

Acts 8:25-40
Philip and the Ethiopian

“Ethiopian” – this was the ancient land of _____; the modern equivalent is Sudan, not Ethiopia. It encompassed the Nile Valley south of the 1st cataract (modern Aswan). The Kushite capital was at Meroë; the distance from Meroë to Jerusalem is nearly 1,700 miles. As an Ethiopian, he was probably black.

“eunuch” (εὐνοῦχος) – it was common for eunuchs to be placed in charge of harems and treasuries, as they were known to be particularly trustworthy and loyal.

“court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians” – the term “Candace” (Κανδάκη) was not a proper name *per se*, but a title. Among the known Candaces, these are closest to the time of Philip:

- Amanirenas (40–10 BC)
- Amanishakheto (ca 10 BC – AD 1)
- Amanitore (AD 1–?)**
- Amantitere (AD ?–50)**
- Amanikhatashan (AD 62–85)

“in charge of her treasury” – the role was probably similar to a Ministry of Finance in modern terminology.

Where along this desert road did the baptism take place?



Food for Thought

- _____ is directly involved in this event.
- The gospel is moving beyond _____ and toward the “uttermost parts of the world.”



Map showing the areas of Philip’s ministry as described in Acts 8. The distance from Jerusalem to Gaza is about 55 miles. The distance from Azotus to Caesarea is about 60 miles. This is map 107 of the *New Moody Bible Atlas*.