



“...Unable to Cope...”

- Our Fathers Hard Hearts & the Church's 1st Martyr”

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“Acts: God's Friends, His Power, & the Ends of the Earth,” pt 7



Acts 6:8 ¶ Stephen, full
of grace and power, did
great wonders and signs
among the people.



Acts 6:9 Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen.

Acts 6:10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.



Acts 6:11 Then they secretly instigated some men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.”*

Acts 6:12 They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council.



Acts 6:13 They set up false witnesses who said,
“This man never stops saying things against this
holy place and the law,
Acts 6:14 for we have heard him say that this
Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will
change the customs that Moses handed on to us.”



Acts 6:15 And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Acts 7:1 ¶ Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?"



Acts 7:2 And Stephen replied: ¶“Brothers and fathers, listen to me. The God of glory appeared to our ancestor Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,*

Acts 7:3 and said to him, ‘Leave your country and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you.’*’



Acts 7:4 Then he left the country of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After his father died, God had him move from there to this country in which you are now living.



Acts 7:5 He did not give him any of it as a heritage, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as his possession and to his descendants after him, even though he had no child.



Acts 7:6 And God spoke in these terms, that his descendants would be resident aliens in a country belonging to others, who would enslave them and mistreat them during four hundred years.



Acts 7:8 Then he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac did likewise to Jacob and Jacob to the twelve patriarchs.



Acts 7:9 ¶ “The patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him



Acts 7:20 At this time Moses was born, and he was beautiful before God. For three months he was brought up in his father's house,
Acts 7:21 and when he was abandoned, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son.



Acts 7:23 ¶ “When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his kinfolk, the Israelites.



Acts 7:25 He supposed that his kinsfolk would understand that God through him was rescuing them, but they did not understand.



Acts 7:27 But the man who was wronging his neighbor pushed Moses aside, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?'

Acts 7:28 Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'



Acts 7:29 When he heard this, Moses fled and became a resident alien in the land of Midian. There he became the father of two sons.



Acts 7:34 I have surely seen the mistreatment of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them. Come now, I will send you to Egypt.'

Acts 7:35 ¶ "It was this Moses whom they rejected when they said, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' and whom God now sent as both ruler and liberator through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.



Acts 7:36 He led them out,
having performed wonders
and signs in Egypt, at the
Red Sea, and in the
wilderness for forty years.



Acts 7:37 This is the Moses
who said to the Israelites,
'God will raise up a prophet
for you from your own
people as he raised me up.'



Acts 7:38 He is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai and with our ancestors, and he received living oracles to give to us.



Acts 7:39 Our ancestors were unwilling to obey him; instead, they pushed him aside, and in their hearts they turned back to Egypt,

Acts 7:40 saying to Aaron, 'Make gods for us who will lead the way for us; as for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.'



Acts 7:44 ¶ “Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen.



Acts 7:48 Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands; as the prophet says,

Acts 7:49 ¶ 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.

What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?

Acts 7:50 Did not my hand make all these things?'



Acts 7:51 ¶ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do.

Acts 7:52 Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers.



Acts 7:53 You are the
ones who received the
law as ordained by
angels, and yet you have
not kept it.”



Acts 7:54 ¶ When they
heard these things, they
became enraged and
ground their teeth at
Stephen.



Acts 7:55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

Acts 7:56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"



Acts 7:57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

Acts 7:58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.



Deut. 5:15 Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.



Acts 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;



Dan. 7:9 ¶ “I kept looking
Until thrones were set up,
And the Ancient of Days took His seat;
His vesture was like white snow
And the hair of His head like pure
wool.
His throne was ablaze with flames,
Its wheels were a burning fire.



Dan. 7:10 “A river of fire was flowing
And coming out from before Him;
Thousands upon thousands were
attending Him,
And myriads upon myriads were
standing before Him;
The court sat,
And the books were opened.



Acts 7:59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."



Luke 23:46 Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Acts 7:60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.



Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing..."

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said, "I see the heavens
opened and the Son of
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right hand of God!"



Eph. 2:3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else,

Eph. 2:4 but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us



Eph. 2:5 even when we were dead through our
trespasses, made us alive together with Christ
—by grace you have been saved—

Eph. 2:6 and raised us up with him and seated
us with him in the heavenly places in Christ

Jesus,



Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—

Eph. 2:9 not the result of works, so that no one may
boast.

Eph. 2:10 For we are what he has made us, created in
Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand so that we may walk in them.*





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