



People of the world are always looking for a scheme to get ahead so that they can fulfill the American Dream. If there is one thing we fear, it's that our dreams will burn to a crisp. When the storms of life blow the Christian off our comfortable course... we've got to realize that Jesus is the master of the winds and the waves. God makes the waves and currents to carry the Christian along to an appointed destination so that we can do his will. So when life hands you lemons... get the blender out and make lemonade.

HARD TIMES AROSE 1-4

Great persecution arose 1

The persecution arose the very _____ that Stephen was stoned

Stephen the beloved pastor, had incited trouble for the church

Fearing for their lives, many fled to the surrounding countryside

The main thrust of the inquisition was aimed at the _____

Great Lamentation Arose 2

It was _____ to make lamentation over a blasphemer

This was a funeral which inflamed further persecution

Great Havoc Arose 3

Saul went from a bystander to a persecutor

His mission in life was to destroy Christianity

GREAT BLESSING AROSE 4-8

Scattered People Preaching Arose 4-5

Why did God allow this to happen?

Scattered seed produces a _____ harvest

God's _____ for us is not always the one we had in mind

Saul didn't know it but God was using him to fulfill Acts 1:8

God wanted the church to evangelize Samaria

He can even take a terrible situation and produce good from it

Multitudes Heeding Arose 6-7

God was _____ his work in Samaria as in Jerusalem

Phillip was a disliked Hellenistic Jewish Christian

The Samaritans were despised half-breeds

God prepared a particular man for a particular ministry

Philip taught that Samaritans could become part of the kingdom

Great Joy Arose 8

When life hands you lemons... and it's circumstances look sour. Just remember that we have a higher calling. God's will is at stake. Look around and he will show you where he is working and will invite you to work with him. So when God moves you, you've got to move! Your earthly hopes can crumble and dissolve. But when you see things from an eternal perspective, it changes everything. Look around! Where is God moving you! Are you in the midst of trials. **Let God use you** like he used the scattered and persecuted Christians to reach a lost world for Christ.