

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:44**ACTS 7-1**

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

"THE TESTIMONY OF STEPHEN"
READ Acts 7:1-60

DAY 1 READ Acts 7:1-60

1. What was an interesting thought to you from last week's lesson/lecture?

- 2.a. Review Acts 6:13-14. Why was Stephen on trial?

- b. The high priest asked, "Are these charges true?" Having read all of Acts 7, why do you think Stephen chose to rehearse Israel's history as his defense?

DAY 2 REVIEW Acts 7:1-16

3. Stephen began his defense with a brief history of Abraham. What did God . . .
 - a. command Abraham?

 - b. promise Abraham?

 - c. give Abraham?

4. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons were the patriarchs of old. Briefly explain why each of the following went to Egypt:
 - a. Joseph

 - b. Joseph's brothers

 - c. Joseph's father (Jacob) and all the relatives

DAY 3 REVIEW Acts 7:17-50

5. Stephen continued his defense by telling the story of Moses. From verses 20-22, describe the early years of Moses.

DAY 3 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 7:17-43

- 6.a. When Moses was 40 what was his . . .
 . . . action (vs.24)?

 . . . expectation (vs.25)?
- b. What indicated their ingratitude?
- c. How did Moses react?
- d. Please share a time when you felt like “fleeing” because your actions were not appreciated and how you overcame your hurt feelings.
- 7.a. After _____ years, what did Moses see in the desert near Mt. Sinai?
- b. How do you think acknowledgment of who God is and reverence for Him are prerequisite to service?
- 8.a. What phrases in verse 34 tell of God’s concern for His people?
- b. What does Matthew 10:30 confirm that God has a personal concern for His people?
- 9a. According to Stephen, Moses did what in verse 36?

 . . . said what in verse 37?

 . . . received what in verse 38?
- b. How did the “fathers” accept those living words from God?
10. A history of idolatry would eventually lead God’s people to exile in _____.
11. (IN-DEPTH) For forty years of wandering and throughout the possession of the new land, God was with Israel in the tabernacle of the Testimony. From your Bible knowledge, share an example of how the tabernacle was used or misused by Israel.

DAY 4 REVIEW Acts 7:44-53

- 12.a. David desired to build a house for God, but who finally built it?
 - b. Where does God dwell today according to 1 Corinthians 3:16?
 - c. What do you learn in 1 Peter 2:5 about your part in God's spiritual temple?
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- 13.a. Stephen called the Jewish leaders what?
 - b. He accused them of resisting -
 - . . . persecuting/killing
 - . . . disobeying
- 14. Stephen was in good company in challenging the hypocrisy of the religious leaders. What did Jesus say in Mark 7:6-8?

DAY 5 REVIEW Acts 7:54-60

- 15.a. How did they react?
 - b. Fill in: "But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit looked up to heaven and saw _____, and Jesus _____."
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- 16.a. How did the Sanhedrin vent their anger?
 - b. How do some people today display their unwillingness to hear about Jesus?
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- 17. Saul witnessed the stoning of Stephen. Do you think "witnessing" is as bad as participating? Why or why not?
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- 18.a. What can we learn from Stephen and his attitude toward his persecutors?
 - b. Write these Scriptures that remind us of what to do when facing enemies.
Proverbs 25:21

Luke 6:27-28

1 Thessalonians 5:15

ACTS 7-4

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS:

HISTORY NOTES: See peopleoftheword.online (Archive)
Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274

John Wycliff 1330-1384