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 (21) Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.  
 (22) Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.  
 (23) For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.  
 (24) Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.  
 (25) And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.  
 (26) And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.  
 (27) And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,  
 (28) Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.  
 (29) Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

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8:27d - eunuch - a man who has been castrated or for some other reason is unable to perform sex - eunuchs were often put in charge of harems since there was no possibility of them having sex with the women - being a eunuch, he would not be allowed to enter the temple [Lev. 21:17-23] so he would not have access to learning from the teachers of the law - see Acts 8:31; Mat. 19:12

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(30) And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?  
(31) And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.  
(32) The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:  
(33) In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.  
(34) And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?  
(35) Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.  
(36) And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?  
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8:31e - See Acts 8:27

8:32-33f - Is. 53:7-8

8:37g – modern translations leave out this verse all together because the authors don't believe it  
- See [Appendix I: Examples of Missing Words and Verses in Modern Translations](#)

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(5) And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

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9:4a – Acts 22:7; 26:14