOT A NEEDY PERSON AMONG THEM.
I SOLD A FIELD AND I'M GIVING ALL THE MONEY FOR OUR COMMON GOOD.
BARNABAS
5:1-11
SAPPHIRA, DEAR WIFE, LET'S SELL SOME PROPERTY AND PRETEND TO GIVE IT ALL. BUT WE'LL HOLD SOME BACK.
AGREED, ANANIAS.
WHY HAS SATAN FILLED YOUR HEART TO LIE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT?
CROAK
THREE HOURS LATER
IS THIS HOW MUCH YOU SOLD YOUR LAND FOR?
YEP.
WHY HAVE YOU AGREED TO PUT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD TO THE TEST.
CROAK
AND GREAT FEAR SEIZED THE WHOLE CHURCH AND ALL WHO HEARD ABOUT IT.
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5:12-16
MORE THAN EVER BELIEVERS WERE ADDED TO THE LORD, GREAT NUMBERS OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.
SOLOMON'S PORTICO
EVEN PETER'S SHADOW WAS HEALING PEOPLE.
5:17-42
ARREST THEM!
SADDUCEES
PUBLIC PRISON
STAND IN FRONT OF THE TEMPLE AND TELL THE PEOPLE THE WHOLE MESSAGE ABOUT THIS LIFE.
?!?
WE WARNED YOU NOT TO TEACH ABOUT JESUS, AND NOW YOU'RE BLAMING US FOR HIS DEATH.
WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN HUMAN AUTHORITY. GOD RAISED JESUS AND WE AND THE SPIRIT ARE WITNESSES.
THEY AREN'T THE FIRST RABBLE ROUSERS, REMEMBER. LEAVE THEM ALONE. IF THEIR PLAN IS FROM HUMANS, IT WILL FAIL. IF IT IS FROM GOD, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP IT.
GAMALIEL
COUNCIL
WE ARE WORTHY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS!
EVERY DAY IN THE TEMPLE AND AT HOME THEY DID NOT CEASE TO TEACH AND PROCLAIM JESUS AS THE MESSIAH.
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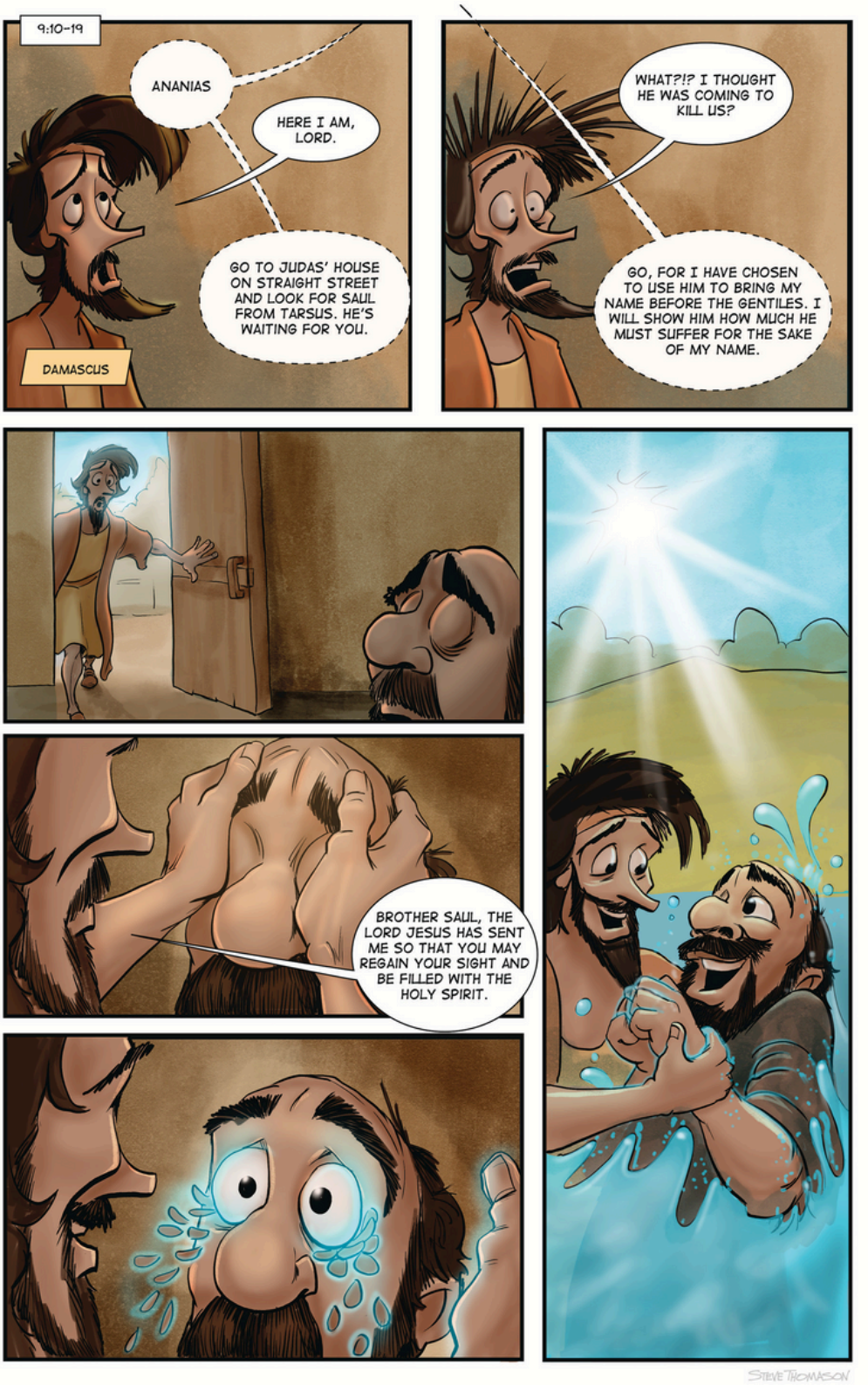

6:1-7
HEY! YOU'RE NEGLECTING OUR WIDOWS.
HEBREWS
HELLENISTS
IT'S NOT RIGHT FOR US TO NEGLECT THE WORD OF GOD TO WAIT ON TABLES. CHOOSE SEVEN SPIRIT-FILLED PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM THAT JOB. WE'LL STICK TO PRAYER AND SERVING THE WORD.
PHILIP
PROCHORUS
NICANOR
STEPHEN
TIMON
PARMENAS
NICKLAUS
THE WORD OF GOD CONTINUED TO SPREAD. THE NUMBER OF DISCIPLES INCREASED GREATLY IN JERUSALEM, AND A GREAT NUMBER OF PRIESTS BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE FAITH.
6:8-15
WOW!
GRRRR~
SYNAGOGUE OF FREEDMEN
STEPHEN
WE WANT YOU TO TELL EVERYONE YOU'VE HEARD HIM BLASPHEME MOSES AND GOD.
HE SAID THAT JESUS OF NAZARETH WILL DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND CHANGE THE CUSTOMS OF MOSES!
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7:1-53
ARE THESE THINGS SO?
THE GLORY OF GOD APPEARED TO OUR ANCESTOR ABRAHAM. GOD PROMISED TO DELIVER HIS DESCENDENTS FROM SLAVERY AND ESTABLISH THEM IN THIS LAND. HE SEALED THE PROMISE WITH THE SIGN OF CIRCUMCISION AND PASSED IT TO ISAAC AND JACOB.
THE PATRIARCHS MISTREATED THEIR BROTHER JOSEPH AND SOLD HIM AS A SLAVE TO THE EGYPTIANS. BUT GOD WORKED THROUGH HIM TO SAVE ABRAHAM'S DESCENDENTS.
BEFORE THE PROMISE WAS FULFILLED, OUR PEOPLE WERE ENSLAVED IN EGYPT FOR 400 YEARS. GOD CAME TO MOSES IN A BURNING BUSH AND RAISED HIM UP TO DELIVER THEM. BUT, THE PEOPLE REJECTED HIM. EVEN THOUGH HE LED THEM OUT OF EGYPT, THEY WANTED TO FOLLOW THE GOLDEN CALF.
OUR ANCESTORS HAD THE TABERNACLE THAT LED JOSHUA INTO THE LAND. THEN SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE IN ITS PLACE.
YET, THE MOST HIGH DOES NOT DWELL IN HOUSES MADE WITH HUMAN HANDS, AS THE PROPHET SAID.
YOU STIFF-NECKED PEOPLE, UNCIRCUMCISED IN HEART AND EARS, YOU ARE FOREVER OPPOSING THE HOLY SPIRIT, JUST AS YOUR ANCESTORS DID. YOU KILLED THE RIGHTEOUS ONE. YOU RECEIVED THE LAW, BUT YOU HAVE NOT KEPT IT!
7:54-8:1
LOOK, I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD!
GOD
SAUL
CRACK!
LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT. DO NOT HOLD THIS SIN AGAINST THEM.
SAUL APPROVED OF THEIR KILLING HIM.
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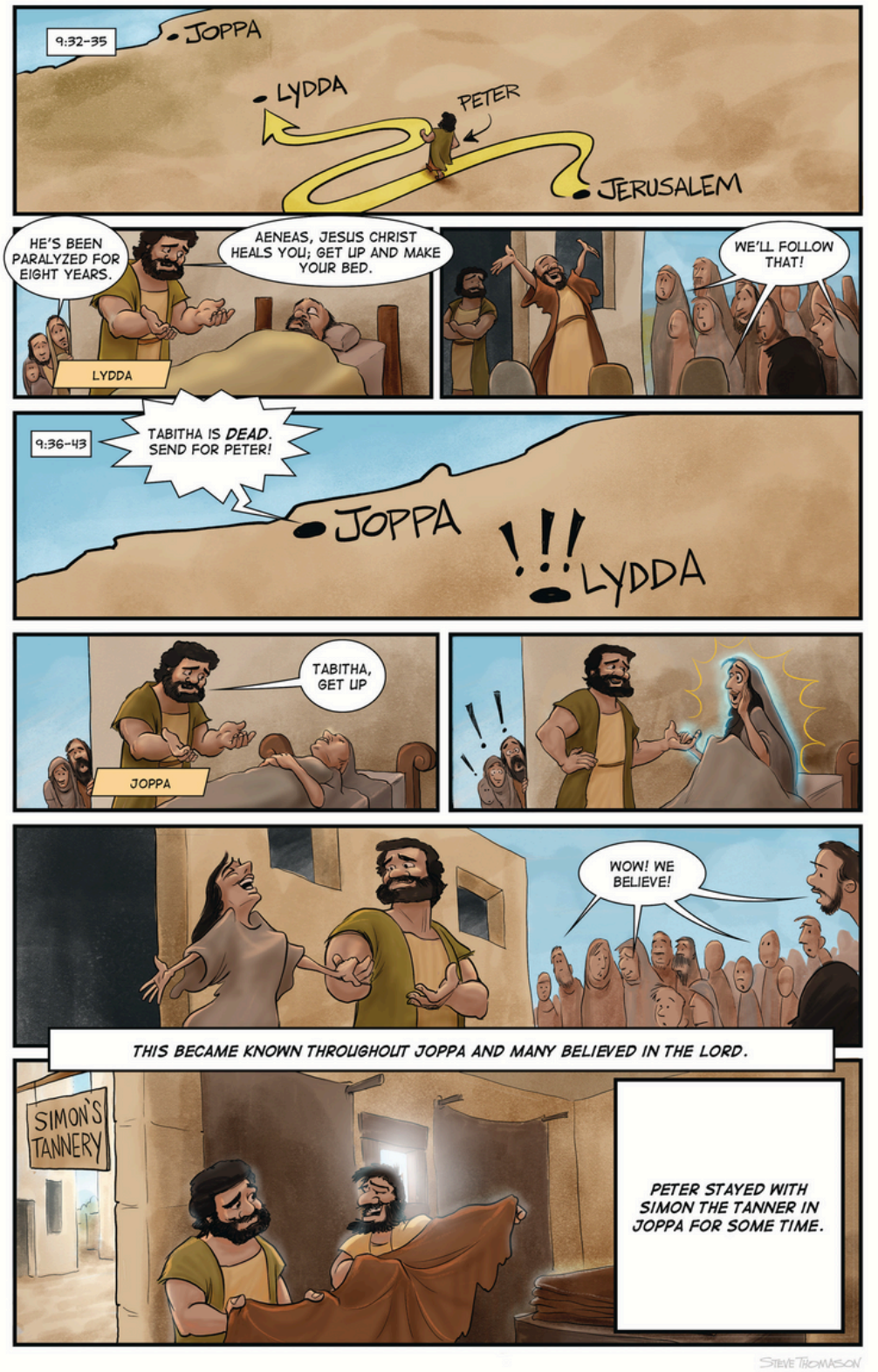

8:1-3
SAMARIA
JUDEA
JERUSALEM
PERSECUTION
RIP STEPHEN
ARREST THEM ALL!
SAUL
8:4-25
WELCOME TO SAMARIA
PHILIP
THERE WAS GREAT JOY IN THAT CITY.
PREVIOUSLY IN SAMARIA
SIMON THE GREAT PERFORMING MAGIC DAILY
POOF!
THIS MAN IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT IS CALLED GREAT.
BUT WHEN THE CROWD BELIEVED PHILIP, AND TRUSTED JESUS...
...SIMON WAS BAPTIZED
JERUSALEM
THE SPIRIT HAD NOT YET COME, SINCE THEY HAD ONLY BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.
GIVE ME THIS POWER SO I CAN HAND OUT THE HOLY SPIRIT.
YOU CAN'T BUY GOD'S GIFT. YOU ARE IN THE GALL OF BITTERNESS AND CHAINS OF WICKEDNESS. REPENT OF THIS.
PRAY FOR ME!
SAMARIA
JERUSALEM
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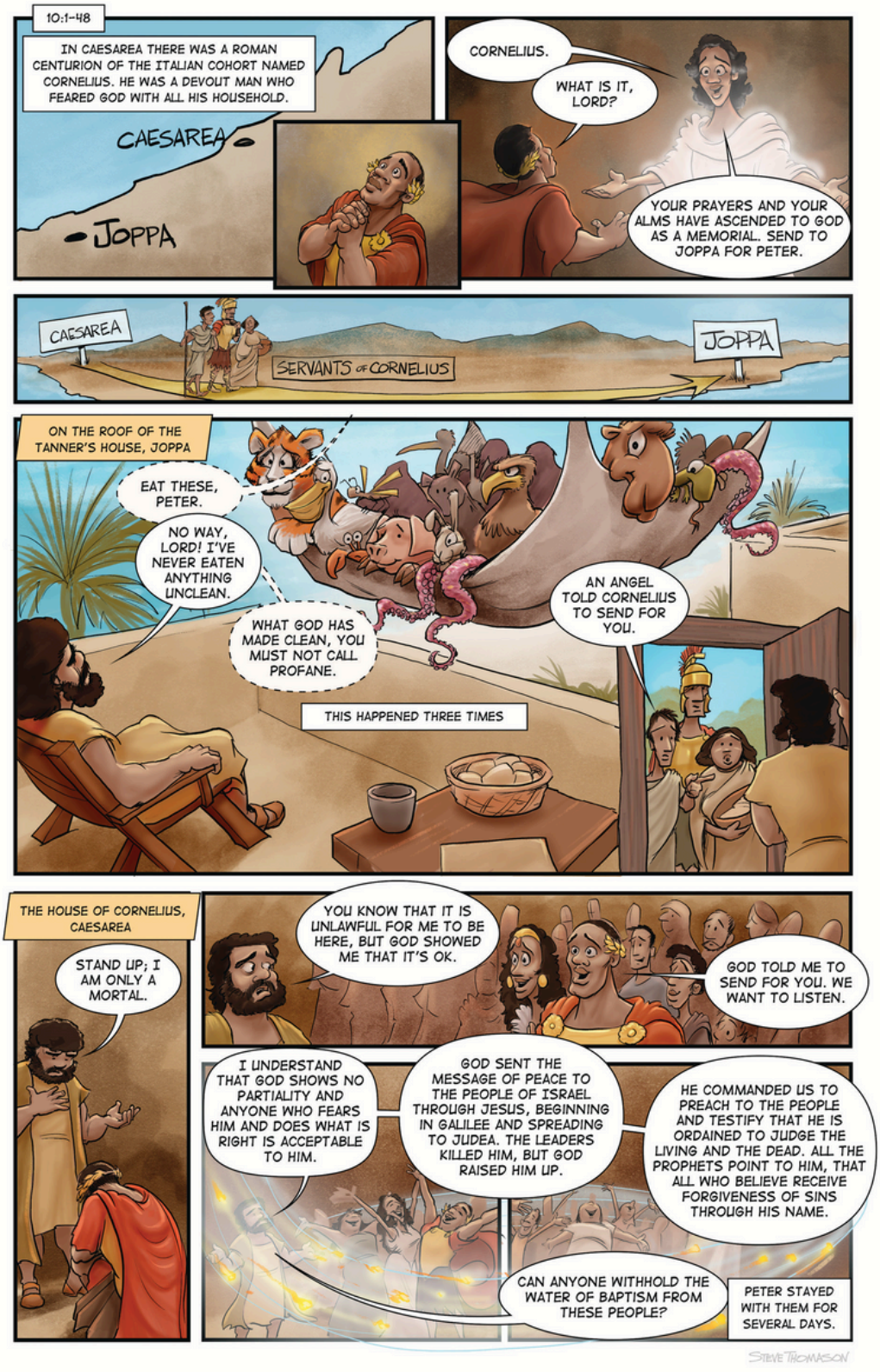

8:26-40
GET UP AND GO TOWARD THE SOUTH TO THE ROAD THAT GOES DOWN FROM JERUSALEM TO GAZA.
PHILIP
SAMARIA
SAMARIA
JUDEA
JERUSALEM
AZOTUS
GO JOIN THAT CHARIOT.
AN ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH, A COURT OFFICIAL OF THE CANDACE, QUEEN OF THE ETHIOPIANS, IN CHARGE OF HER ENTIRE TREASURY.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE READING?
HOW CAN I, UNLESS SOMEONE GUIDES ME?
"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? for his life is taken away from the earth.
WHO IS THE PROPHET TALKING ABOUT? HIMSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE?
THEN PHILIP STARTED WITH THE SCRIPTURE AND PROCLAIMED TO HIM THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS.
LOOK, HERE IS WATER? WHY CAN'T I BE BAPTIZED?
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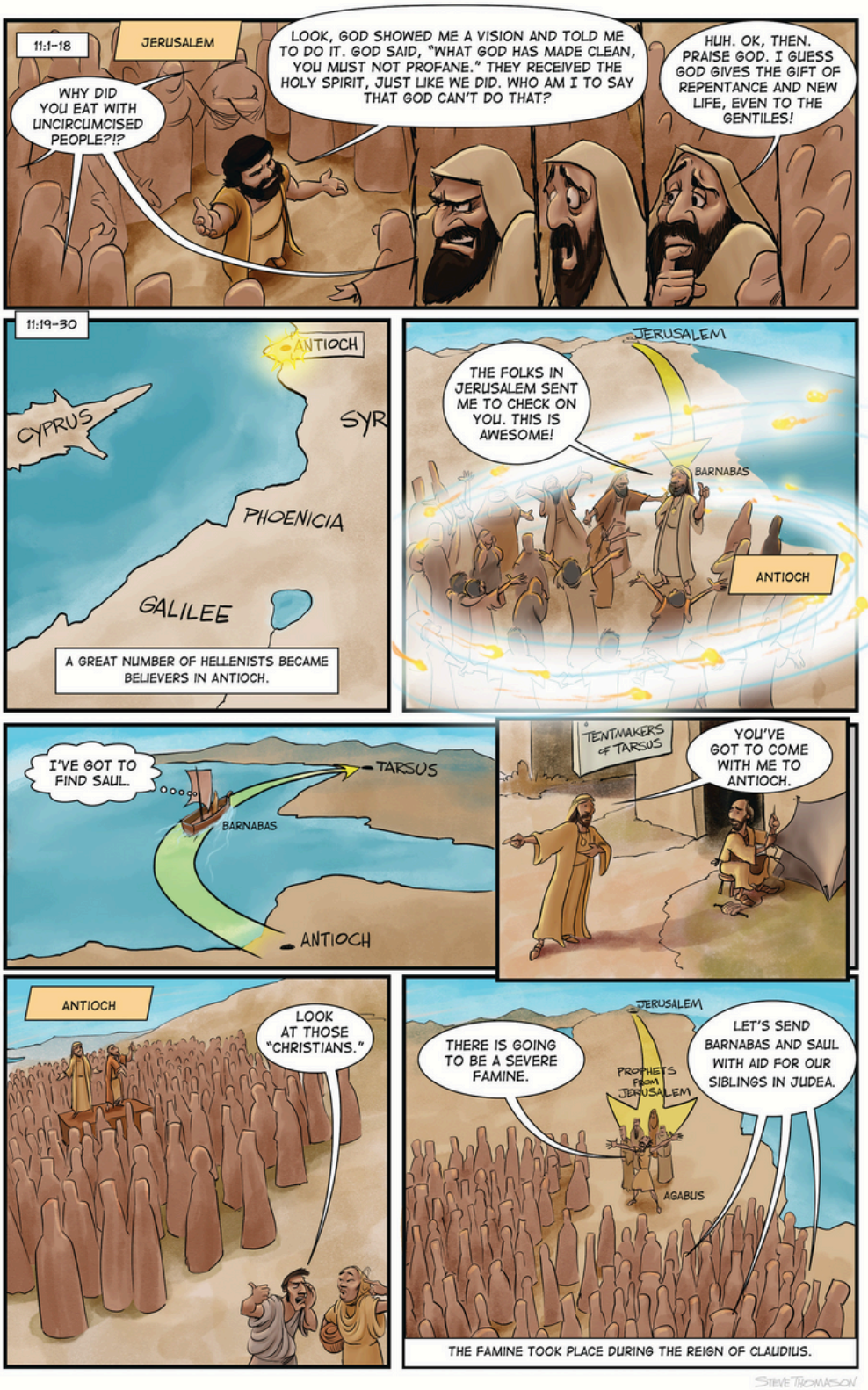

9:1-9
Saul has permission to arrest the disciples of the Way in Damascus
-the High Priest
DAMASCUS
SAUL, SAUL, WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?
WHO ARE YOU, LORD?
I AM JESUS, WHOM YOU ARE PERSECUTING. BUT GET UP AND ENTER THE CITY, AND YOU WILL BE TOLD WHAT TO DO.
JERUSALEM
DAMASCUS
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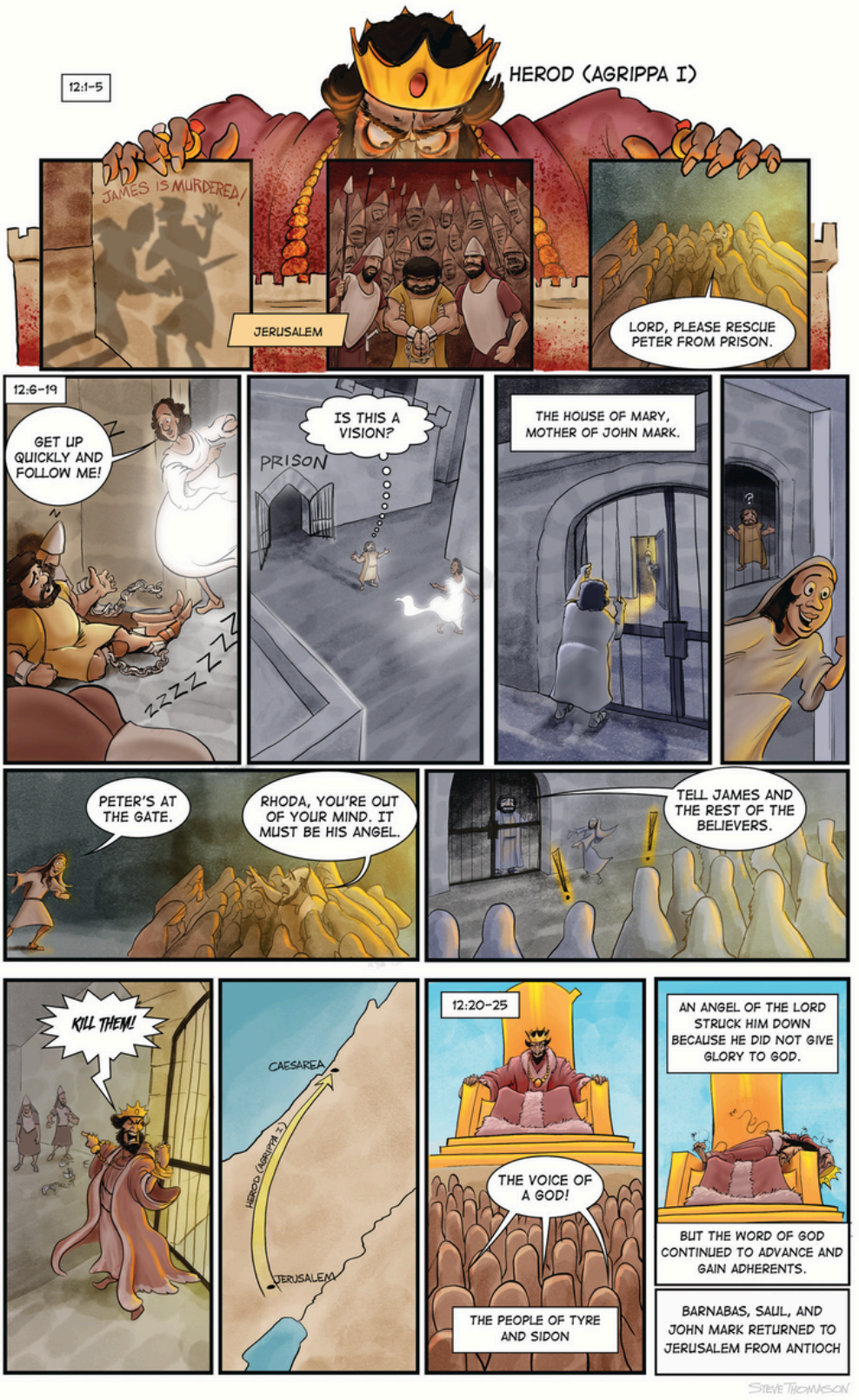

9:10-19
ANANIAS
HERE I AM, LORD.
GO TO JUDAS' HOUSE ON STRAIGHT STREET AND LOOK FOR SAUL FROM TARSUS. HE'S WAITING FOR YOU.
DAMASCUS
WHAT?!? I THOUGHT HE WAS COMING TO KILL US?
GO, FOR I HAVE CHOSEN TO USE HIM TO BRING MY NAME BEFORE THE GENTILES. I WILL SHOW HIM HOW MUCH HE MUST SUFFER FOR THE SAKE OF MY NAME.
BROTHER SAUL, THE LORD JESUS HAS SENT ME SO THAT YOU MAY REGAIN YOUR SIGHT AND BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.
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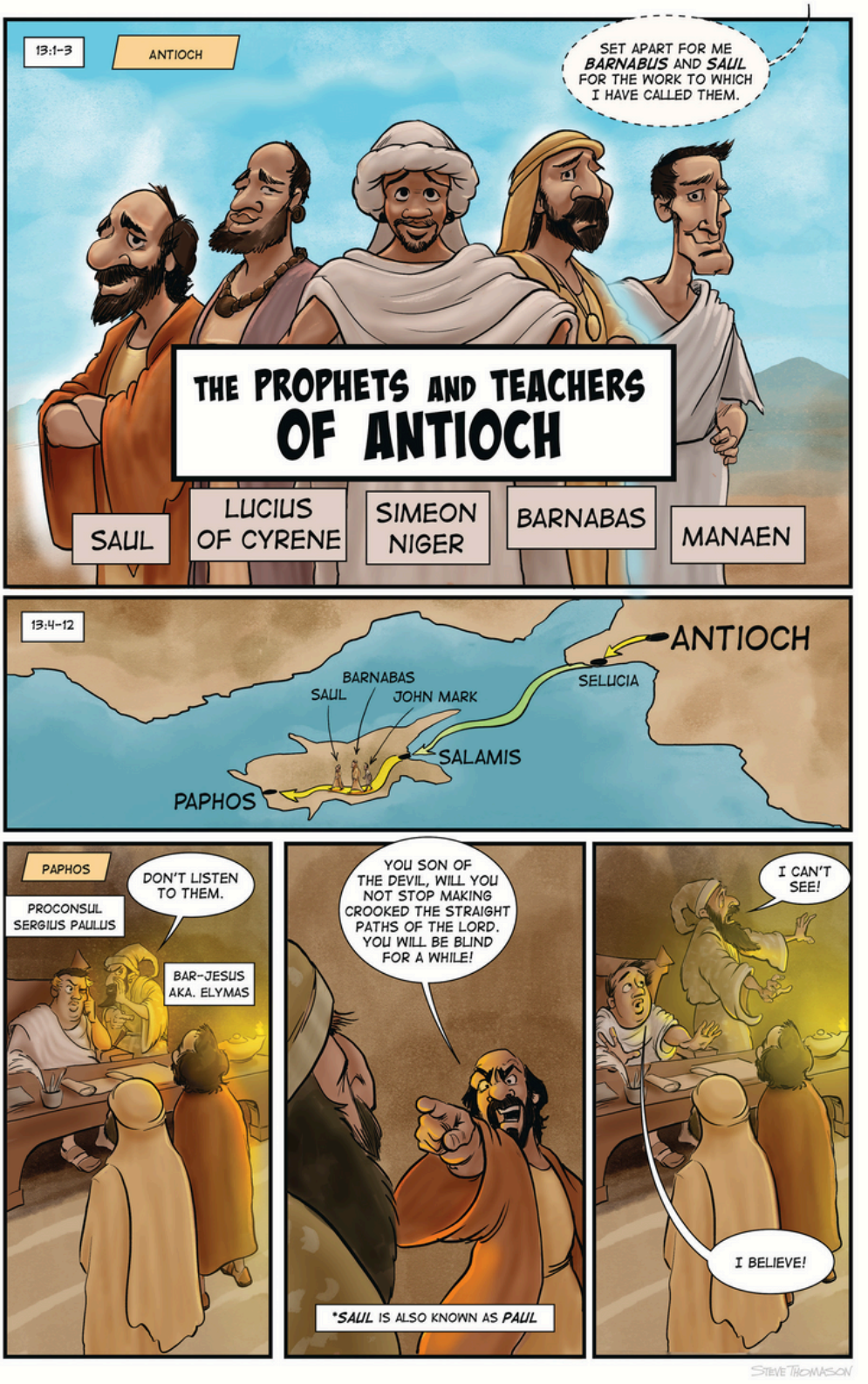

9:19-25
DAMASCUS
JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.
WOW! ISN'T THIS THE GUY WHO WANTED TO DESTROY JESUS' DISCIPLES?
WE'VE GOT TO KILL SAUL.
RUN FOR IT, SAUL!
WHERE IS HE?
9:26-31
JERUSALEM
SERIOUSLY, HE'S WITH US NOW.
BARNABAS
GO TO TARSUS. THE HELLENISTS WANT TO KILL YOU.
PORT OF CAESAREA
TARSUS
GALILEE
SAMARIA
JUDEA
MEANWHILE THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT JUDEA, GALILEE, AND SAMARIA HAD PEACE AND WAS BUILT UP. LIVING IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD AND IN THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT INCREASED IN NUMBERS.
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9:32-35
JOPPA
LYDDA
PETER
JERUSALEM
HE'S BEEN PARALYZED FOR EIGHT YEARS.
AENEAS, JESUS CHRIST HEALS YOU; GET UP AND MAKE YOUR BED.
LYDDA
WE'LL FOLLOW THAT!
9:36-43
TABITHA IS DEAD. SEND FOR PETER!
JOPPA
!!!
LYDDA
TABITHA, GET UP
JOPPA
WOW! WE BELIEVE!
THIS BECAME KNOWN THROUGHOUT JOPPA AND MANY BELIEVED IN THE LORD.
SIMON'S TANNERY
PETER STAYED WITH SIMON THE TANNER IN JOPPA FOR SOME TIME.
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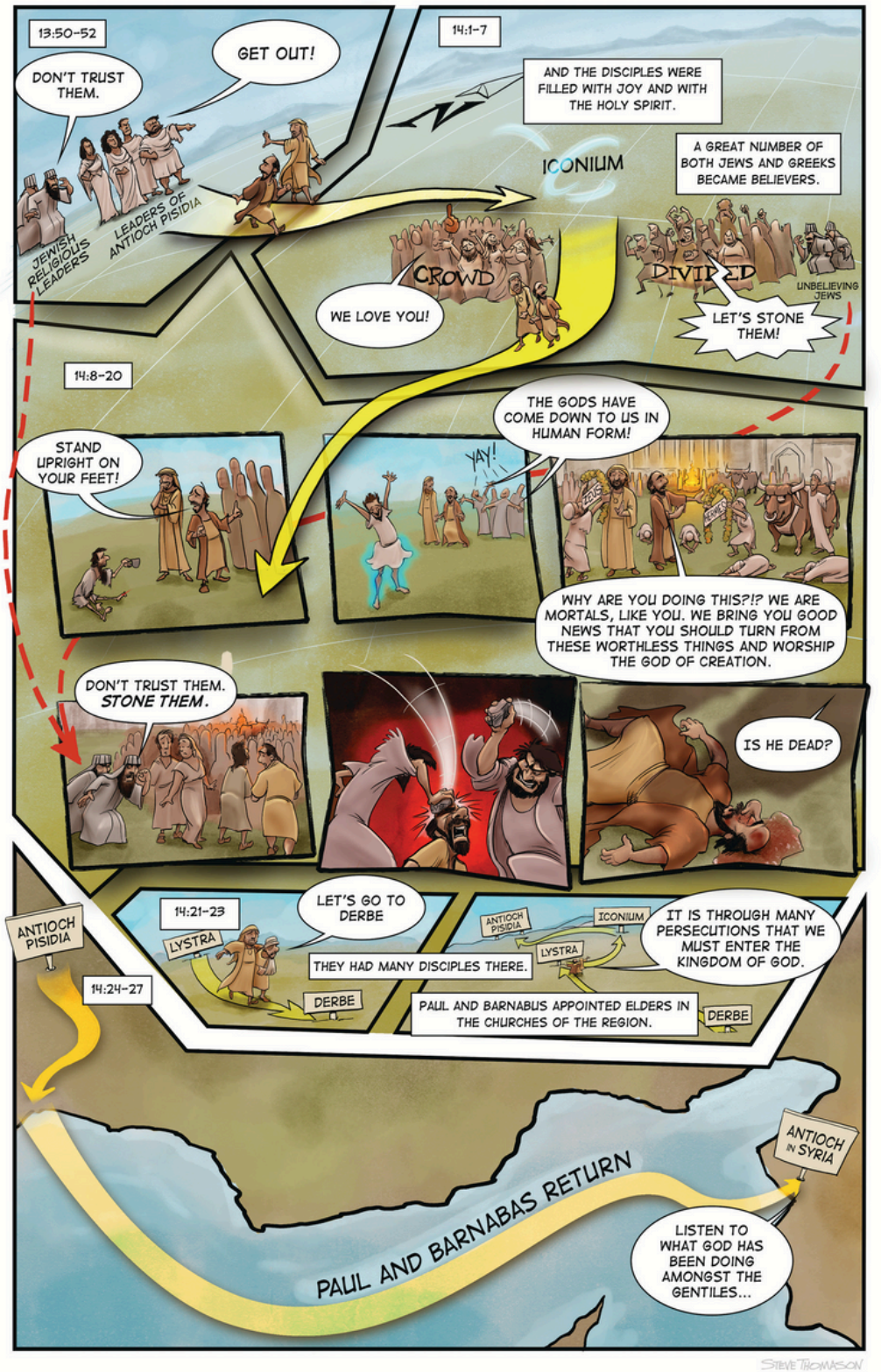

10:1–48
IN CAESAREA THERE WAS A ROMAN CENTURION OF THE ITALIAN COHORT NAMED CORNELIUS. HE WAS A DEVOUT MAN WHO FEARED GOD WITH ALL HIS HOUSEHOLD.
CAESAREA
JOPPA
CORNELIUS.
WHAT IS IT, LORD?
YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR ALMS HAVE ASCENDED TO GOD AS A MEMORIAL. SEND TO JOPPA FOR PETER.
CAESAREA
SERVANTS OF CORNELIUS
JOPPA
ON THE ROOF OF THE TANNER'S HOUSE, JOPPA
EAT THESE, PETER.
NO WAY, LORD! I'VE NEVER EATEN ANYTHING UNCLEAN.
WHAT GOD HAS MADE CLEAN, YOU MUST NOT CALL PROFANE.
THIS HAPPENED THREE TIMES
AN ANGEL TOLD CORNELIUS TO SEND FOR YOU.
THE HOUSE OF CORNELIUS, CAESAREA
STAND UP; I AM ONLY A MORTAL.
YOU KNOW THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ME TO BE HERE, BUT GOD SHOWED ME THAT IT'S OK.
GOD TOLD ME TO SEND FOR YOU. WE WANT TO LISTEN.
I UNDERSTAND THAT GOD SHOWS NO PARTIALITY AND ANYONE WHO FEARS HIM AND DOES WHAT IS RIGHT IS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.
GOD SENT THE MESSAGE OF PEACE TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THROUGH JESUS, BEGINNING IN GALILEE AND SPREADING TO JUDEA. THE LEADERS KILLED HIM, BUT GOD RAISED HIM UP.
HE COMMANDED US TO PREACH TO THE PEOPLE AND TESTIFY THAT HE IS ORDAINED TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. ALL THE PROPHETS POINT TO HIM, THAT ALL WHO BELIEVE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS THROUGH HIS NAME.
CAN ANYONE WITHHOLD THE WATER OF BAPTISM FROM THESE PEOPLE?
PETER STAYED WITH THEM FOR SEVERAL DAYS.
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11:1-18
JERUSALEM
WHY DID YOU EAT WITH UNCIRCUMCISED PEOPLE?!?
LOOK, GOD SHOWED ME A VISION AND TOLD ME TO DO IT. GOD SAID, "WHAT GOD HAS MADE CLEAN, YOU MUST NOT PROFANE." THEY RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT, JUST LIKE WE DID. WHO AM I TO SAY THAT GOD CAN'T DO THAT?
HUH. OK, THEN. PRAISE GOD. I GUESS GOD GIVES THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE AND NEW LIFE, EVEN TO THE GENTILES!
11:19-30
ANTIOCH
CYPRUS
SYR
PHOENICIA
GALILEE
A GREAT NUMBER OF HELLENISTS BECAME BELIEVERS IN ANTIOCH.
JERUSALEM
THE FOLKS IN JERUSALEM SENT ME TO CHECK ON YOU. THIS IS AWESOME!
BARNABAS
ANTIOCH
I'VE GOT TO FIND SAUL.
TARSUS
BARNABAS
ANTIOCH
TENTMAKERS OF TARSUS
YOU'VE GOT TO COME WITH ME TO ANTIOCH.
ANTIOCH
LOOK AT THOSE "CHRISTIANS."
JERUSALEM
THERE IS GOING TO BE A SEVERE FAMINE.
PROPHETS FROM JERUSALEM
AGABUS
LET'S SEND BARNABAS AND SAUL WITH AID FOR OUR SIBLINGS IN JUDEA.
THE FAMINE TOOK PLACE DURING THE REIGN OF CLAUDIUS.
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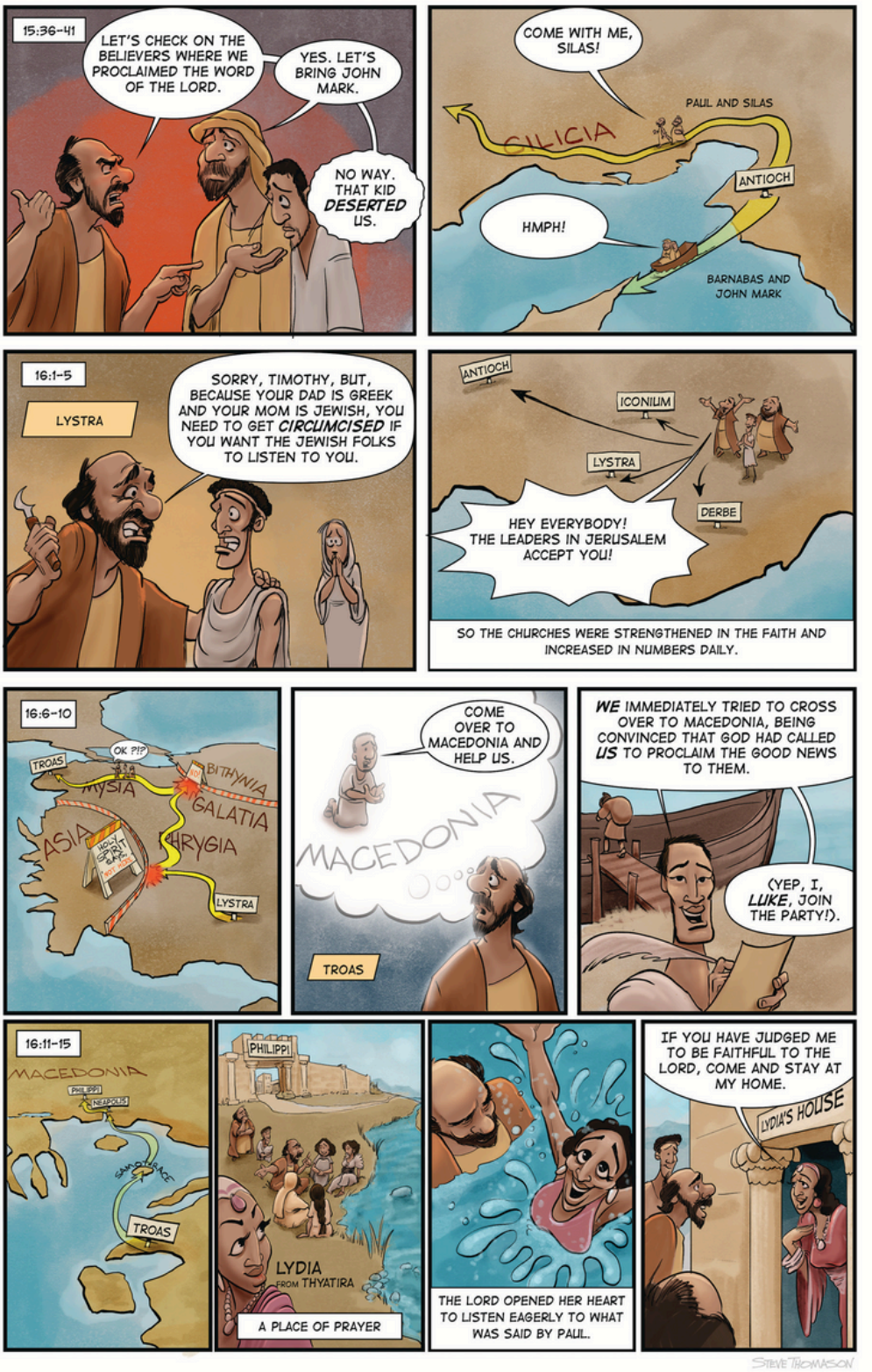

12:1-5
HEROD (AGRIPPA I)
JAMES IS MURDERED!
JERUSALEM
LORD, PLEASE RESCUE PETER FROM PRISON.
12:6-19
GET UP QUICKLY AND FOLLOW ME!
ZZZZZZ
IS THIS A VISION?
PRISON
THE HOUSE OF MARY, MOTHER OF JOHN MARK.
?
PETER'S AT THE GATE.
RHODA, YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND. IT MUST BE HIS ANGEL.
TELL JAMES AND THE REST OF THE BELIEVERS.
KILL THEM!
CAESAREA
HEROD (AGRIPPA I)
JERUSALEM
12:20-25
THE VOICE OF A GOD!
THE PEOPLE OF TYRE AND SIDON
AN ANGEL OF THE LORD STRUCK HIM DOWN BECAUSE HE DID NOT GIVE GLORY TO GOD.
BUT THE WORD OF GOD CONTINUED TO ADVANCE AND GAIN ADHERENTS.
BARNABAS, SAUL, AND JOHN MARK RETURNED TO JERUSALEM FROM ANTIOCH
STEVE THOMASON


13:1-3
ANTIOCH
SET APART FOR ME BARNABUS AND SAUL FOR THE WORK TO WHICH I HAVE CALLED THEM.
THE PROPHETS AND TEACHERS OF ANTIOCH
SAUL
LUCIUS OF CYRENE
SIMEON NIGER
BARNABAS
MANAEN
13:4-12
ANTIOCH
SELUCIA
BARNABAS
SAUL
JOHN MARK
SALAMIS
PAPHOS
PAPHOS
PROCONSUL SERGIUS PAULUS
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM.
BAR-JESUS AKA. ELYMAS
YOU SON OF THE DEVIL, WILL YOU NOT STOP MAKING CROOKED THE STRAIGHT PATHS OF THE LORD. YOU WILL BE BLIND FOR A WHILE!
*SAUL IS ALSO KNOWN AS PAUL
I CAN'T SEE!
I BELIEVE!
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13:13-49
ANTIOCH
PAUL AND BARNABAS
PISIDIA
PAMPHYLIA
PERGA
LYSTRA
DERBE
JOHN MARK RETURNS TO JERUSALEM
PAPHOS
A SYNAGOGUE IN ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA
BROTHERS, IF YOU HAVE A WORD OF EXHORTATION FOR THE PEOPLE, GIVE IT.
YOU ISRAELITES AND GOD-FEARERS, LISTEN:
FROM DAVID GOD BROUGHT A SAVIOR, JESUS, AS HE PROMISED.
JOHN PREPARED THE WAY WITH BAPTISM
THE GOD OF THIS PEOPLE ISRAEL CHOSE OUR ANCESTORS AND MADE THEM GREAT IN EGYPT AND LED THEM OUT OF IT,
THE LEADERS OF JERUSALEM HAVE REJECTED JESUS. THEY HAD THE ROMANS CRUCIFY HIM AND BURY HIM.
FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS
CONQUERED CANAAN
450 YEARS OF JUDGES UNTIL SAMUEL
SAUL 40 YEARS
DAVID, SON OF JESSE, A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART
HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD
WE ARE WITNESSES TO THESE THINGS.
DAVID TOLD US ABOUT THIS IN PSALM 2. THROUGH THIS MAN FORGIVENESS OF SINS IS PROCLAIMED TO YOU.
EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IS SET FREE FROM WHICH YOU COULD NOT BE FREED BY THE LAW OF MOSES.
SYNAGOGUE
COME BACK AND TELL US MORE!
MANY JEWS AND DEVOUT CONVERTS FOLLOWED PAUL AND BARNABAS
THE NEXT SABBATH
THE SCRIPTURE DOESN'T SAY THAT. DON'T BELIEVE THEM.
JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS
WE HAD TO SPEAK TO YOU FIRST. SINCE YOU REJECT OUR TEACHING, WE NOW TURN TO THE GENTILES, AS THE LORD HAS COMMANDED. "I HAVE SET YOU A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES (IS. 49:6)"
GENTILES
THUS THE WORD OF THE LORD SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE REGION.
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13:50–52
GET OUT!
DON'T TRUST THEM.
JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS
LEADERS OF ANTIOCH PISIDIA
14:1–7
AND THE DISCIPLES WERE FILLED WITH JOY AND WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.
ICONIUM
A GREAT NUMBER OF BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS BECAME BELIEVERS.
CROWD
WE LOVE YOU!
DIVIDED
UNBELIEVING JEWS
LET'S STONE THEM!
14:8–20
STAND UPRIGHT ON YOUR FEET!
YAY!
THE GODS HAVE COME DOWN TO US IN HUMAN FORM!
ZEUS
HERMES
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!? WE ARE MORTALS, LIKE YOU. WE BRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT YOU SHOULD TURN FROM THESE WORTHLESS THINGS AND WORSHIP THE GOD OF CREATION.
DON'T TRUST THEM. STONE THEM.
IS HE DEAD?
ANTIOCH PISIDIA
14:21–23
LYSTRA
LET'S GO TO DERBE
DERBE
THEY HAD MANY DISCIPLES THERE.
ANTIOCH PISIDIA
ICONIUM
LYSTRA
IT IS THROUGH MANY PERSECUTIONS THAT WE MUST ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
14:24–27
PAUL AND BARNABUS APPOINTED ELDERS IN THE CHURCHES OF THE REGION.
DERBE
ANTIOCH IN SYRIA
PAUL AND BARNABAS RETURN
LISTEN TO WHAT GOD HAS BEEN DOING AMONGST THE GENTILES...
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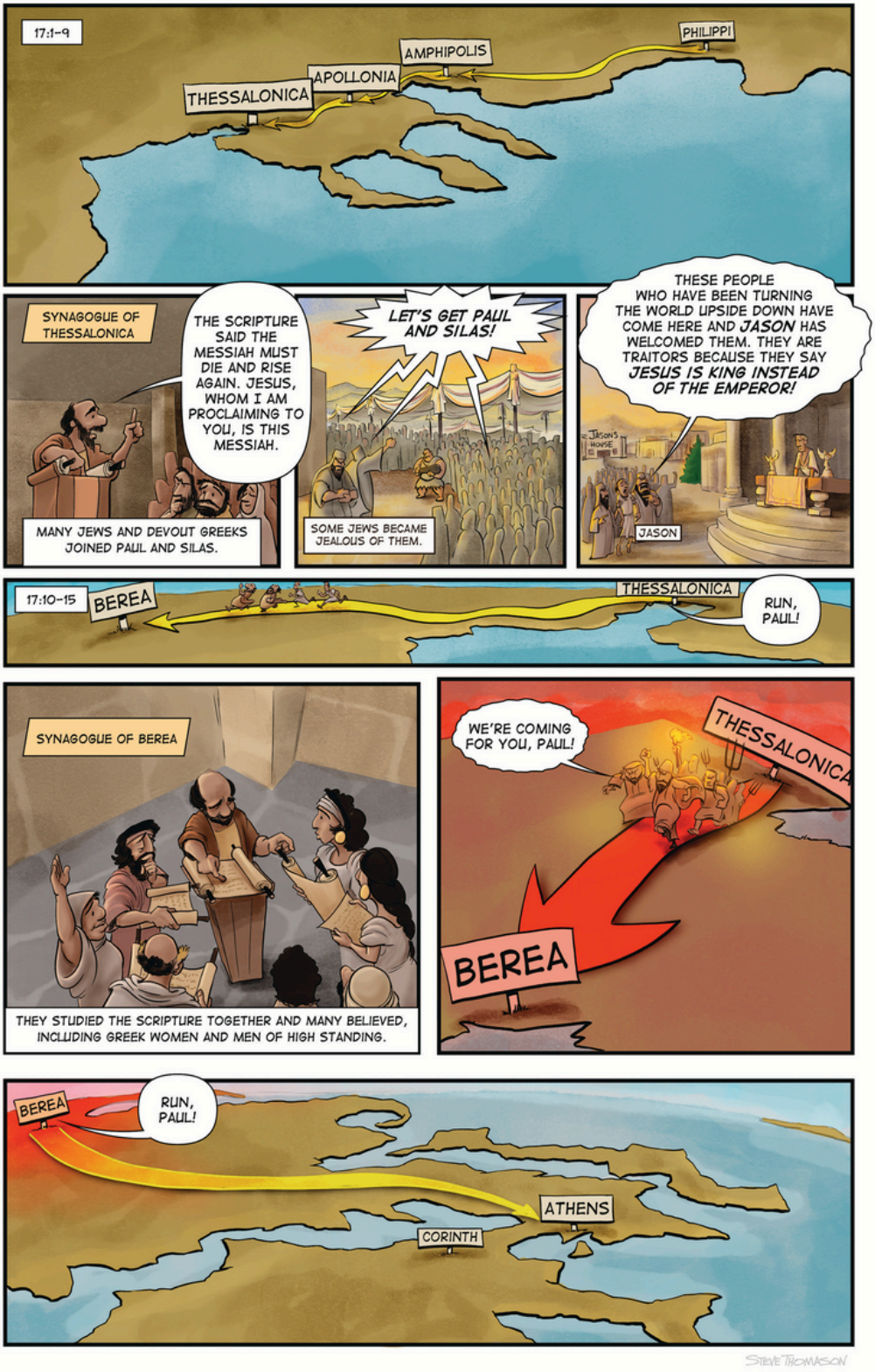

15:1-3
UNLESS YOU ARE CIRCUMCISED ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM OF MOSES, YOU CANNOT BE SAVED.
JERUSALEM
JUDEA
ANTIOCH
YOU SHOULD GO TO JERUSALEM AND SORT THIS OUT!
ANTIOCH
THE GENTILES ARE CONVERTING.
THAT'S AWESOME!
JERUSALEM
SAMARIA
15:4-21
THE GENTILES MUST BE CIRCUMCISED AND FOLLOW THE LAW OF MOSES!
GOD GAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CORNELIUS, REMEMBER? WHY ARE YOU PUTTING GOD TO THE TEST? OUR ANCESTORS HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE LAW, WHY PUT THAT ON THE GENTILES. WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE SAVED THROUGH THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS, JUST LIKE THEM.
JAMES
WE SAW IT HAPPEN AMONGST THE GENTILES, TOO.
THE COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM
THE PROPHETS TOLD US THIS WOULD HAPPEN. WE SHOULDN'T TROUBLE THE GENTILES WITH THE LAW.
THE APOSTLES AND ELDERS
To our Gentile siblings.
It seems good to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials:
1. abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols,
2. abstain from blood,
3. abstain from what is strangled,
4. abstain from fornication.
If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.
14:22-35
TAKE THIS LETTER TO THE GENTILES FOR US.
JUDAS
SILAS
ANTIOCH
THERE, WITH MANY OTHERS, THEY TAUGHT AND PROCLAIMED THE WORD OF THE LORD.
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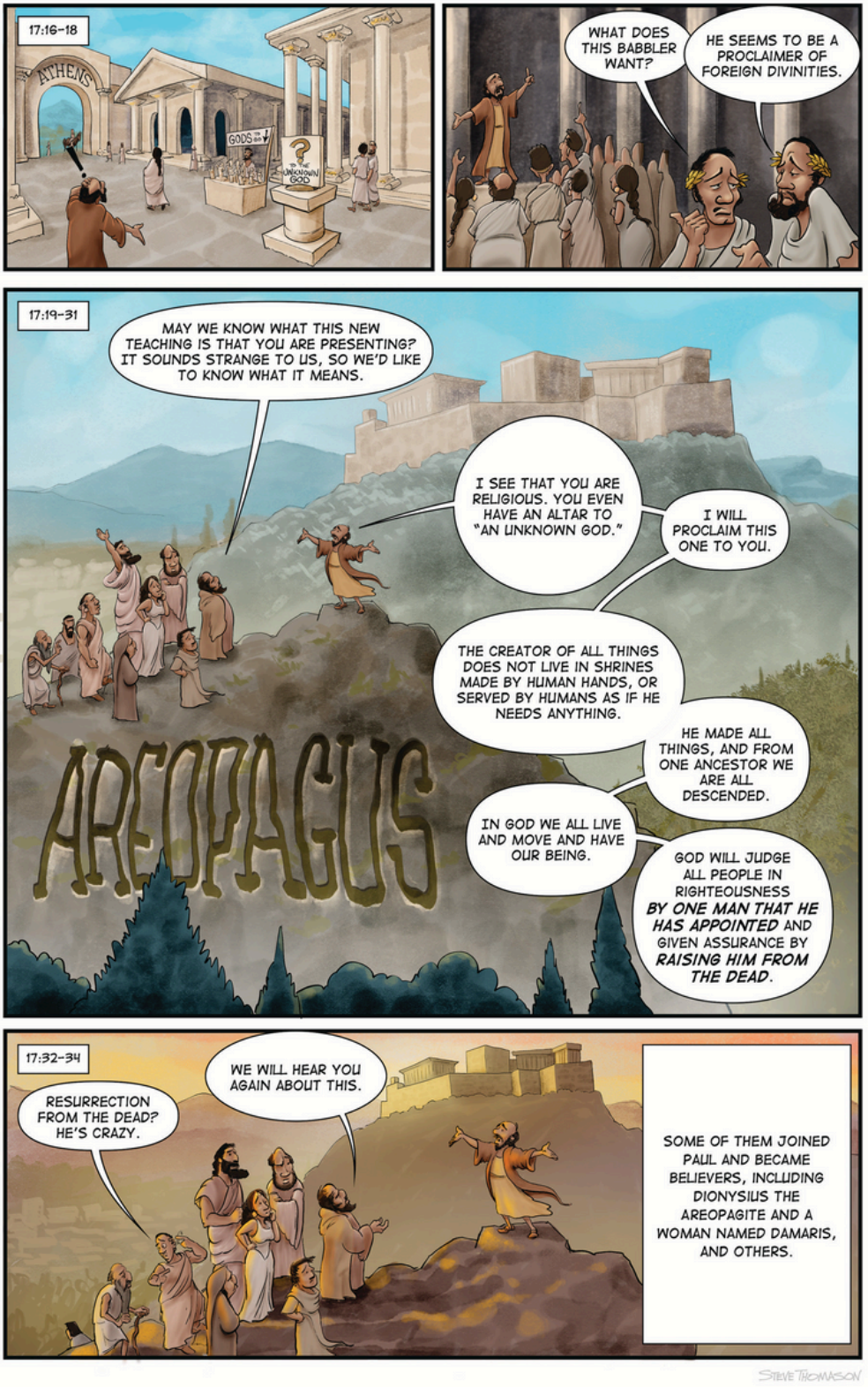

15:36-41
LET'S CHECK ON THE BELIEVERS WHERE WE PROCLAIMED THE WORD OF THE LORD.
YES. LET'S BRING JOHN MARK.
NO WAY. THAT KID DESERTED US.
COME WITH ME, SILAS!
PAUL AND SILAS
CILICIA
ANTIOCH
HMPH!
BARNABAS AND JOHN MARK
16:1-5
LYSTRA
SORRY, TIMOTHY, BUT, BECAUSE YOUR DAD IS GREEK AND YOUR MOM IS JEWISH, YOU NEED TO GET CIRCUMCISED IF YOU WANT THE JEWISH FOLKS TO LISTEN TO YOU.
ANTIOCH
ICONIUM
LYSTRA
DERBE
HEY EVERYBODY! THE LEADERS IN JERUSALEM ACCEPT YOU!
SO THE CHURCHES WERE STRENGTHENED IN THE FAITH AND INCREASED IN NUMBERS DAILY.
16:6-10
TROAS
OK ?!?
MYSIA
BITHYNIA
GALATIA
ASIA
PHRYGIA
LYSTRA
COME OVER TO MACEDONIA AND HELP US.
MACEDONIA
TROAS
WE IMMEDIATELY TRIED TO CROSS OVER TO MACEDONIA, BEING CONVINCED THAT GOD HAD CALLED US TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS TO THEM.
(YEP, I, LUKE, JOIN THE PARTY!).
16:11-15
MACEDONIA
PHILIPPI
NEAPOLIS
SAMOTHRACE
TROAS
PHILIPPI
LYDIA
FROM THYATIRA
A PLACE OF PRAYER
THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO LISTEN EAGERLY TO WHAT WAS SAID BY PAUL.
IF YOU HAVE JUDGED ME TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD, COME AND STAY AT MY HOME.
LYDIA'S HOUSE
STEVE THOMASON


16:16-24
OWNERS OF THE SLAVE GIRL
THESE MEN ARE SLAVES OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, WHO PROCLAIM TO YOU A WAY OF SALVATION.
I ORDER YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST TO COME OUT OF HER.
THESE MEN ARE DISTURBING OUR CITY; THEY ARE JEWS AND ARE ADVOCATING CUSTOMS THAT ARE NOT LAWFUL FOR US AS ROMANS TO ADOPT OR OBSERVE.
THE MAGISTRATES
STEVE THOMASON


16:25-34
EARTH QUAKE
DON'T HARM YOURSELF. WE'RE ALL HERE.
SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?
BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED, YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD.
HOUSEHOLD BAPTIZED
HE AND HIS ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD REJOICED THAT HE HAD BECOME A BELIEVER IN GOD.
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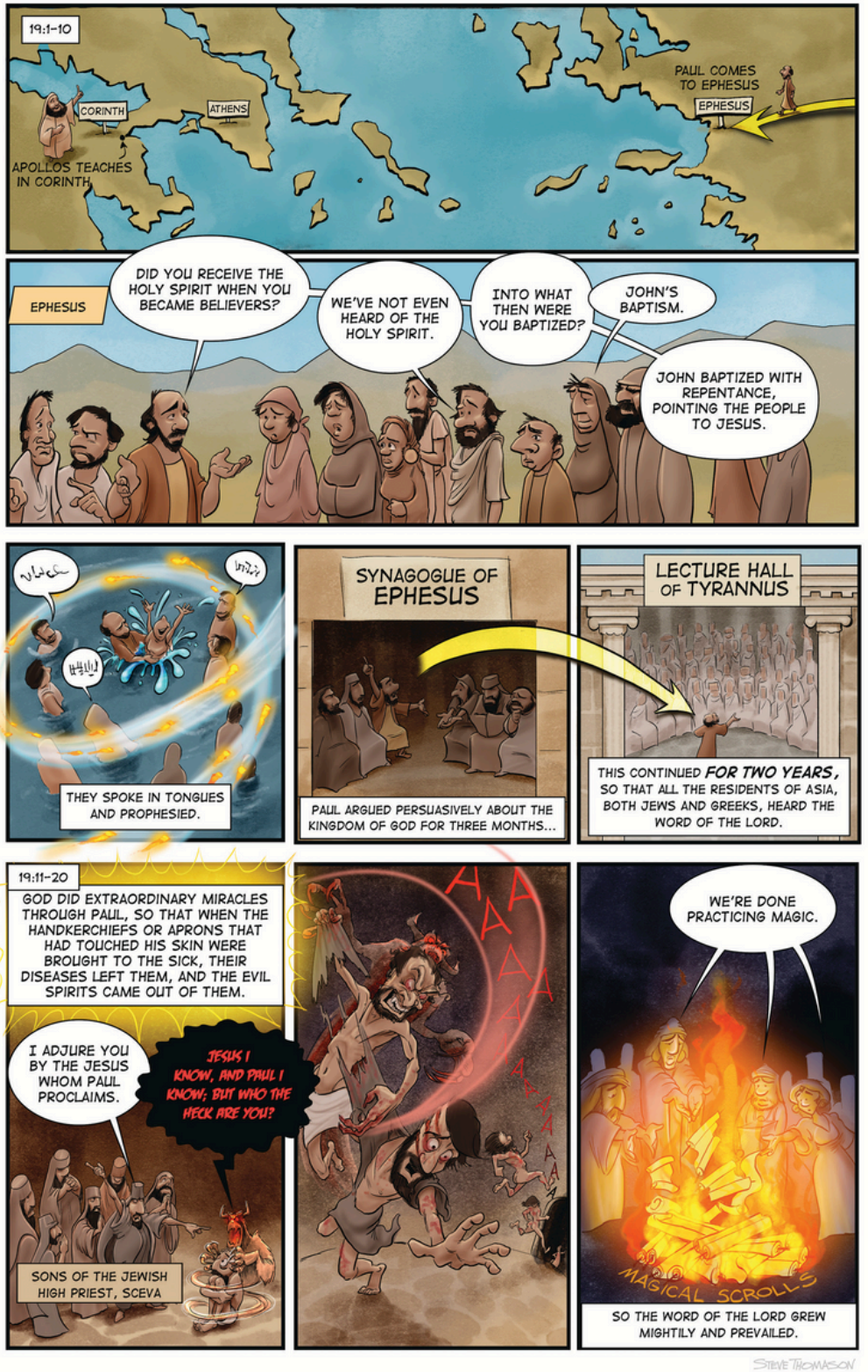

16:35-40
LET THOSE MEN GO.
THEY WANT TO LET YOU GO. LEAVE IN PEACE.
THEY HAVE BEATEN US IN PUBLIC, UNCONDEMNED, MEN WHO ARE ROMAN CITIZENS, AND HAVE THROWN US INTO PRISON; AND NOW ARE THEY GOING TO DISCHARGE US IN SECRET? CERTAINLY NOT! LET THEM COME AND TAKE US OUT THEMSELVES.
WE APOLOGIZE. WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ROMAN CITIZENS. PLEASE LEAVE NOW.
LYDIA'S HOUSE.
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17:1–9
PHILIPPI
AMPHIPOLIS
APOLLONIA
THESSALONICA
SYNAGOGUE OF THESSALONICA
THE SCRIPTURE SAID THE MESSIAH MUST DIE AND RISE AGAIN. JESUS, WHOM I AM PROCLAIMING TO YOU, IS THIS MESSIAH.
MANY JEWS AND DEVOUT GREEKS JOINED PAUL AND SILAS.
LET'S GET PAUL AND SILAS!
SOME JEWS BECAME JEALOUS OF THEM.
THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN HAVE COME HERE AND JASON HAS WELCOMED THEM. THEY ARE TRAITORS BECAUSE THEY SAY JESUS IS KING INSTEAD OF THE EMPEROR!
JASON'S HOUSE
JASON
17:10–15
BEREA
THESSALONICA
RUN, PAUL!
SYNAGOGUE OF BEREA
THEY STUDIED THE SCRIPTURE TOGETHER AND MANY BELIEVED, INCLUDING GREEK WOMEN AND MEN OF HIGH STANDING.
WE'RE COMING FOR YOU, PAUL!
THESSALONICA
BEREA
BEREA
RUN, PAUL!
ATHENS
CORINTH
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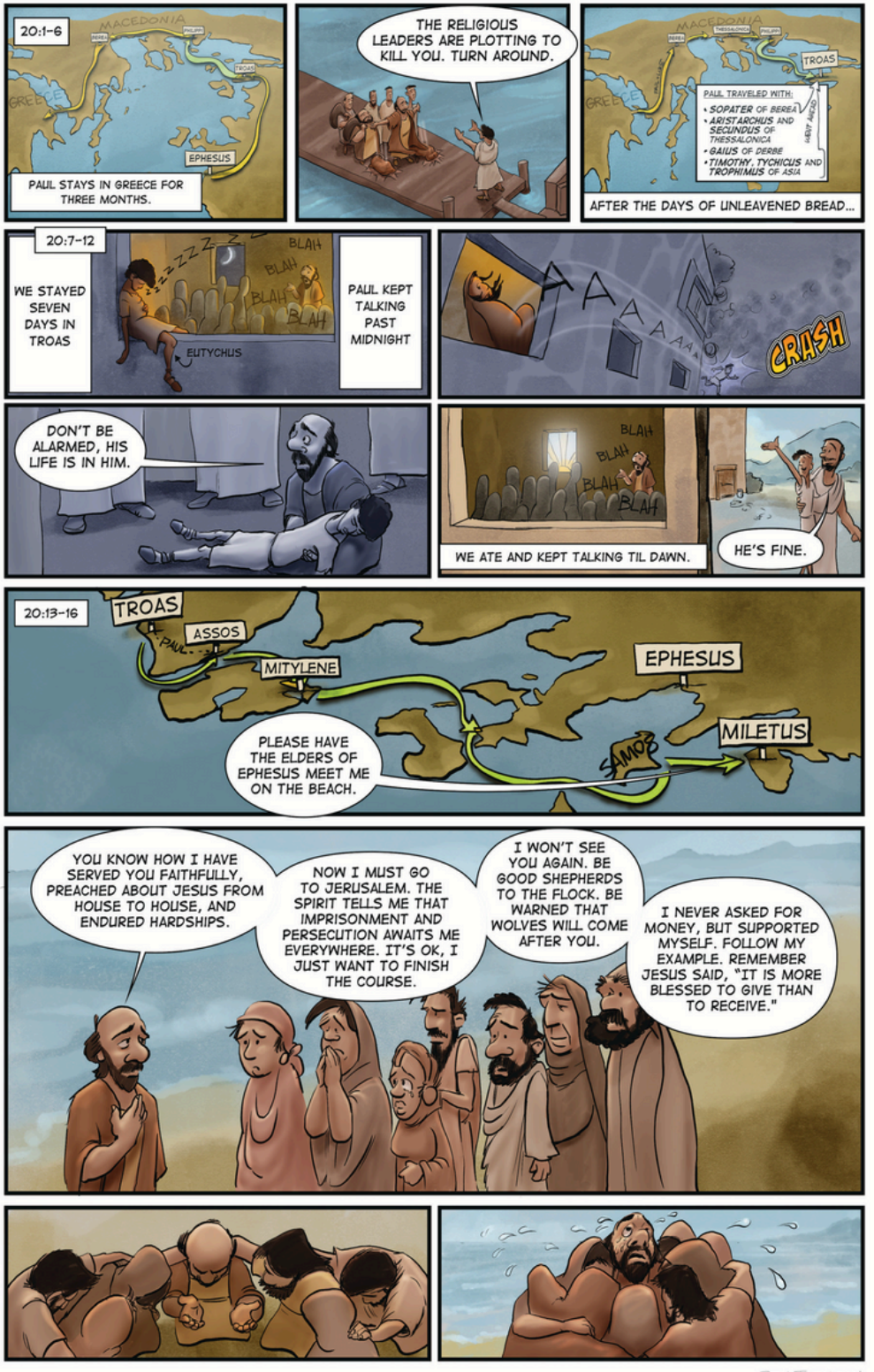

17:16–18
ATHENS
GODS
TO THE UNKNOWN GOD
WHAT DOES THIS BABBLER WANT?
HE SEEMS TO BE A PROCLAIMER OF FOREIGN DIVINITIES.
17:19–31
MAY WE KNOW WHAT THIS NEW TEACHING IS THAT YOU ARE PRESENTING? IT SOUNDS STRANGE TO US, SO WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.
I SEE THAT YOU ARE RELIGIOUS. YOU EVEN HAVE AN ALTAR TO "AN UNKNOWN GOD."
I WILL PROCLAIM THIS ONE TO YOU.
THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS DOES NOT LIVE IN SHRINES MADE BY HUMAN HANDS, OR SERVED BY HUMANS AS IF HE NEEDS ANYTHING.
HE MADE ALL THINGS, AND FROM ONE ANCESTOR WE ARE ALL DESCENDED.
IN GOD WE ALL LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING.
GOD WILL JUDGE ALL PEOPLE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS BY ONE MAN THAT HE HAS APPOINTED AND GIVEN ASSURANCE BY RAISING HIM FROM THE DEAD.
AREOPAGUS
17:32–34
RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD? HE'S CRAZY.
WE WILL HEAR YOU AGAIN ABOUT THIS.
SOME OF THEM JOINED PAUL AND BECAME BELIEVERS, INCLUDING DIONYSIUS THE AREOPAGITE AND A WOMAN NAMED DAMARIS, AND OTHERS.
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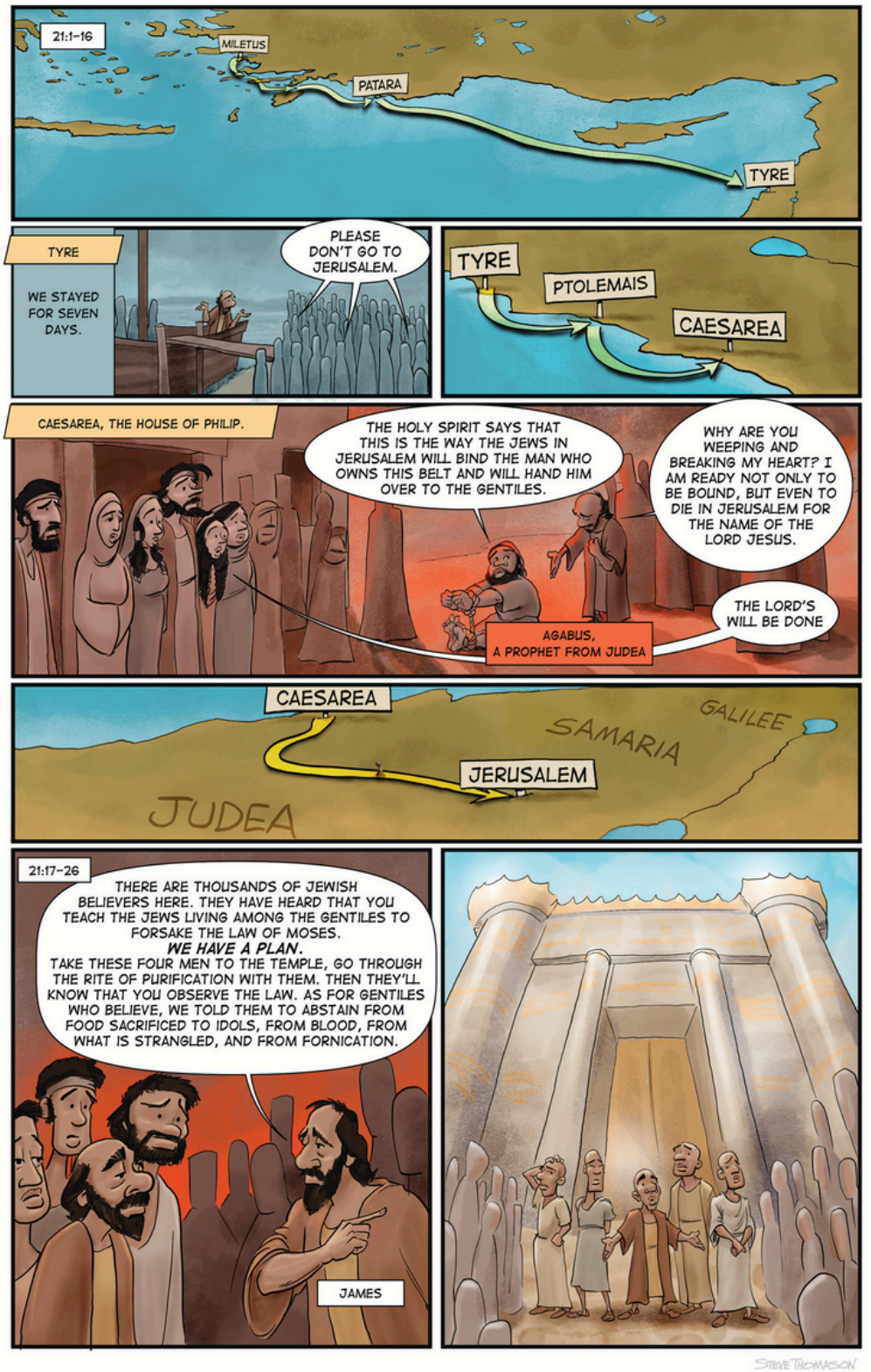

18:1-8
ATHENS
CORINTH
CORINTH
PRISCILLA
AQUILA
WE HAD TO MOVE HERE BECAUSE CLAUDIUS ORDERED ALL JEWS TO LEAVE ROME.
PAUL JOINED WITH SOME JEWISH TENT MAKERS
SYNAGOGUE OF CORINTH
MACEDONIA
JESUS IS THE MESSIAH!
EVERY SABBATH
TIMOTHY AND SILAS CATCH UP TO PAUL
YOUR BLOOD BE ON YOUR OWN HEADS! I AM INNOCENT, FROM NOW ON I WILL GO TO THE GENTILES!
SYNAGOGUE
HOUSE OF TITIUS JUSTUS
TITIUS JUSTUS' HOUSE
CRISPUS
THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICIAL
MANY OF THE CORINTHIANS WHO HEARD PAUL BECAME BELIEVERS AND WERE BAPTIZED.
18:9-11
DON'T BE AFRAID. YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE FOR A WHILE.
HE STAYED THERE FOR 18 MONTHS, TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD AMONG THEM.
18:12-17
BUT WHEN GALLIO WAS PROCONSUL OF ACHAIA...
THIS MAN IS PERSUADING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN WAYS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THE LAW.
WHAT'S THAT TO ME? THOSE ARE ISSUES FROM YOUR OWN LAW, NOT OURS.
HO HUM
THIS IS YOUR FAULT!
THEY BEAT SOSTHENES, THE OFFICIAL OF THE SYNAGOGUE.
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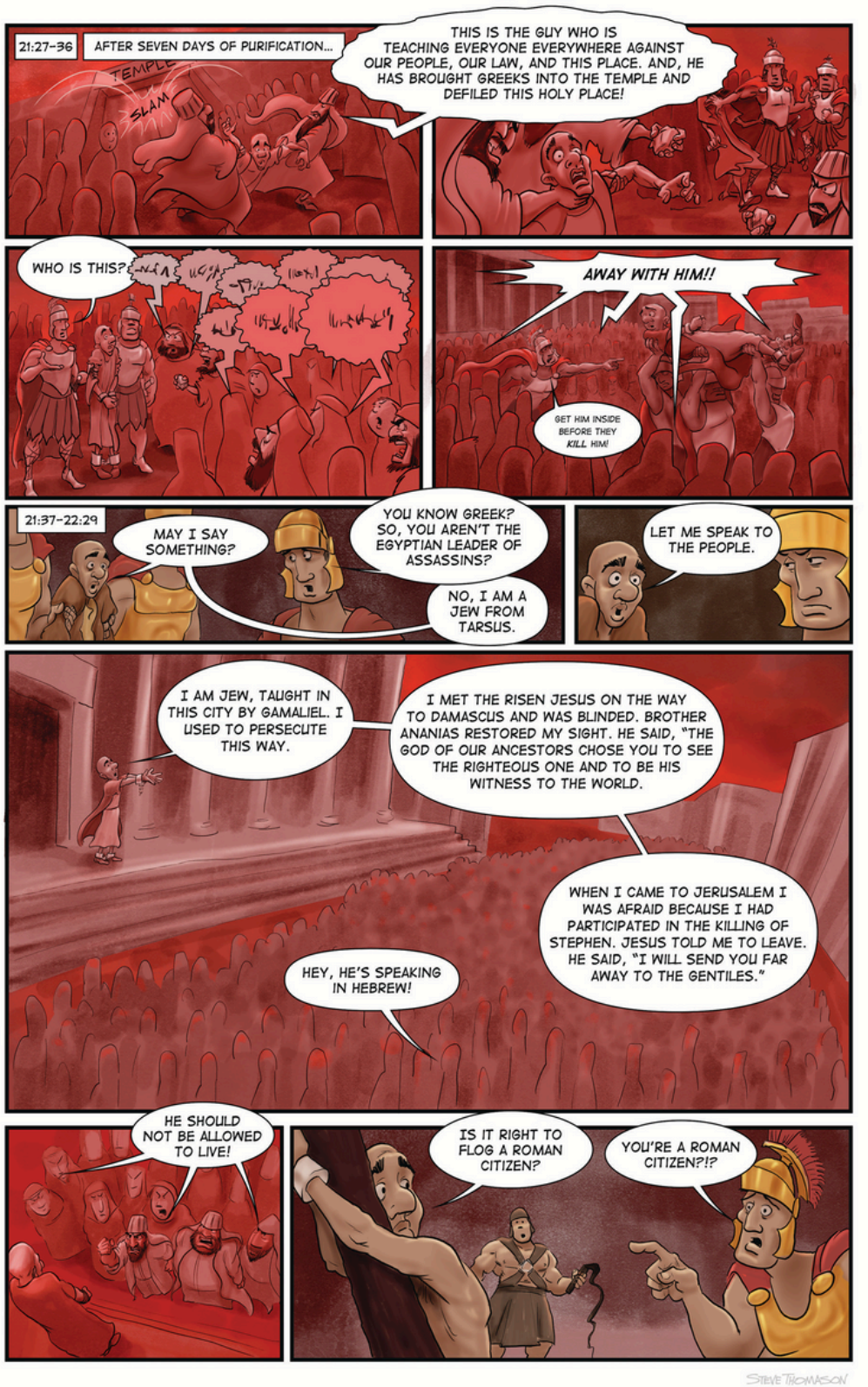

18:18-23
CORINTH
ATHENS
CENCHREAE FOR HAIRCUT
EPHESUS
SYNAGOGUE OF EPHESUS
STAY LONGER.
NO, THANKS. I WILL RETURN, IF GOD WILLS.
PAUL WAS STRENGTHENING ALL THE DISCIPLES.
EPHESUS
ANTIOCH
ANTIOCH
CAESAREA
JERUSALEM
18:24-28
MEANWHILE, IN THE SYNAGOGUE OF EPHESUS
APOLLOS, FROM ALEXANDRIA
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT JESUS AND THE BAPTISM OF JOHN...
LET US EXPLAIN THE WAY OF GOD MORE ACCURATELY...
AQUILA
PRISCILLA
JESUS IS THE MESSIAH!
YOU CAN TRUST THIS GUY!
ACHAIA
APOLLOS
EPHESUS
APOLLOS GREATLY HELPED THE BELIEVERS IN ACHAEA, REFUTING THE JEWISH LEADERS, AND SHOWING BY THE SCRIPTURES THAT THE MESSIAH IS JESUS.
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19:1-10
CORINTH
ATHENS
APOLLOS TEACHES IN CORINTH
PAUL COMES TO EPHESUS
EPHESUS
EPHESUS
DID YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN YOU BECAME BELIEVERS?
WE'VE NOT EVEN HEARD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
INTO WHAT THEN WERE YOU BAPTIZED?
JOHN'S BAPTISM.
JOHN BAPTIZED WITH REPENTANCE, POINTING THE PEOPLE TO JESUS.
THEY SPOKE IN TONGUES AND PROPHESIED.
SYNAGOGUE OF EPHESUS
PAUL ARGUED PERSUASIVELY ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD FOR THREE MONTHS...
LECTURE HALL OF TYRANNUS
THIS CONTINUED FOR TWO YEARS, SO THAT ALL THE RESIDENTS OF ASIA, BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS, HEARD THE WORD OF THE LORD.
19:11-20
GOD DID EXTRAORDINARY MIRACLES THROUGH PAUL, SO THAT WHEN THE HANDKERCHIEFS OR APRONS THAT HAD TOUCHED HIS SKIN WERE BROUGHT TO THE SICK, THEIR DISEASES LEFT THEM, AND THE EVIL SPIRITS CAME OUT OF THEM.
I ADJURE YOU BY THE JESUS WHOM PAUL PROCLAIMS.
JESUS I KNOW, AND PAUL I KNOW; BUT WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?
SONS OF THE JEWISH HIGH PRIEST, SCEVA
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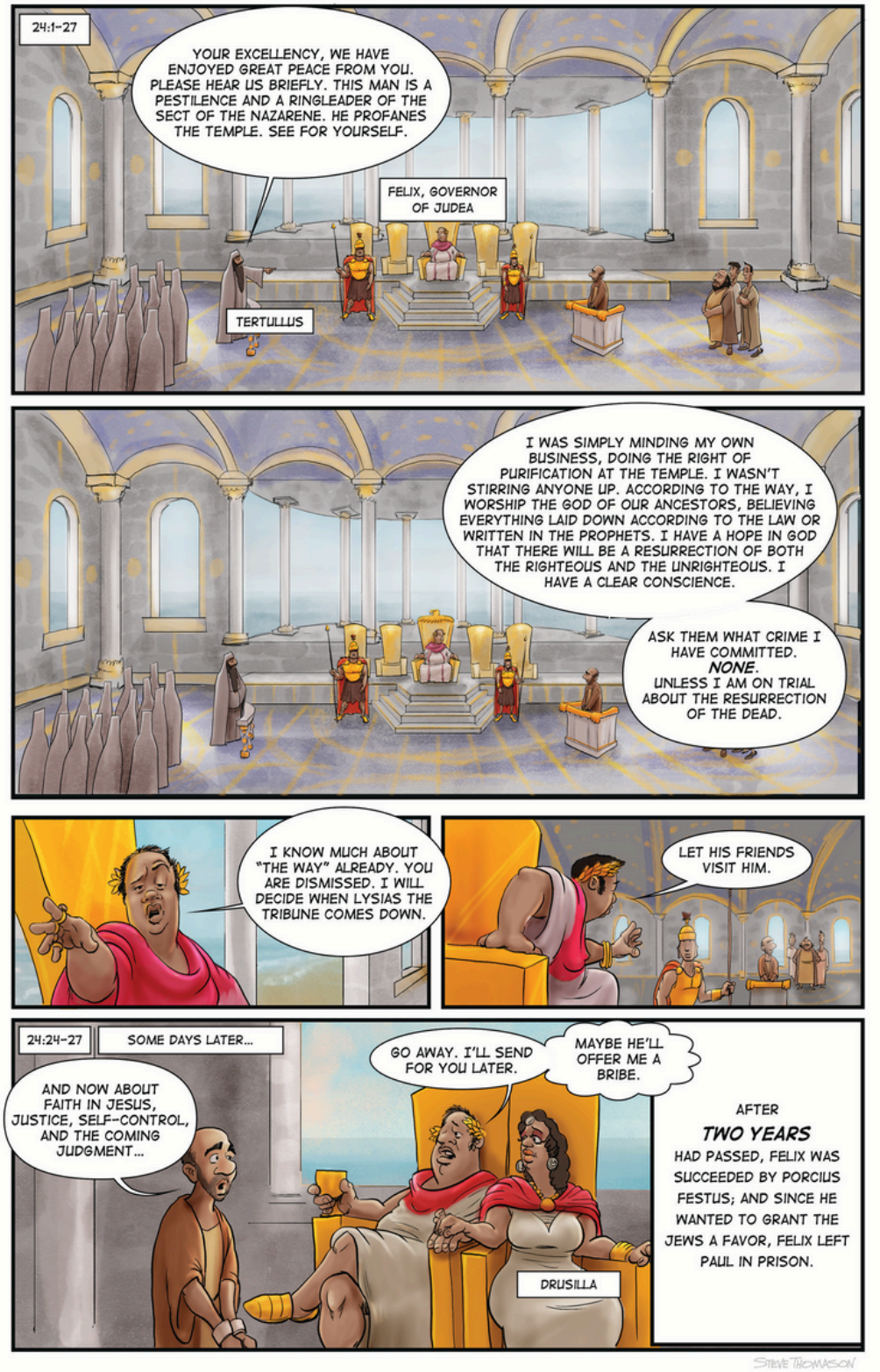

19:21-41
MACEDONIA NEXT, THEN ACHAIA , THEN JERUSALEM...AND AFTER THAT I MUST GO TO ROME.
MACEDONIA
PAUL SENDS TIMOTHY AND ERASTUS TO MACEDONIA
EPHESUS
STILL IN EPHESUS...
PAUL AND THESE PEOPLE ARE CUTTING INTO OUR BUSINESS. THEY TEACH THAT GODS ARE MADE BY HUMAN HANDS. IF THEY CONTINUE, THE TEMPLE OF THE GREAT GODDESS ARTEMIS WILL BE SCORNED.
SILVER SHRINES OF ARTEMIS BY DEMETRIUS
SALE TODAY!
GREAT IS ARTEMIS OF THE EPHESIANS!
NO PAUL, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU.
ARISTARCHUS
GAIUS
(COMPANIONS OF PAUL)
GREAT IS ARTEMIS
CITIZENS OF EPHESUS, WE ALL KNOW THAT THE STATUE OF ARTEMIS FELL FROM HEAVEN TO US. SO, RELAX. THESE PEOPLE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG. LET'S BEHAVE LIKE GOOD CITIZENS BEFORE WE'RE CHARGED WITH RIOTING. GO HOME.
TOWN CLERK
LET ME EXPLAIN...
ALEXANDER, A JEWISH MAN
OF THE EPHESIANS!
THEY SHOUTED FOR TWO HOURS
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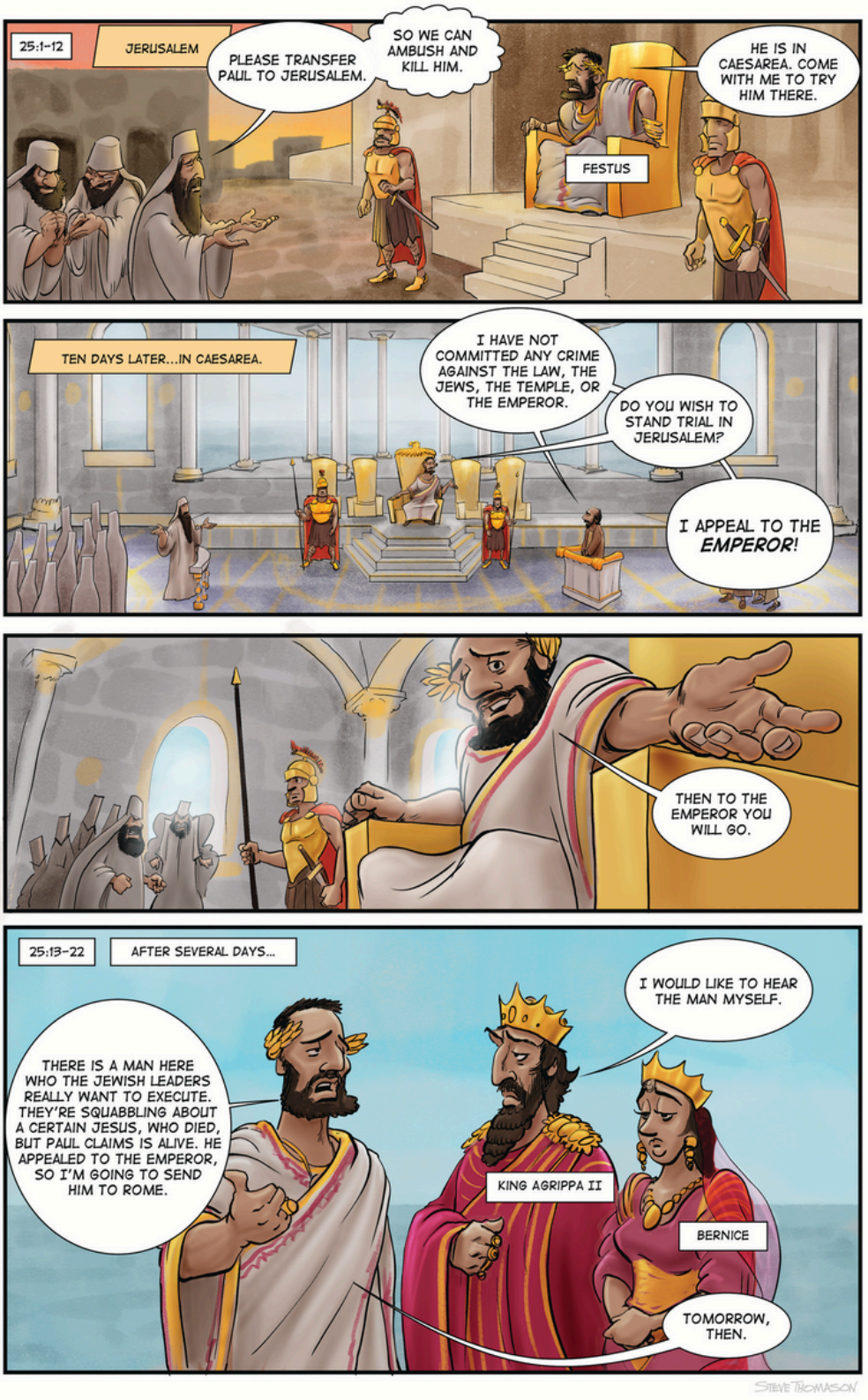

20:1-6
MACEDONIA
GREECE
EPHESUS
TROAS
PAUL STAYS IN GREECE FOR THREE MONTHS.
THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE PLOTTING TO KILL YOU. TURN AROUND.
MACEDONIA
GREECE
TROAS
PAUL TRAVELED WITH:
• SOPATER OF BEREA
• ARISTARCHUS AND SECUNDUS OF THESSALONICA
• GAIUS OF DERBE
• TIMOTHY, TYCHICUS AND TROPHIMUS OF ASIA
AFTER THE DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD...
20:7-12
WE STAYED SEVEN DAYS IN TROAS
ZZZZZ
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
EUTYCHUS
PAUL KEPT TALKING PAST MIDNIGHT
AAAAAA
CRASH
DON'T BE ALARMED, HIS LIFE IS IN HIM.
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
WE ATE AND KEPT TALKING TIL DAWN.
HE'S FINE.
20:13-16
TROAS
ASSOS
PAUL
MITYLENE
EPHESUS
MILETUS
SAMOS
PLEASE HAVE THE ELDERS OF EPHESUS MEET ME ON THE BEACH.
YOU KNOW HOW I HAVE SERVED YOU FAITHFULLY, PREACHED ABOUT JESUS FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, AND ENDURED HARDSHIPS.
NOW I MUST GO TO JERUSALEM. THE SPIRIT TELLS ME THAT IMPRISONMENT AND PERSECUTION AWAITS ME EVERYWHERE. IT'S OK, I JUST WANT TO FINISH THE COURSE.
I WON'T SEE YOU AGAIN. BE GOOD SHEPHERDS TO THE FLOCK. BE WARNED THAT WOLVES WILL COME AFTER YOU.
I NEVER ASKED FOR MONEY, BUT SUPPORTED MYSELF. FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE. REMEMBER JESUS SAID, "IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."
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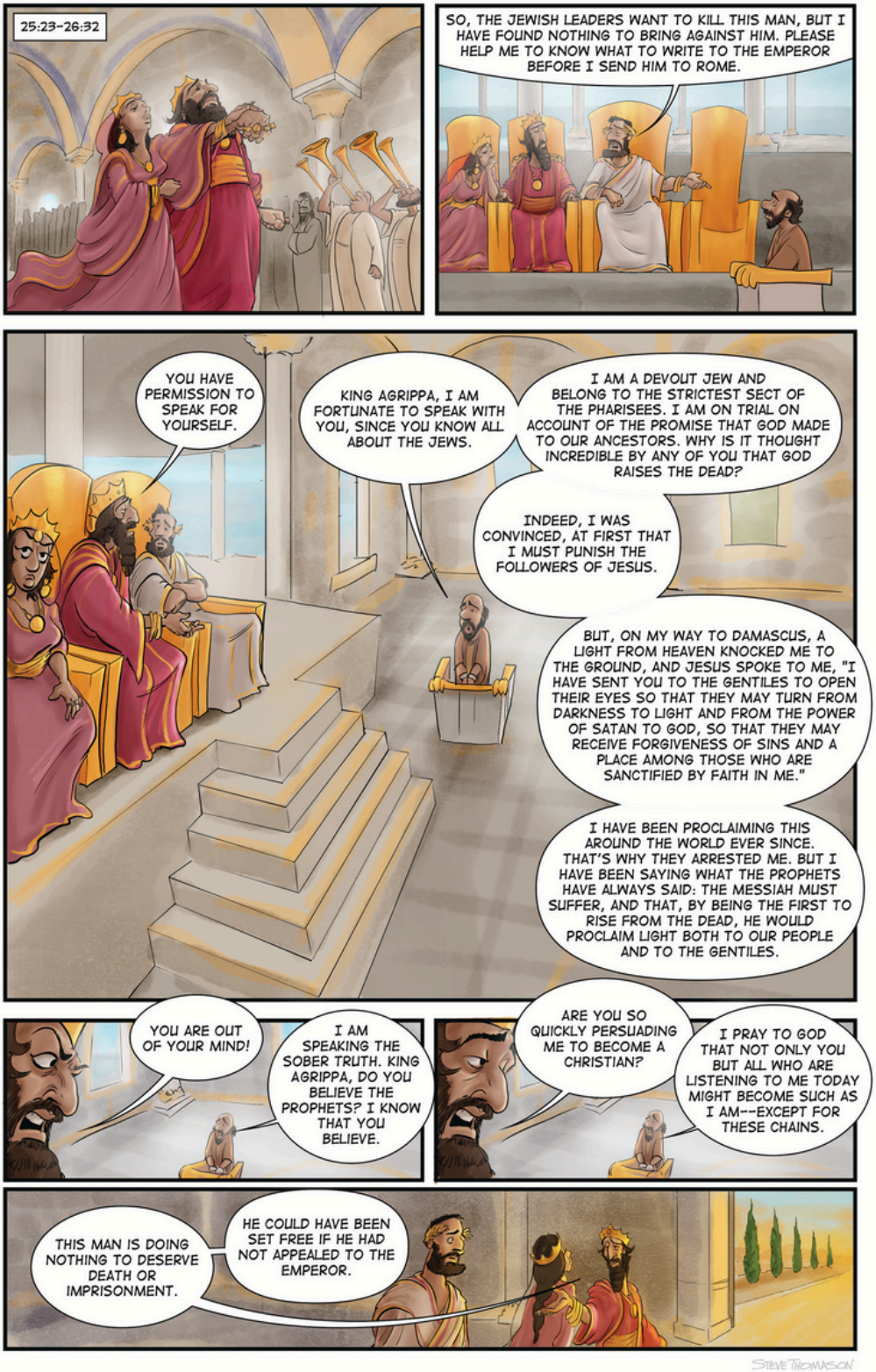

21:1–16
MILETUS
PATARA
TYRE
TYRE
WE STAYED FOR SEVEN DAYS.
PLEASE DON'T GO TO JERUSALEM.
TYRE
PTOLEMAIS
CAESAREA
CAESAREA, THE HOUSE OF PHILIP.
THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYS THAT THIS IS THE WAY THE JEWS IN JERUSALEM WILL BIND THE MAN WHO OWNS THIS BELT AND WILL HAND HIM OVER TO THE GENTILES.
WHY ARE YOU WEEPING AND BREAKING MY HEART? I AM READY NOT ONLY TO BE BOUND, BUT EVEN TO DIE IN JERUSALEM FOR THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.
AGABUS, A PROPHET FROM JUDEA
THE LORD'S WILL BE DONE
CAESAREA
GALILEE
SAMARIA
JERUSALEM
JUDEA
21:17–26
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF JEWISH BELIEVERS HERE. THEY HAVE HEARD THAT YOU TEACH THE JEWS LIVING AMONG THE GENTILES TO FORSAKE THE LAW OF MOSES.
WE HAVE A PLAN.
TAKE THESE FOUR MEN TO THE TEMPLE, GO THROUGH THE RITE OF PURIFICATION WITH THEM. THEN THEY'LL KNOW THAT YOU OBSERVE THE LAW. AS FOR GENTILES WHO BELIEVE, WE TOLD THEM TO ABSTAIN FROM FOOD SACRIFICED TO IDOLS, FROM BLOOD, FROM WHAT IS STRANGLED, AND FROM FORNICATION.
JAMES
STEVE THOMASON


21:27-36
AFTER SEVEN DAYS OF PURIFICATION...
TEMPLE
SLAM
THIS IS THE GUY WHO IS TEACHING EVERYONE EVERYWHERE AGAINST OUR PEOPLE, OUR LAW, AND THIS PLACE. AND, HE HAS BROUGHT GREEKS INTO THE TEMPLE AND DEFILED THIS HOLY PLACE!
WHO IS THIS?
AWAY WITH HIM!!
GET HIM INSIDE BEFORE THEY KILL HIM!
21:37-22:29
MAY I SAY SOMETHING?
YOU KNOW GREEK? SO, YOU AREN'T THE EGYPTIAN LEADER OF ASSASSINS?
NO, I AM A JEW FROM TARSUS.
LET ME SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE.
I AM JEW, TAUGHT IN THIS CITY BY GAMALIEL. I USED TO PERSECUTE THIS WAY.
I MET THE RISEN JESUS ON THE WAY TO DAMASCUS AND WAS BLINDED. BROTHER ANANIAS RESTORED MY SIGHT. HE SAID, "THE GOD OF OUR ANCESTORS CHOSE YOU TO SEE THE RIGHTEOUS ONE AND TO BE HIS WITNESS TO THE WORLD.
WHEN I CAME TO JERUSALEM I WAS AFRAID BECAUSE I HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE KILLING OF STEPHEN. JESUS TOLD ME TO LEAVE. HE SAID, "I WILL SEND YOU FAR AWAY TO THE GENTILES."
HEY, HE'S SPEAKING IN HEBREW!
HE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LIVE!
IS IT RIGHT TO FLOG A ROMAN CITIZEN?
YOU'RE A ROMAN CITIZEN?!?
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22:30–23:11
BROTHERS, UP TO THIS DAY I HAVE LIVED MY LIFE WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD.
JEWISH COUNCIL
STRIKE HIM!
GOD WILL STRIKE YOU, YOU WHITEWASHED WALL! YOU JUDGE ME, WHEN STRIKING ME VIOLATES THE LAW!
YOU DARE TO INSULT GOD'S HIGH PRIEST?
I DID NOT REALIZE HE WAS HIGH PRIEST.
SADUCCEES
NO RESURRECTION
PHARISEES
RESURRECTION, ANGELS, DEMONS
BROTHERS, I AM A PHARISEE. I AM ON TRIAL CONCERNING THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.
WE FIND NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS MAN. WHAT IF AN ANGEL SPOKE TO HIM?
PHARISEES
GET HIM OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY KILL HIM.
KEEP UP YOUR COURAGE. YOU MUST BEAR WITNESS ALSO IN ROME.
IN THE BARRACKS
23:12–35
SIR, THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE TAKEN AN OATH TO AMBUSH AND KILL MY UNCLE PAUL WHEN YOU BRING HIM TO THE COUNCIL TOMORROW.
TELL NO ONE ABOUT THIS.
TAKE THIS LETTER TO FELIX.
KEEP HIM IN HEROD'S HQ UNTIL HIS ACCUSERS ARRIVE.
CAESAREA
ANTIPATRIS
To: Felix.
From: Claudius Lysias
The Jewish leaders wanted to kill this man, but he is a Roman citizen. Please protect him.
200 SOLDIERS, 70 HORSEMEN, AND 200 SPEARMEN.
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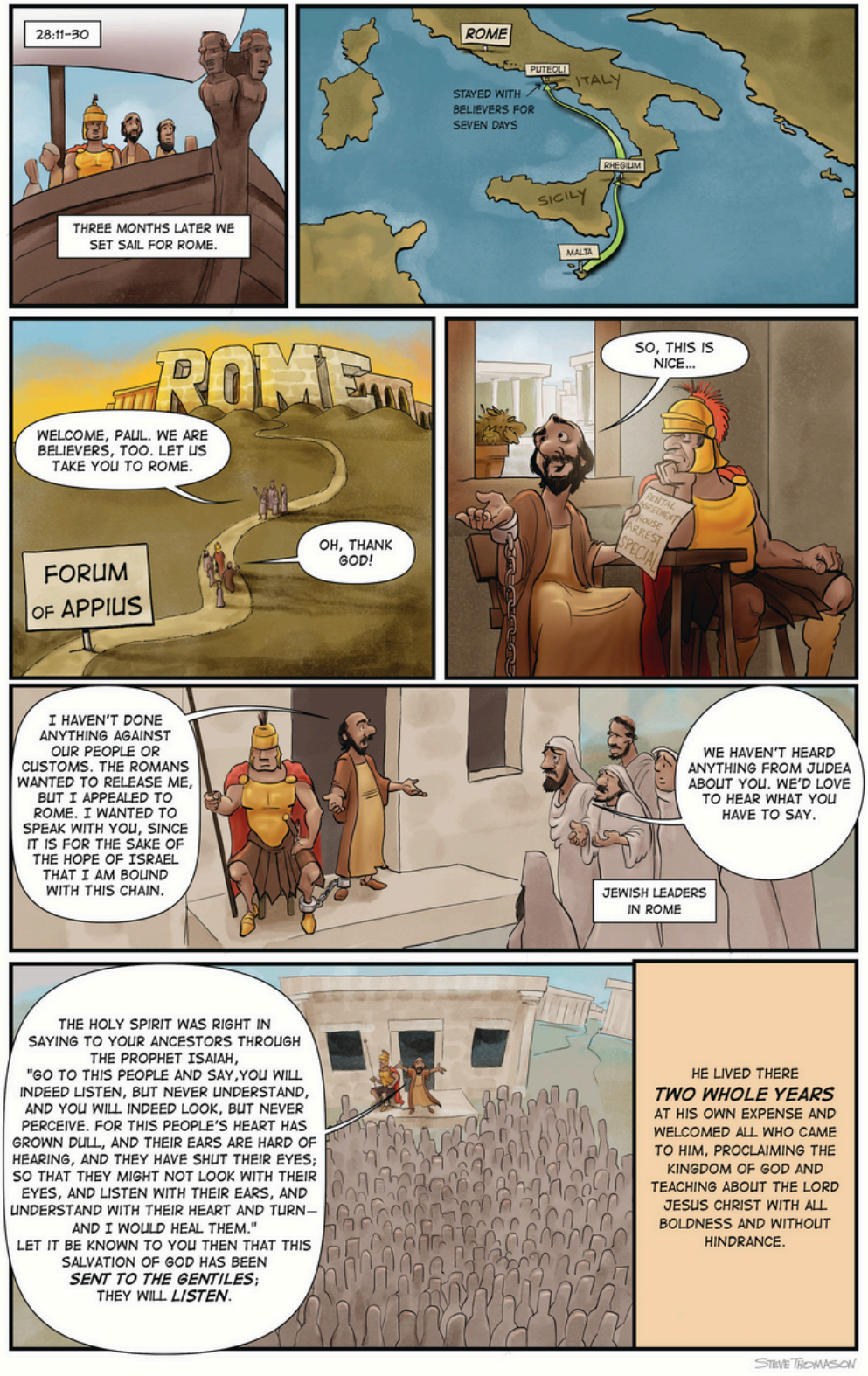

24:1-27
YOUR EXCELLENCY, WE HAVE ENJOYED GREAT PEACE FROM YOU. PLEASE HEAR US BRIEFLY. THIS MAN IS A PESTILENCE AND A RINGLEADER OF THE SECT OF THE NAZARENE. HE PROFANES THE TEMPLE. SEE FOR YOURSELF.
FELIX, GOVERNOR OF JUDEA
TERTULLUS
I WAS SIMPLY MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS, DOING THE RIGHT OF PURIFICATION AT THE TEMPLE. I WASN'T STIRRING ANYONE UP. ACCORDING TO THE WAY, I WORSHIP THE GOD OF OUR ANCESTORS, BELIEVING EVERYTHING LAID DOWN ACCORDING TO THE LAW OR WRITTEN IN THE PROPHETS. I HAVE A HOPE IN GOD THAT THERE WILL BE A RESURRECTION OF BOTH THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS. I HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.
ASK THEM WHAT CRIME I HAVE COMMITTED. NONE. UNLESS I AM ON TRIAL ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.
I KNOW MUCH ABOUT "THE WAY" ALREADY. YOU ARE DISMISSED. I WILL DECIDE WHEN LYSIAS THE TRIBUNE COMES DOWN.
LET HIS FRIENDS VISIT HIM.
24:24-27
SOME DAYS LATER...
AND NOW ABOUT FAITH IN JESUS, JUSTICE, SELF-CONTROL, AND THE COMING JUDGMENT...
GO AWAY. I'LL SEND FOR YOU LATER.
MAYBE HE'LL OFFER ME A BRIBE.
DRUSILLA
AFTER TWO YEARS HAD PASSED, FELIX WAS SUCCEEDED BY PORCIUS FESTUS; AND SINCE HE WANTED TO GRANT THE JEWS A FAVOR, FELIX LEFT PAUL IN PRISON.
STEVE THOMASON


25:1-12
JERUSALEM
PLEASE TRANSFER PAUL TO JERUSALEM.
SO WE CAN AMBUSH AND KILL HIM.
HE IS IN CAESAREA. COME WITH ME TO TRY HIM THERE.
FESTUS
TEN DAYS LATER...IN CAESAREA.
I HAVE NOT COMMITTED ANY CRIME AGAINST THE LAW, THE JEWS, THE TEMPLE, OR THE EMPEROR.
DO YOU WISH TO STAND TRIAL IN JERUSALEM?
I APPEAL TO THE EMPEROR!
THEN TO THE EMPEROR YOU WILL GO.
25:13-22
AFTER SEVERAL DAYS...
I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE MAN MYSELF.
THERE IS A MAN HERE WHO THE JEWISH LEADERS REALLY WANT TO EXECUTE. THEY'RE SQUABBLING ABOUT A CERTAIN JESUS, WHO DIED, BUT PAUL CLAIMS IS ALIVE. HE APPEALED TO THE EMPEROR, SO I'M GOING TO SEND HIM TO ROME.
KING AGRIPPA II
BERNICE
TOMORROW, THEN.
STEVE THOMASON


25:23-26:32
SO, THE JEWISH LEADERS WANT TO KILL THIS MAN, BUT I HAVE FOUND NOTHING TO BRING AGAINST HIM. PLEASE HELP ME TO KNOW WHAT TO WRITE TO THE EMPEROR BEFORE I SEND HIM TO ROME.
YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.
KING AGRIPPA, I AM FORTUNATE TO SPEAK WITH YOU, SINCE YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THE JEWS.
I AM A DEVOUT JEW AND BELONG TO THE STRICTEST SECT OF THE PHARISEES. I AM ON TRIAL ON ACCOUNT OF THE PROMISE THAT GOD MADE TO OUR ANCESTORS. WHY IS IT THOUGHT INCREDIBLE BY ANY OF YOU THAT GOD RAISES THE DEAD?
INDEED, I WAS CONVINCED, AT FIRST THAT I MUST PUNISH THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.
BUT, ON MY WAY TO DAMASCUS, A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN KNOCKED ME TO THE GROUND, AND JESUS SPOKE TO ME, "I HAVE SENT YOU TO THE GENTILES TO OPEN THEIR EYES SO THAT THEY MAY TURN FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT AND FROM THE POWER OF SATAN TO GOD, SO THAT THEY MAY RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND A PLACE AMONG THOSE WHO ARE SANCTIFIED BY FAITH IN ME."
I HAVE BEEN PROCLAIMING THIS AROUND THE WORLD EVER SINCE. THAT'S WHY THEY ARRESTED ME. BUT I HAVE BEEN SAYING WHAT THE PROPHETS HAVE ALWAYS SAID: THE MESSIAH MUST SUFFER, AND THAT, BY BEING THE FIRST TO RISE FROM THE DEAD, HE WOULD PROCLAIM LIGHT BOTH TO OUR PEOPLE AND TO THE GENTILES.
YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR MIND!
I AM SPEAKING THE SOBER TRUTH. KING AGRIPPA, DO YOU BELIEVE THE PROPHETS? I KNOW THAT YOU BELIEVE.
ARE YOU SO QUICKLY PERSUADING ME TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?
I PRAY TO GOD THAT NOT ONLY YOU BUT ALL WHO ARE LISTENING TO ME TODAY MIGHT BECOME SUCH AS I AM--EXCEPT FOR THESE CHAINS.
THIS MAN IS DOING NOTHING TO DESERVE DEATH OR IMPRISONMENT.
HE COULD HAVE BEEN SET FREE IF HE HAD NOT APPEALED TO THE EMPEROR.
STEVE THOMASON


27:1-12
MYRA
FAIR HAVENS
SIDON
CAESAREA
WHEN IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WERE TO SAIL FOR ITALY, THEY TRANSFERRED PAUL AND SOME OTHER PRISONERS TO A CENTURION OF THE AUGUSTAN COHORT, NAMED JULIUS. EMBARKING ON A SHIP OF ADRAMYTTIUM THAT WAS ABOUT TO SET SAIL TO THE PORTS ALONG THE COAST OF ASIA, WE PUT TO SEA, ACCOMPANIED BY ARISTARCHUS, A MACEDONIAN FROM THESSALONICA.
IN FAIR HAVENS
SIRS, I CAN SEE THAT THE VOYAGE WILL BE WITH DANGER AND HEAVY LOSS OF CARGO AND LIVES.
NO, WE SHOULD PUSH ON TO PHOENIX.
27:13-38
YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME. DON'T WORRY. GOD TOLD ME WE WOULD ALL LIVE, BUT THE SHIP WILL BE LOST.
YOU HAVE TO STAY ON BOARD TO SURVIVE.
NORTH EASTER
AFTER FOURTEEN DAYS OF STORM...
EAT SOMETHING. IT WILL BE OK.
THERE WERE 276 PEOPLE ON THE SHIP.
27:39-44
DON'T KILL THE PRISONERS!
AND SO IT WAS THAT ALL WERE BROUGHT SAFELY TO LAND.
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28:1-10
ISLAND OF MALTA
ROME
MALTA
STORM
HE MUST HAVE BEEN A MURDERER. JUSTICE HAS NOT ALLOWED HIM TO LIVE.
CHOMP
WHOA! HE'S A GOD.
THREE DAY PARTY IN THE HOUSE OF PUBLIUS
PLEASE HEAL MY FATHER.
ALL THE SICK CAME AND WERE CURED
HONORED GUESTS, LET US STOCK THE PROVISIONS FOR YOUR TRIP.
STEVE THOMASON


28:11-30
THREE MONTHS LATER WE SET SAIL FOR ROME.
ROME
PUTEOLI
ITALY
STAYED WITH BELIEVERS FOR SEVEN DAYS
RHEGIUM
SICILY
MALTA
ROME
WELCOME, PAUL. WE ARE BELIEVERS, TOO. LET US TAKE YOU TO ROME.
OH, THANK GOD!
FORUM OF APPIUS
SO, THIS IS NICE...
RENTAL AGREEMENT HOUSE ARREST SPECIAL
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING AGAINST OUR PEOPLE OR CUSTOMS. THE ROMANS WANTED TO RELEASE ME, BUT I APPEALED TO ROME. I WANTED TO SPEAK WITH YOU, SINCE IT IS FOR THE SAKE OF THE HOPE OF ISRAEL THAT I AM BOUND WITH THIS CHAIN.
WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM JUDEA ABOUT YOU. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.
JEWISH LEADERS IN ROME
THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS RIGHT IN SAYING TO YOUR ANCESTORS THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH,
"GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,YOU WILL INDEED LISTEN, BUT NEVER UNDERSTAND, AND YOU WILL INDEED LOOK, BUT NEVER PERCEIVE. FOR THIS PEOPLE'S HEART HAS GROWN DULL, AND THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEY HAVE SHUT THEIR EYES; SO THAT THEY MIGHT NOT LOOK WITH THEIR EYES, AND LISTEN WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND TURN— AND I WOULD HEAL THEM."
LET IT BE KNOWN TO YOU THEN THAT THIS SALVATION OF GOD HAS BEEN ***SENT TO THE GENTILES***; THEY WILL ***LISTEN***.
HE LIVED THERE ***TWO WHOLE YEARS*** AT HIS OWN EXPENSE AND WELCOMED ALL WHO CAME TO HIM, PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND TEACHING ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL BOLDNESS AND WITHOUT HINDRANCE.
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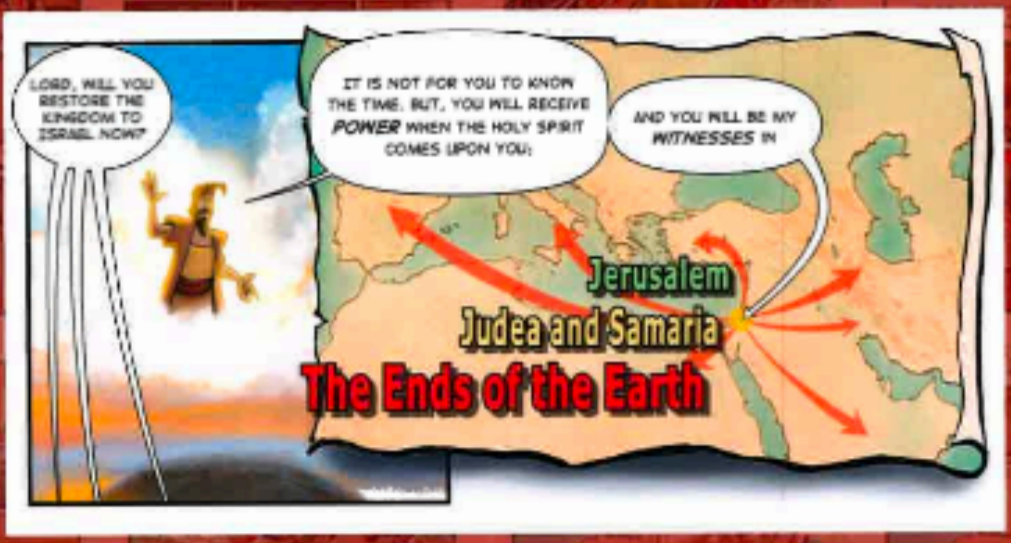
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