

Stephen's Sermon
Acts 7:1-53

The Accusations

Acts 6:10-14

¹⁰ And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. ¹¹ Then they suborned men, which said, We have **heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God**. ¹² And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council, ¹³ And set up false witnesses, which said, **This man ceases not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law**: ¹⁴ For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

Stephen's Response

v.2-16

I believe God is:

Over all and in control of everything,
specifically the nation of Israel.

Stephen's Response

v.2-16

I believe God:

Made promises and prophecies starting with Abraham, and He fulfilled all of them.

Stephen's Response

v. 2-16

I believe God:

Sent specific men to deliver His people and do
His work.

Israel's Fathers Rejection

v.9

⁹And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him

They rejected God's Plan And God's Man

Stephen's Response

v. 17-37

I believe Moses:

Was prepared by God to deliver Israel from
Egypt.

Stephen's Response

v. 35b

“...the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.”

Stephen's Response

v. 37

I believe Moses:
was a prophet the prophesied the coming of
the Messiah.

Stephen's Response

v. 37

“This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.”

Israel's Fathers Rejection

v.35

They rejected God's Plan And God's Man

Israel's Fathers Rejection

v.35

“This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.”

Stephen's Response

v. 38-43

I believe:

The Law was given by God to Moses

Stephen's Response

v. 38

“This is he (Moses), that was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us”

Stephen's Response

v. 43

I believe :

The rejection of the Law brings punishment.

Stephen's Response

v. 43

“Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon”

Israel's Fathers Rejection

v.42-43

They rejected God's Plan And God's Man.

Israel's Fathers Rejection

v. 39-41

“Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, ⁴⁰ saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ ⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.”

Stephen's Response

v. 44

I believe:

The Temple is not needed for God to interact
with His people.

Stephen's Response

v. 44

I believe:

God is bigger than any building humanity can
make.

Stephen's Response

v. 49-50

“Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things?”

Stephen's Accusation

v. 51-53

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“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye. ⁵² Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: ⁵³ Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it*.”

Stephen's Accusation

v. 51-53

You are ...

Unwilling to Bow to God's will.

Unwilling to Humbly Listen to God's Word.

Resisting the work of the Holy Ghost.

Stephen's Accusation

v. 51-53

This stubbornness led you to betray and murder
the Messiah.

Stephen's Accusation

v. 51-53

You should have known better.

Stephen's Accusation

v. 51-53

You rejected God's Plan and God's Man
just like your Fathers.

My Response

Am I ...

Unwilling to Bow to God's will?

Unwilling to Humbly Listen to God's Word?

Resisting the work of the Holy Ghost?

My Response

Am I rejecting God's Plan?

My Response

Am I rejecting God's Man?