

Acts 7

1. Why did Stephen not directly answer the charges against him, but instead recount some of the most important moments in Israel's history? What was the main purpose of Stephen's speech?
2. How did Stephen begin to answer the charges brought against him? (7:1-5) How do you think you would have answered them? What can we learn from Stephen's response?
3. What does Stephen mention that God promised to Abraham? (7:5) What obstacles does he also mention concerning this? (7:5-6)
4. What does God say he wanted the Israelites to do after they came into the Promised Land? (7:7) Is this true for us too?
5. What is mentioned that God gave to Abraham? (7:8) What was its meaning? Why don't we still do this today?
6. In spite of Joseph's troubles, how did God bless him? (7:9-10) In spite of your troubles, how has God blessed you?

12. What was God's assignment to Moses? (7:34) How was this ironic? (7:35) What has been God's assignment to you?

13. What are some of the things that Moses did in leading God's people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land? (7:36,38)

14. What prophecy did Moses give concerning Jesus? (7:37)

15. What kind of words did Moses receive and pass on to us? (7:38) Do you look at them in this way?

16. In what way did the Israelites reject Moses and God? (7:39-41) In what ways do you reject God?

17. How did God punish them? (7:42-43) How has God punished you?

18. What name does Stephen give to the Tabernacle? (7:44) Why?

19. In spite of the fact that Solomon built a temple for the lord, why does Stephen say that the most high does not live in houses made by people? (7:48-50) Where does he live?

20. What charges does Stephen make against the members of the Sanhedrin? (7:51-53) What does “you stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears!” mean? (7:51) Would any of these charges be true against you?

21. What is their response to this? (7:54)

22. What vision did Stephen have at this point? (7:55-56) Have you received visions from God? What were they?

23. What was the Sanhedrin’s response to Stephen’s vision? (7:57-58)

24. What did Stephen do while he was dying? (7:59-60) What does this tell us about Stephen?