

Questions on Acts chapter 7

1. Do you think it likely that Stephen would receive a fair hearing from the high priest? If not, why? Verse 1.

2. Why did Stephen approach his defense in such an indirect manner? Verse 2.

3. Why did Stephen begin his account with Abraham? Verses 3-4.

4. What land was given to Abraham and his seed and what was the “strange land” in which they should sojourn? Verses 5-6.

5. What did God expect Abraham's seed to do when freed from bondage? Verse 7.

6. What is a patriarch? Verse 8.

7. Why were the patriarchs envious of Joseph? Verse 9.

8. What in the story of Joseph shows that wicked men cannot frustrate God's purpose? Verse 10.

9. What caused the patriarchs to go to Egypt? Verses 11-12.

10. Why did Joseph have to make himself known to his own brethren? Verse 13.

11. According to Stephen, how many went down into Egypt? Verse 14.

12. Who died according to this verse? Verse 15.

13. How would Stephen's speech remind the Jews that God did not have to be worshipped in the temple or in Jerusalem? Verse 16.

14. What promise is meant and what bearing would a change of kings have upon it? Verses 17-18.

15. What was the harsh treatment by the king that affected the Israelites? Verse 19.

16. What caused baby Moses to be “cast out” of his father’s house? Verse 20.

17. How did Pharaoh’s daughter come to adopt Moses and what was fortunate about it? Verses 21-22.

18. What was Moses’ purpose in “visiting his brethren”? Verse 23.

19. What was the Egyptian doing and what did Moses do to the Egyptians? Verse 24.

20. What signal did Moses think his brethren would understand when he smote the Egyptian? Verse 25.

21. What was Moses trying to do the next day? Verse 26.

22. How did the aggressive man react to Moses' intervention? Verse 27.

23. How do you think the man knew about Moses killing the Egyptian? Verse 28.

24. Why did Moses leave Egypt and where was the land of Midian? Verse 29.

25. What is the contrast between the brethren of Moses and the Lord? Verse 30.

26. What did Moses do when he heard the voice of the Lord? Verses 31-32.

27. What was Moses told to do to show reverence? How do we show reverence to God today? Verses 33-34.

28. Who rejected Moses by saying, "Who made thee a ruler and a judge?" Verse 35.

29. Can you name a sign or wonder that was shown in each of the three places? Verse 36.

30. How did Stephen's quotation refute the charge of blasphemy against Moses? Verse 37.

31. Was the church of Christ in existence in Old Testament times? Verse 38.

32. Who, besides Moses, was rejected after showing signs and wonders? Verses 39-40.

33. After leaving Egypt, what did the Israelites worship that constituted idolatry? Verse 41.

34. What was wrong with the slain beasts and sacrifices offered by the Israelites in the wilderness? Verse 42.

35. Where is this quote found in the prophets and what would be the fate of the Israelites? Verse 43.

36. What would showing that the temple was not the first place of worship have to do with the charge against Stephen of blaspheming the holy place? Verse 44.

37. Did any of the generation that left Egypt have a part in building the temple? Verses 45-46.

38. Do you think the council knew what Solomon said about the temple at its dedication? Verse 47. (See 1 Kings 8:27)

39. Where is this quotation found and what bearing does it have on the charge against Stephen? Verses 48-50.

40. How were the terms “stiff-necked,” “uncircumcised in heart and ears” and “always resist(ing) the Holy Ghost” applicable to the council? Verse 51.

41. What four things did Stephen charge against the Jews? Verses 52-53.

42. What is meant by “cut to the heart” and “gnashed on him with their teeth”? Verse 54.

43. Do you think Stephen saw a vision (like John on Patmos) or actually saw the things mentioned? Verse 55.

44. Why do you think Jesus was standing when Stephen saw him? Verse 56.

45. Do you think the conduct of the council was outrageous and out of character? If so, tell us why. Verse 57.

46. If you think the young man named Saul later regretted any part in this murder, tell why you think so. Verse 58.

47. Was what the council did to Stephen legal? If not, why was it not legal? Verse 59.

48. How were the last moments of Stephen's life like those of the Christ? Verse 60.