



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

Stephen, one of seven good men chosen to care for the widows in chapter 6, presents a lengthy message to the Jewish Council overseen by the High Priest. In this speech, he reminds them of the call of Abraham and the promises made to him. Then he recounts events surrounding the bondage in Egypt and deliverance by Moses. He tells how Israel rebelled against God by worshiping a golden calf. His message is directed toward properly respecting and worshiping God. He explains how their fathers had resisted the prophets and how they themselves had resisted the Holy Spirit in rejecting “the Just One” (Christ). They were incensed by Stephen’s message, cast him out of the city, and stoned him to death.

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

1. *What did the High Priest ask Stephen and why did he answer as he did?*
2. *How does each paragraph in Stephen’s lesson point to Christ?*
3. *How does his message concerning the tabernacle (v. 44f) pertain to them?*
4. *How were the members of the Council “stiff-necked” and “uncircumcised”?*
5. *How is the Divine presence shown during the stoning of Stephen?*

Questions:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.