

Acts 7

Chapter Guided Discovery

Stephen boldly retells Israel's story, confronts hard hearts, and trusts Jesus even in death.

Scripture Spotlight

Acts 7:55

"But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God..."



CHAPTER SUMMARY

Stephen answers the council by retelling Israel's story from Abraham to Solomon. He shows that God has always led His people, even when they resisted Him. Stephen then confronts the leaders for rejecting God's messengers, sees God's glory, and dies while trusting Jesus.



CORE TRUTH

God's people must listen to His Word with humble hearts. Acts 7 shows that outward religion cannot replace faith, obedience, and surrender to the Lord.



DID YOU KNOW?

Stephen's speech answers the accusations against him by using Israel's own history. He shows that God worked before the temple existed, that His messengers were often rejected, and that God is greater than any building.



QUICK TAKEAWAY

- God keeps His promises through history.
- Joseph and Moses were rejected before God used them.
- God is not limited to a temple building.
- Stephen witnessed boldly under pressure.
- Jesus receives His faithful servants.

1 FILL IN THE BLANKS

WORD BANK

Abraham Joseph Moses idols temple Stephen

1. Stephen began with God's call to _____.
2. God used _____ to preserve Jacob's family during famine.
3. _____ was rejected before God used him to deliver Israel from Egypt.
4. In the wilderness, Israel turned from God and worshiped _____.
5. Stephen taught that God is greater than the _____ Solomon built.
6. The crowd cast _____ out of the city and stoned him.

2 MATCH IT

Abraham

Joseph

Moses

Tabernacle

Solomon

Saul

- A. Built the temple in Jerusalem.
- B. Was present when Stephen was killed.
- C. Was called by God before Israel had the land.
- D. Was rejected by his brothers but later helped save them.
- E. Was the movable worship tent used in the wilderness.
- F. Was rejected before becoming Israel's deliverer.

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Why did Stephen retell Israel's history?
A. To avoid answering the council
B. To show God's faithfulness and Israel's repeated resistance
C. To prove the temple was unimportant to everyone
D. To explain Roman law
2. Which two Old Testament figures show a pattern of rejected deliverers?
A. Joseph and Moses
B. David and Solomon
C. Joshua and Saul
D. Abraham and Pharaoh
3. What did Stephen teach about God and the temple?
A. God needed the temple to be powerful
B. God could only be worshiped in Jerusalem
C. God is greater than buildings made by people
D. God had forgotten His people
4. How did Stephen respond as he died?
A. He denied Jesus
B. He asked Saul for protection
C. He trusted Jesus and prayed with mercy
D. He argued with the crowd

4 PUT IN ORDER

- _____ Stephen warns Israel's leaders about resisting God.
- _____ Stephen begins with Abraham and God's promise.
- _____ Stephen is taken outside the city and stoned while Saul watches.
- _____ Stephen explains how Joseph and Moses were rejected before God used them.
- _____ Stephen is asked to answer the charges.
- _____ Stephen sees God's glory and Jesus at God's right hand.

5 TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ 1. Stephen ignored Israel's history and talked only about himself.
- _____ 2. Stephen showed that God was active before the temple was built.
- _____ 3. Joseph's brothers first treated him with honor and trust.
- _____ 4. Moses was rejected by his own people before leading them out.
- _____ 5. Stephen taught that God could be contained in a human building.
- _____ 6. Saul was present when Stephen was stoned.

6 SHORT ANSWER

1. What pattern did Stephen show from Israel's history?

2. How do Joseph and Moses help explain Stephen's message?

3. What truth about God does Stephen teach when he mentions the tabernacle and temple?

4. What two actions show Stephen's faith at the end of the chapter?



NOTES & THOUGHTS



PERSONAL REFLECTION

In this season I will...



PRAYER PROMPT

Ask the Lord to give you a humble heart that listens to His Word, courage to speak truth with grace, and faith to trust Jesus when following Him is costly.



REMEMBER

A faithful witness may face rejection, but Jesus sees, receives, and strengthens His servants.