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The Acts of the Apostles

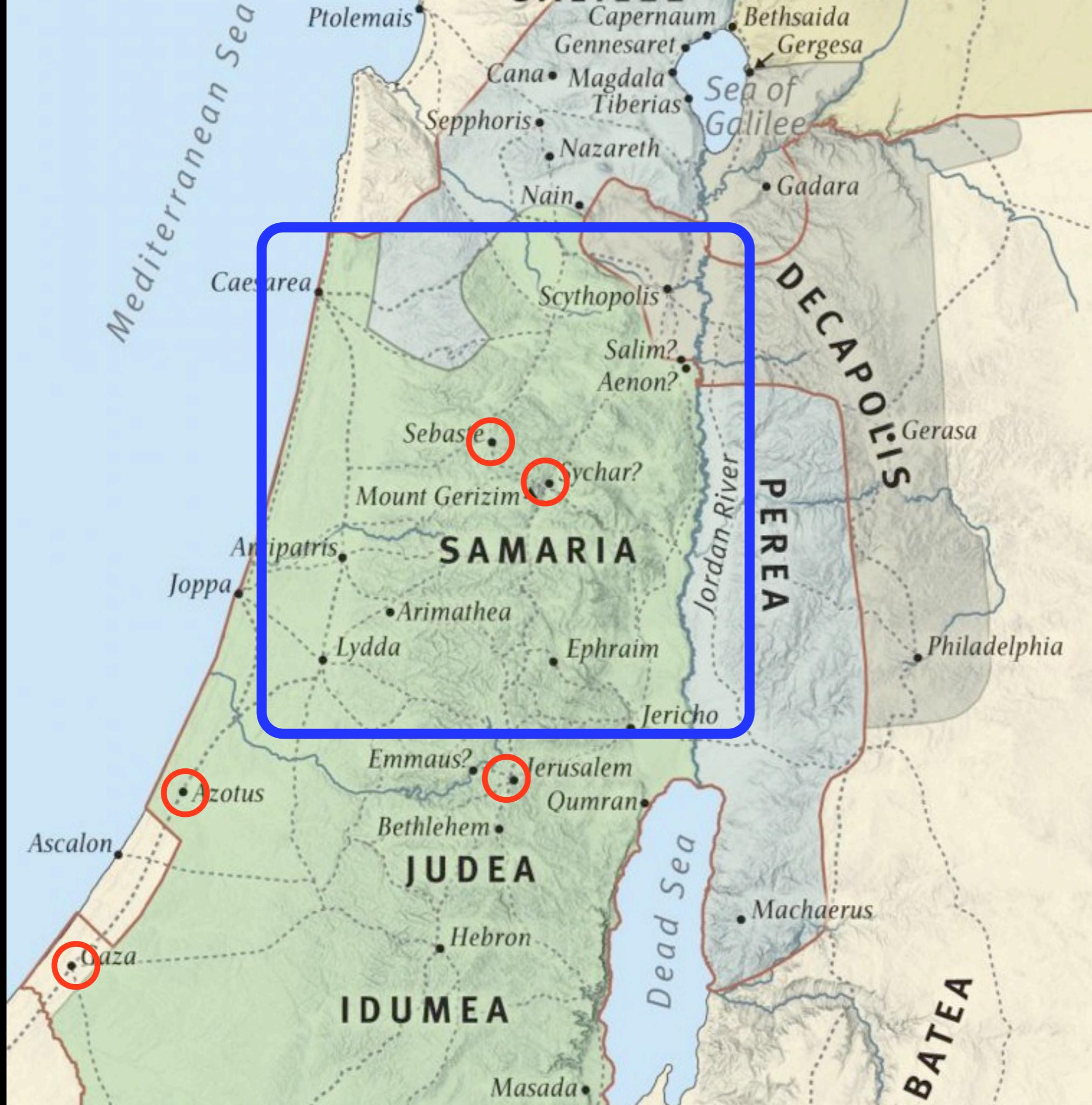
“To the end of the earth”

Acts 1:8

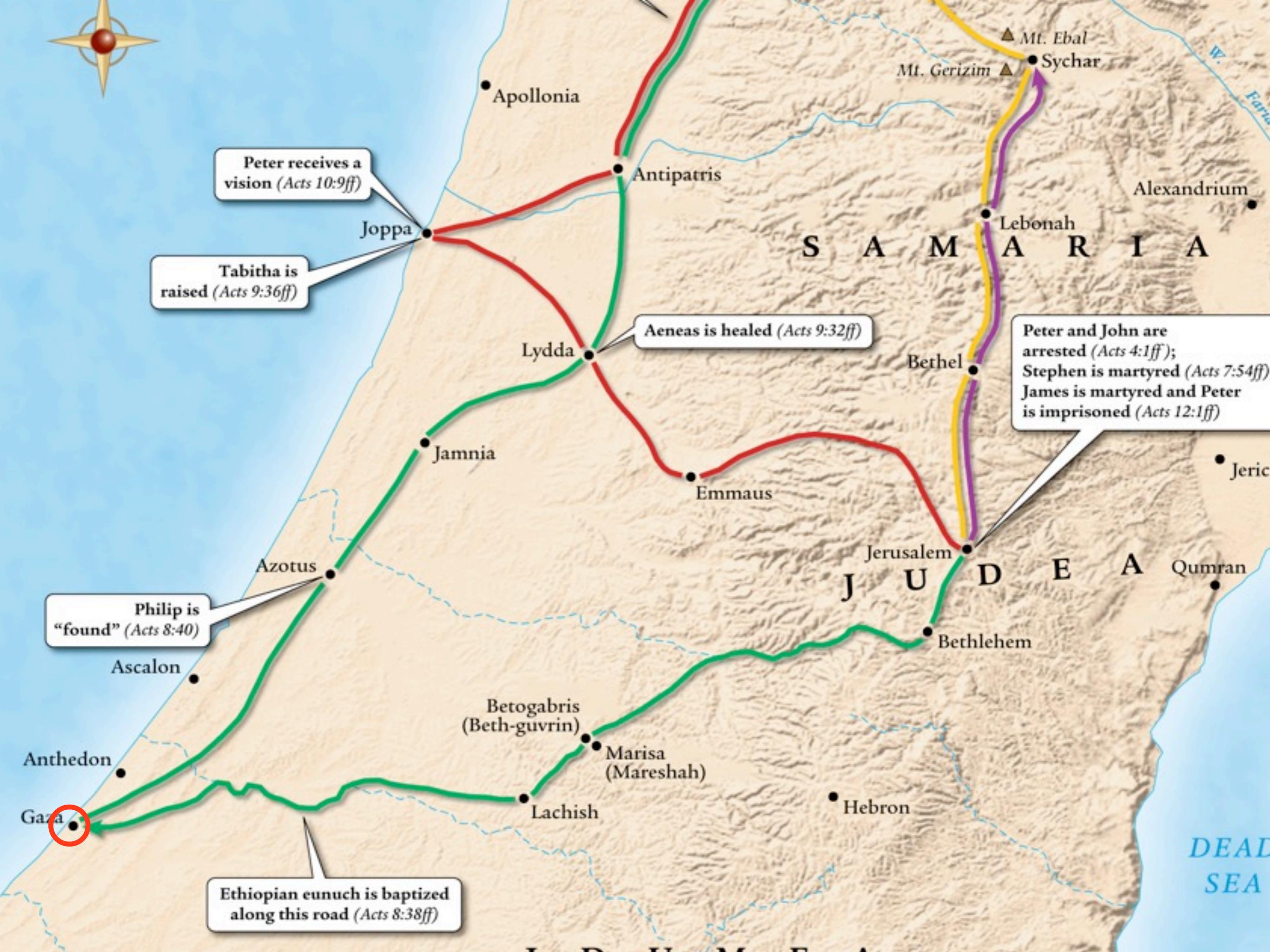
Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8:26–40





Acts 8:26, “Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, ‘Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is desert.”





Lauren Booth, sister of Cherie Blair, wife of Tony Blair, in 2008 compared the conditions in Gaza to a concentration camp and that in Gaza there was a humanitarian crisis on the scale of Darfur. Doesn't look like it in this store does it?



Gaza today





Acts 8:27, “So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace [Kandake] the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,”





Israeli AF/El Al Ethiopian airlift smashes passenger-load record

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In a record-breaking airlift, the Israeli Air Force, aided by El Al, brought 14,000 Ethiopian Jews from Addis Ababa to Israel — 1,200 of them in one 747 — within 33h just days before the capital fell to rebel troops.

Some of the flights were performed by a specially configured El Al 747, carrying 1,200 passengers. The top-secret Operation Solomon began on 24 May when an air force C-130 Hercules brought the first group of high-ranking Israeli officers and experts to Addis Ababa International Airport. The airlift was completed a few hours before the first rebel units reached the airport area.

The group, headed by deputy chief of staff Gen Amnon Shashak, set up a command post in the airport while Israeli special forces and paratroops secured the runway and airfield perimeter. An Israeli mobile air traffic control unit performed advisory control, parallel to that given by the airport's tower.

By noon on 24 May preparations were complete and the green light was given for the first aircraft to land. In the next 24h 18 air force C-130s and eight Boeing 727s, aided by nine

El Al aircraft — three 747s, four 767s and two 757s — flew 14,000 Jews from Addis Ababa to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. All El Al aircraft had their logos covered.

An El Al 747-200C Combi was converted to passenger configuration, with 760 seats. With the arm rests folded, these seats allowed 1,200 of the new Israeli immigrants to be crammed into the aircraft. (The previous record was 674 people in a Qantas 747 after a cyclone hit Darwin.) The 747 was on the ground at Addis Ababa for only 37min before leaving with the record number of passengers.

The passenger-configured Operation Solomon up to 1,200 passengers per flight



Operation Solomon

The Daring Rescue of the Ethiopian Jews

By STEPHEN SPECTOR

In the late 1980s, as this history begins, the dark-skinned Jews of Ethiopia yearned to go home — to Jerusalem. They called themselves the Beta Israel, the "House of Israel," and they believed that the Holy Land was the birthplace of their ancestors. Their priests



and secret dealings that led to their deliverance, and the obstacles and setbacks that nearly aborted it. And it is a report on the rescue mission itself: **Operation Solomon**, the majestic, massive, and astonishingly swift Israeli airlift of 14,310 Ethiopian Jews to Israel in less than a day and a half in May 1991.

What was the Ethiopian?

Four options

- 1. A Jew**
- 2. A full proselyte to Judaism, accepted the Torah, and all customs and practices of the Jews.**
- 3. A proselyte of the gate, if he was a literal eunuch.**
- 4. A Gentile, “God-fearer” not actual proselytes, or Jews, but worshippers of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**

Acts 8:28, “was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.”

Isa. 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

Isa. 53:8, “He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.”