

Study of Acts

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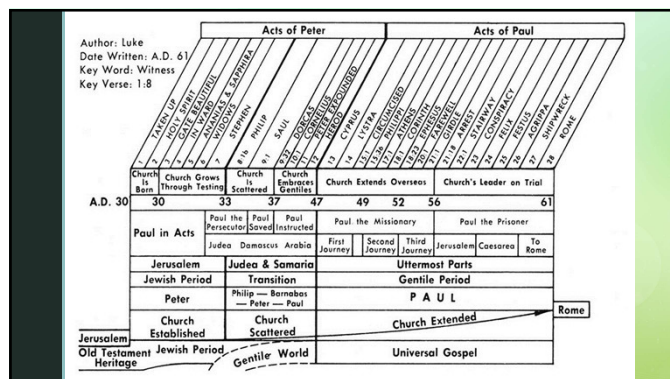
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Acts 7:1-5 ¹Then the high priest said, "Are these things so?" ²And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, ³and said to him, 'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.' ⁴Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell. ⁵And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even *enough* to set his foot on. But even when *Abraham* had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.

- Who are the brethren and fathers?
- Where is Mesopotamia?
- What 4 charges were brought against Stephen last week?
- How does Stephen defend the charge of blasphemy against God and what is the God of glory?
- What disobedience of Abraham does Stephen reveal?

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Acts 7:6-8 ⁶But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress *them* four hundred years. ⁷'And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will judge,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.' ⁸Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so *Abraham* begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve patriarchs.

- What is the fact that God will judge the nation that takes them into bondage?
- What is the covenant of circumcision and how did the Jews of this time view it?
- Why did Stephen refer to the twelve born of Jacob as patriarchs and not as their fathers?

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Acts 7:9-13 ⁹'And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. ¹¹Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance. ¹²But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. ¹³And the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh.

- Why is Stephen bring up the fact that God met with Abram, Joseph, and Moses as his defense?
- What did it mean that God was with him?
- What was the reason the patriarchs sold Joseph and hated him so much?
- Why didn't Joseph reveal himself to his brothers on the first trip to Egypt?

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Acts 7:14-19 ¹⁴ Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people. ¹⁵ So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers. ¹⁶ And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, *the father of Shechem*. ¹⁷ ¹⁸ But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt ¹⁹ till another king arose who did not know Joseph. ¹⁹ This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live.

- Why so much detail about Joseph?
- Where were Jacob and patriarchs buried, why?

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Acts 7:20-22 ²⁰ At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months. ²¹ But when he was set out, Pharaoh's daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son. ²² And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

- How did Stephen defend the charge of blasphemy against Moses?
- Why would Pharaoh's daughter adopt Moses?
- What does it mean Moses was learned in all wisdom?

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Acts 7:23-29 ²³ "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. ²⁴ And seeing one of *them* suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. ²⁵ For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand. ²⁶ And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and *tried* to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' ²⁷ But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?' ²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?" ²⁹ Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

- What is the purpose of Stephen giving a history beginning with Abraham?
- Why did Moses leave Egypt at forty years old for 40 years?
- When was Moses accepted as the leader of the Hebrews in Egypt?

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▼ Wrap up and Closing Prayer

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