

Powerful persecution

Productive persecution

Acts 8:4 (p 1104)

‘And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.... Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.’

Acts 8:1,4 ESVUK

1:8	Jerusalem	→ all Judea	→ Samaria	→ ends of the earth
6:7	Jerusalem			
9:31		→ all Judea and Galilee	→ Samaria	

1. Scattered... like seed... all preaching the word

Matthew 28:16–20 (p 1007); Acts 2:16–18 (p 1096); Acts 17:26 (p 1116)

A handbook for dictators.

2. Case studies:

a) Samaria v4–25

Luke 9:51–56 (p 1045); John 4:9 (p 1071); Ezekiel 37:15–28 (p 877)

b) Ethiopian eunuch v26–40

Isaiah 56:3–8 (p 745)

c) Jesus v32–33

Isaiah 52:13–53:12 (p 742)