EXECUTION OF JUSTICE

Judgment for Hypocrisy in the Church

Outline:

The Witness to Jerusalem
The Witness to Judea and Samaria
The Witness to the Ends of the Earth

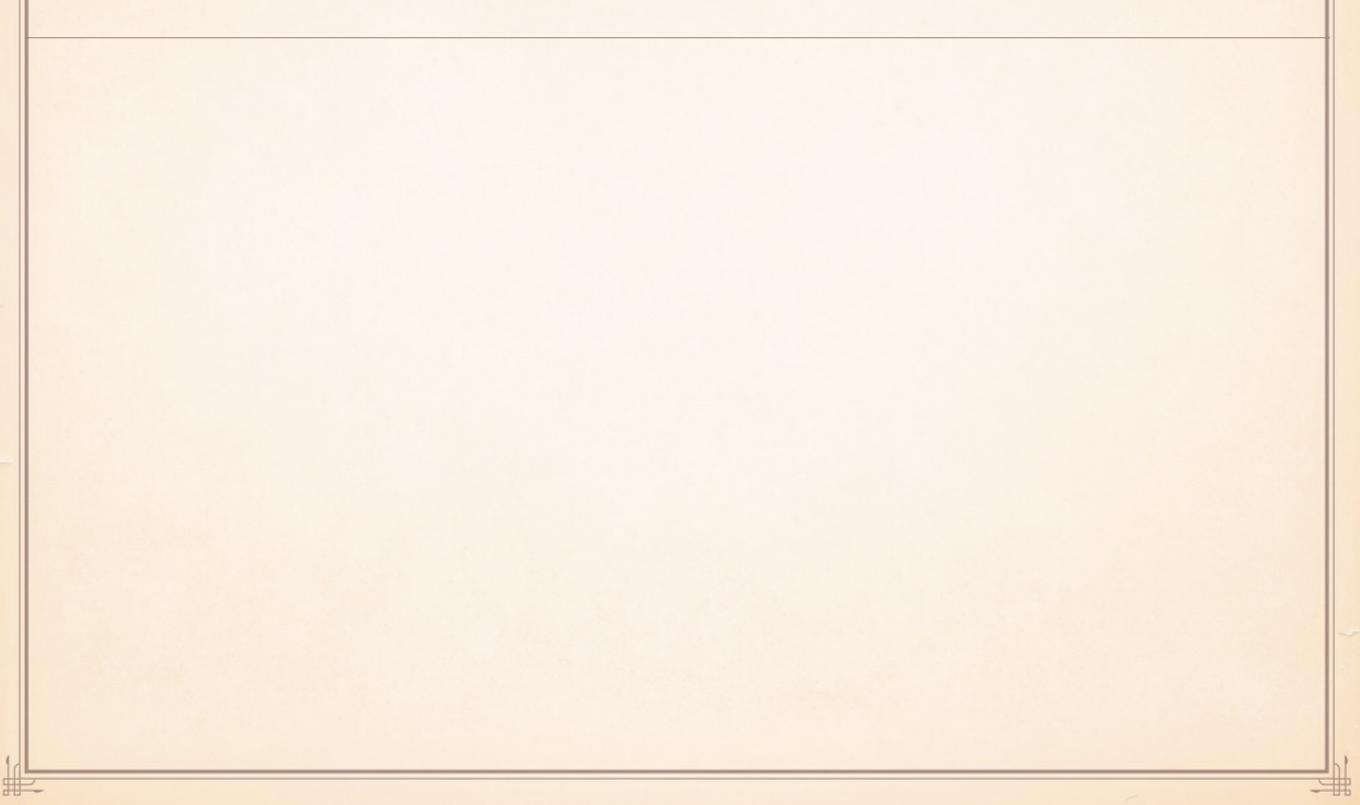
4) From Jerusalem to Rome

Acts 1:1-8:3 Acts 8:4-12:24 Acts 12:25-21:14 Acts 21:15-28:31

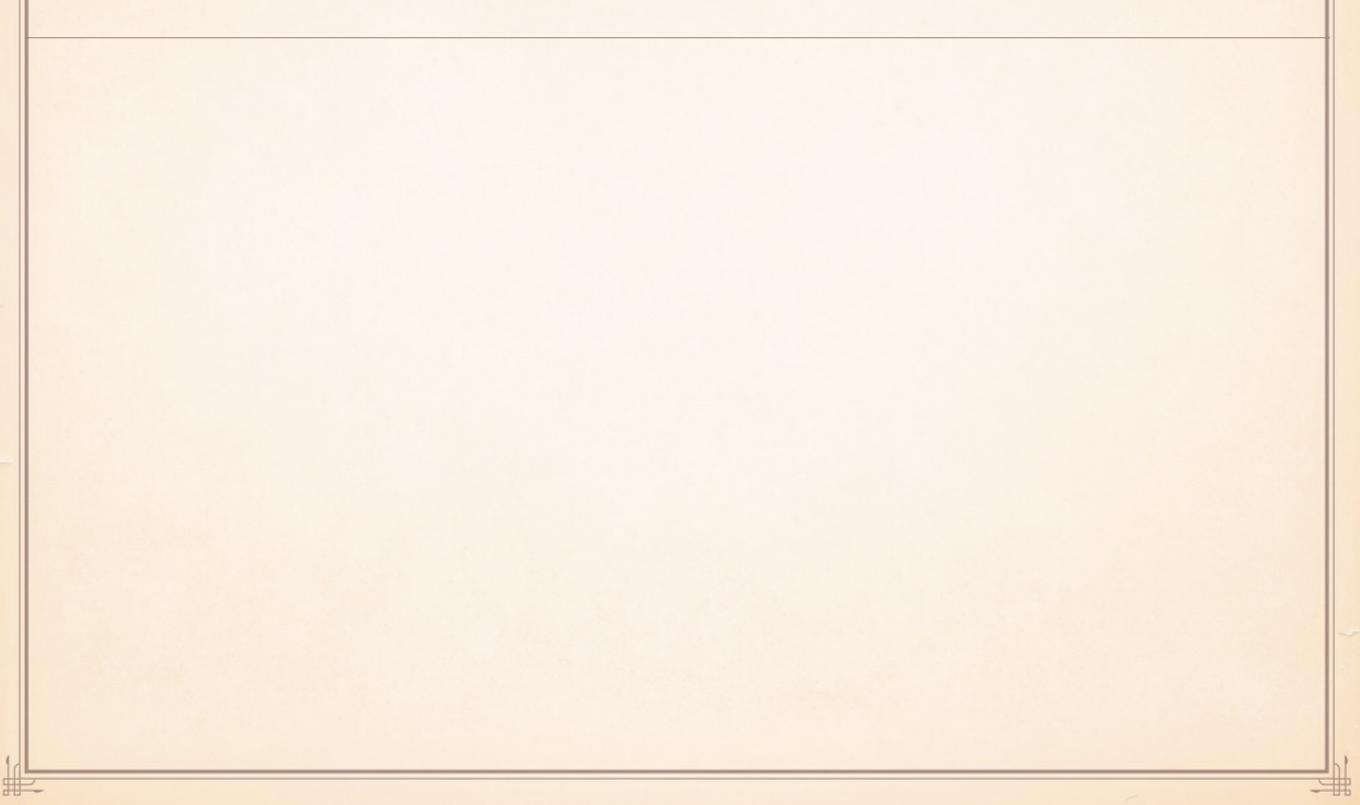
<u>Theme</u>: God demands that His church maintain moral purity, resist Satan's temptation and demonstrate genuine faith.

Key Verse: Acts 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the price of the land?

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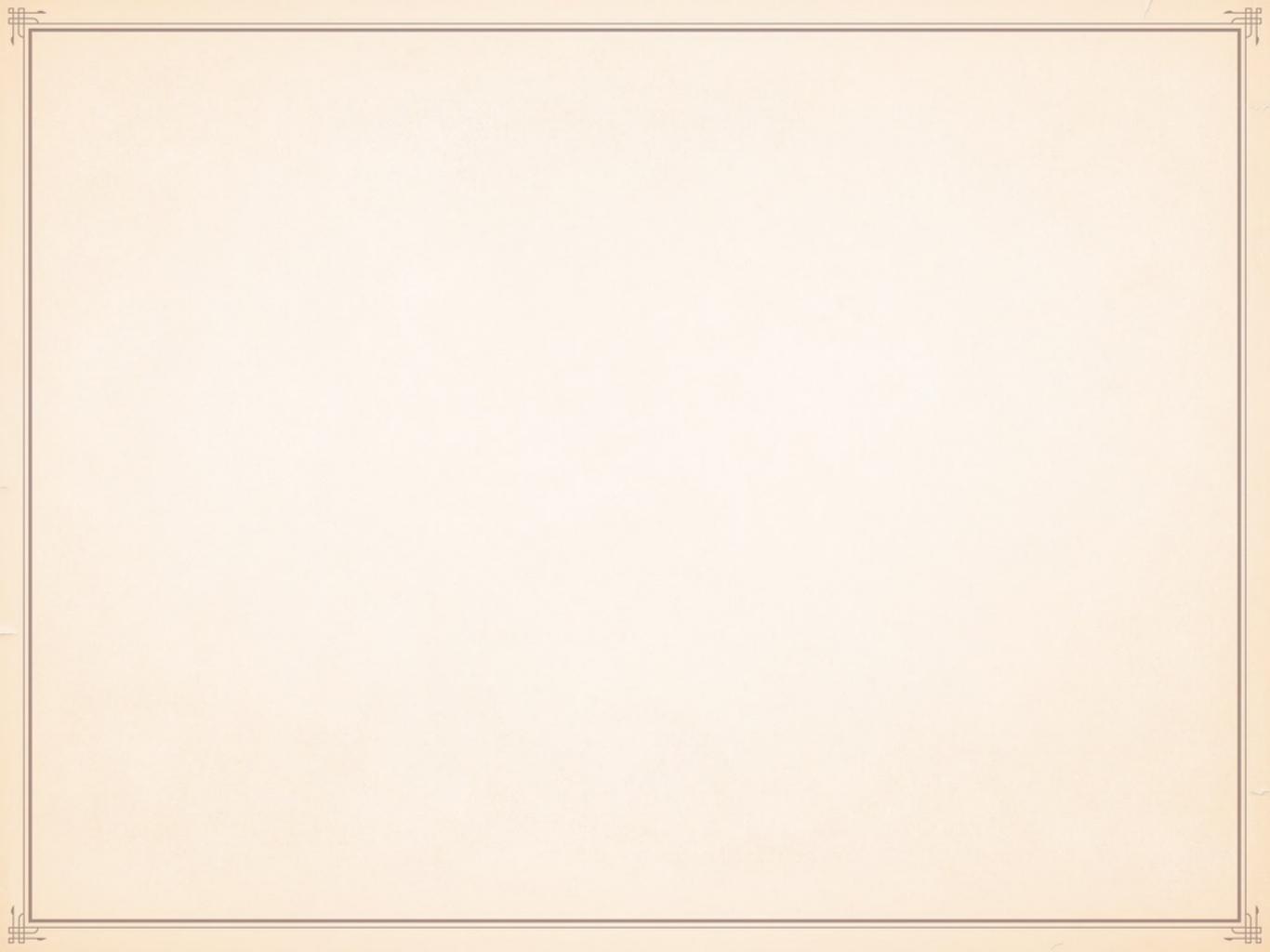
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c. To sell property and give a portion of the proceeds to the church



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- c. To conspire together to deceive men in order to <u>exalt</u> <u>yourself</u>.

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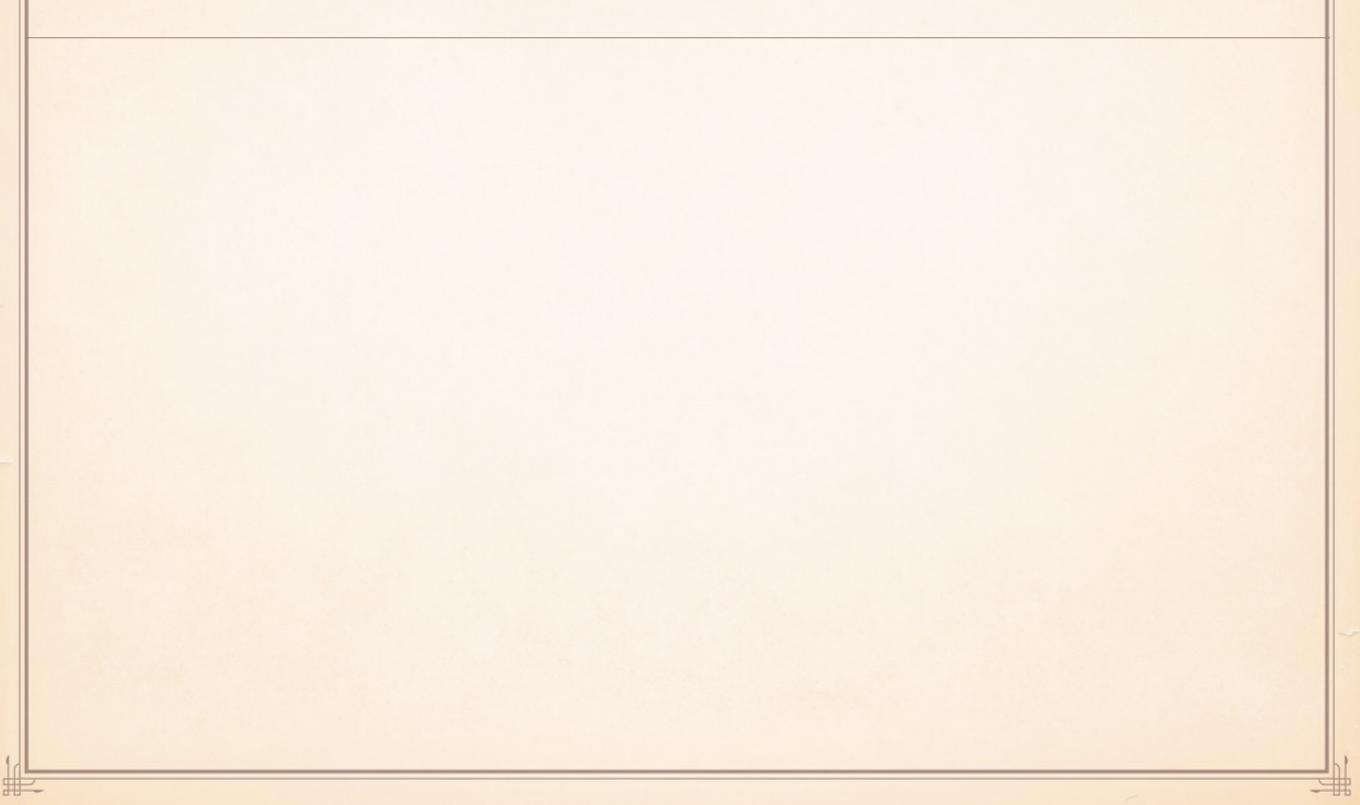
II. The Judgment Rendered

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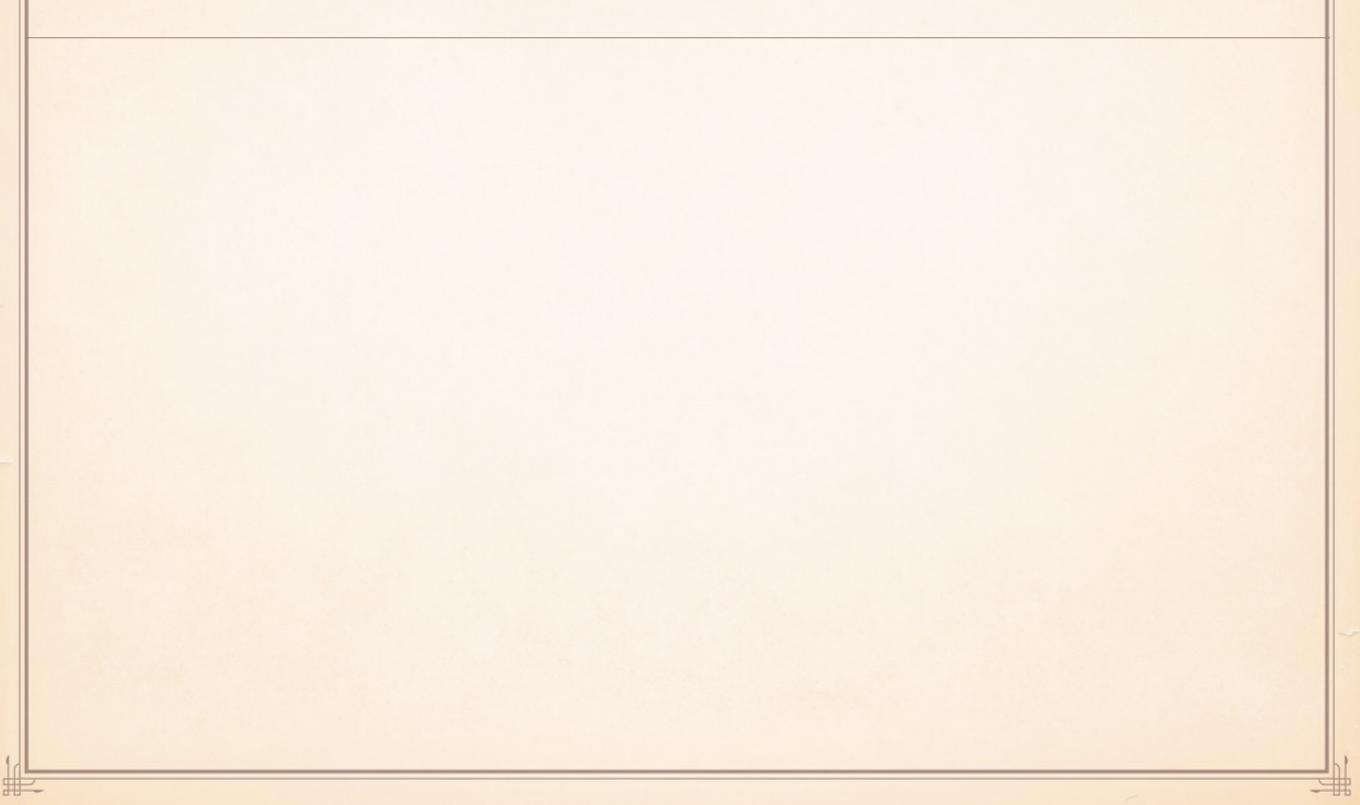
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- 3. Vast numbers of people, expanding beyond Jerusalem, were being <u>impacted</u> by the apostle's ministry.

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Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.