

AMONG THE GREATS



PART 2



How It Started, How It's Going

ACTS 8:1-8



Acts I:6-7

[6] Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

[7] He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.



Acts I:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



Genesis 22:17-18

I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, **and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,** because you have obeyed me.”



Acts 8:1-2

And Saul approved of their killing him.

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

Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.



Acts 8:3

But Saul began to destroy the church.

Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.



THE GOSPEL CHALLENGES DEEPLY HELD CONVICTIONS



John 15:18-21

If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.



John 15:18-21

Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.



Acts 8:4-8

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there.

When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.



Acts 8:8

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Matthew 13:44

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

