

The Acts of the Apostles

Chapter 1

The ‘Acts of the Holy Spirit’

- v.1 ministry of Jesus accomplished thro HS
- v.5 baptism in HS a future experience
- v.9 baptism in HS a source of power
- v.16 HS as author of the scriptures

Where Mission Begins

Acts 1.1-11

v.8 last words of risen Jesus before His ascension:

- *“You will receive power”*
- *“You will be my witnesses ... in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”*

- **Acts 1.1 - 7.60** **Jerusalem**
- **Acts 8.1 - 11.18** **Judea and Samaria**
- **Acts 11.19 - end** **ends of the earth**

“On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria”

Acts 8.1(b)

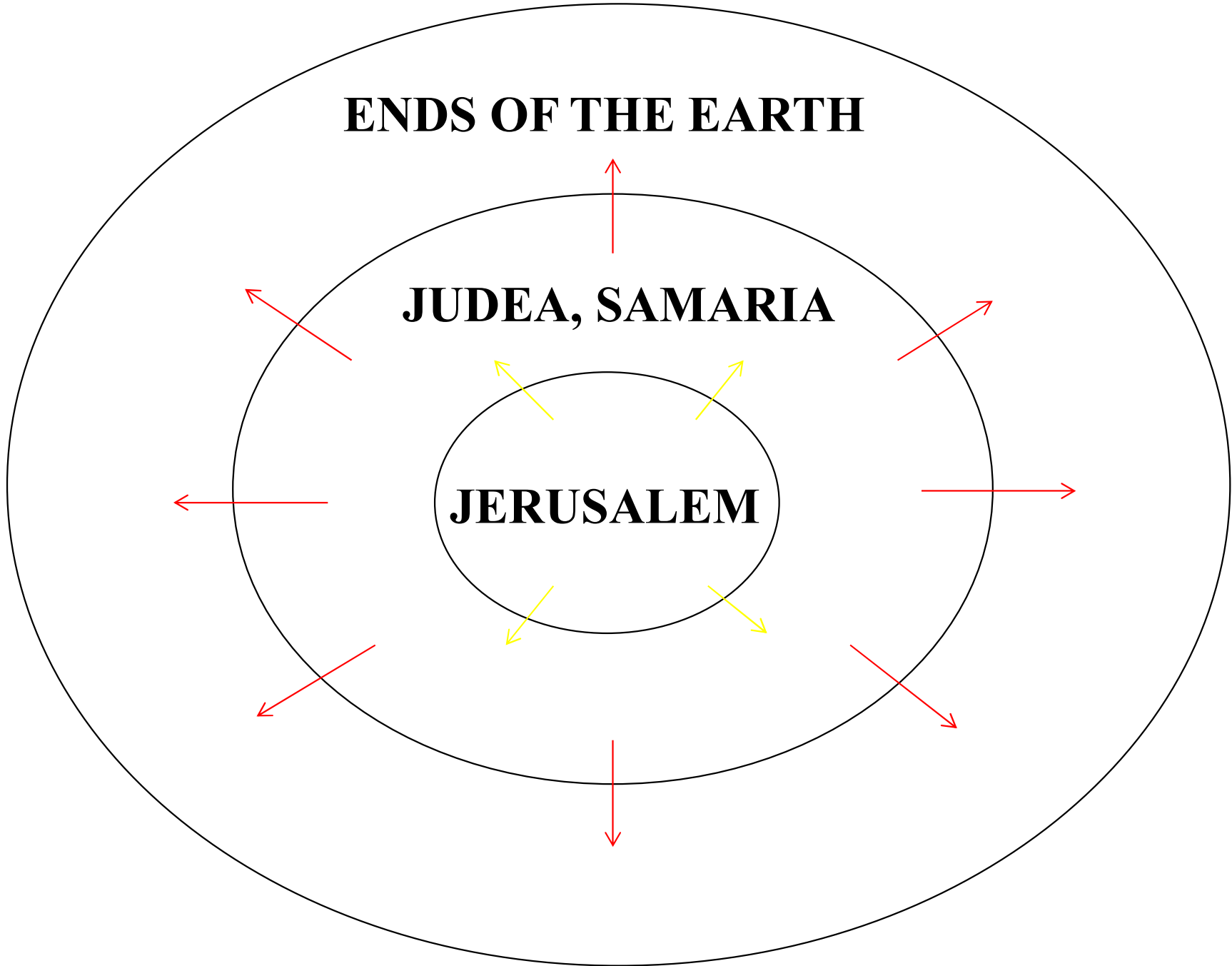
“Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with the death of Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch ...”

Acts 11.19

ENDS OF THE EARTH

JUDEA, SAMARIA

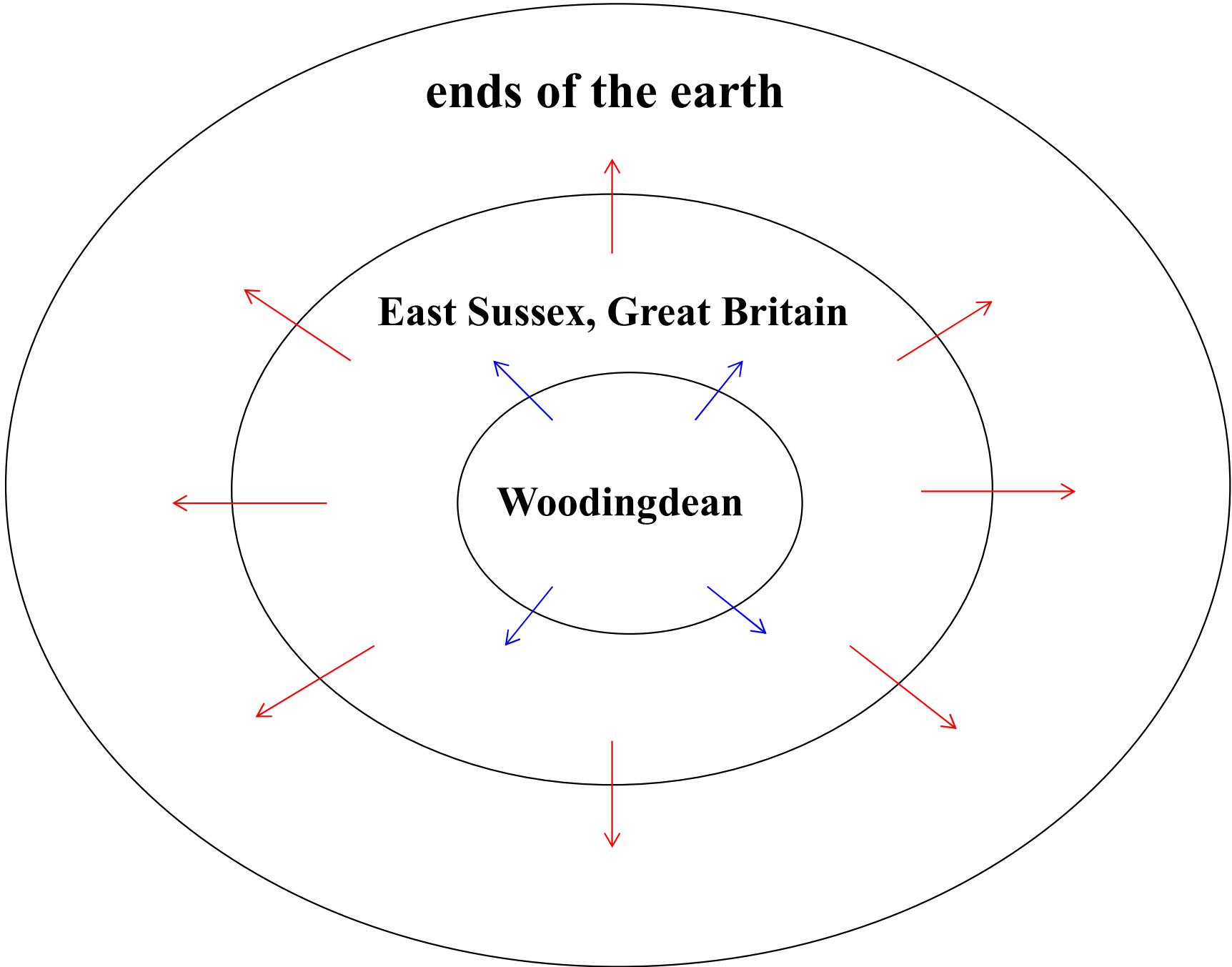
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ends of the earth

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Where Mission begins

- 1. The futility of proclamation without power**
- 2. The fruitfulness of communicating within your culture**
 - undeniable responsibility**
 - unavoidable rapport**
 - unnecessary relocation**
 - unwitting rehearsal**

“While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ They answered, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit’”

Ephesians 19.1,2

“On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”

John 7.37-39

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- 1. The futility of proclamation without power**
- 2. The fruitfulness of communicating within your culture**
- 3. The freedom to share about salvation**
 - chosen for ministry**
 - spend time**
 - win respect**
 - discover needs**
 - seize the moment**
 - personal testimony**

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light”

1 Peter 2.9

“But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry”

2 Timothy 4.5

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