

## PETER –Stephen’s Defense and Stoning - Acts 7 -

**Memory Verses:** 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; John 20:30,31; Acts 2:38,39;  
Acts 5:29; Genesis 12:1-3

**Bible Drills:** Separate Sheet. Prepare to answer with Bible and Lesson Book closed.

**Review:**

1. How did the Israelites, marching around Jericho, know when to shout? What happened when they shouted? (Joshua 6:5,10,16,20) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Who brought Rahab and her family out of Jericho? (Joshua 6:23) \_\_\_\_\_
3. How did Jesus prove to those present at the healing of the paralytic that He could forgive sins? (Mark 2:10,11) \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to Peter, why did God allow Jesus to suffer and die? How did Peter challenge the listeners? (Acts 3:18-19) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. After the Sanhedrin commanded Peter and John not to talk about Jesus any more, Peter and John (a) stopped preaching in public; (b) said they must obey God rather than men; (c) lost their temper and screamed at the Sanhedrin. (Acts 4:19-20)
6. How did the followers of Jesus help those among their group who were poor in physical necessities? (Acts 4:32-35) \_\_\_\_\_
7. What story of Jesus did Peter and the other apostles tell? Whom did Peter and the other apostles say would receive the Holy Spirit? (Acts 5:29-32) \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Where did the apostles continue teaching in Jerusalem? (Acts 5:42) \_\_\_\_\_
9. For what reason were the seven men chosen in the church in Jerusalem? (Acts 6:1-3) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Those witnesses who spoke falsely against Stephen accused him of \_\_\_\_\_.  
What specific incident did the witnesses relate as proof? (Acts 6:11, 13-14)  
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**Where Are We? Map 1**

1. Label in **blue** the *Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Caspian Sea, Persian Gulf, Jordan River, Euphrates River, Tigris River, and Nile River.*

2. Label in **red** *Haran, Shechem, and Babylon.*
3. Label in **green** *Chaldea, Egypt, Canaan, and Midian.*
4. Label in **brown** *Mount Sinai.*

### **Text Questions:**

1. According to Stephen, who was a man in the Old Testament who left his home and went where God showed him? \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen said that God told Abraham that his descendants would be slaves in a foreign land for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
2. Stephen said that Abraham became the father of \_\_\_\_\_; Isaac the father of \_\_\_\_\_; and Jacob the father of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Stephen said the son of Jacob, who became ruler over Egypt, was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Stephen said the man who led the Israelites out of Egyptian slavery was \_\_\_\_\_. What prophecy did Moses tell the Israelites? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Name the structure used by the Israelites for God's dwelling in the desert. Who built a more permanent structure in Canaan? Where does God really dwell?  
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6. What did Stephen say that made the Jews furious? During his speech, what vision did Stephen see? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did the enraged Jews do to Stephen? Who cared for the coats of the witnesses to Stephen's stoning? What did Stephen do and say while being stoned? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Additional Scriptures**

1. Like Stephen, Jesus was accused of blasphemy – Matt. 26:65-66; Mark 14:61-64
2. Prophecy of a prophet like Moses – Deuteronomy 18:15
3. The fulfillment of God's promise of a new house (the church, see Ephesians 1:22-23), was begun with Jesus' resurrection – John 2:20-22. It was built upon the foundation of the teachings of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone – Ephesians 2:19-21
4. Jesus usually sat at the right hand of God – Hebrews 1:3
5. Witnesses had a chief role in executions – Leviticus 24:14; Deuteronomy 17:7
6. Jesus commended His spirit to God at death – Luke 23:46; Stephen commended his spirit to Jesus – Acts 7:59
7. Paul recalled holding the garments of the executioners – Acts 22:20

### **In A Few Words**

Briefly state what the lesson meant to you and how you can apply it to your life.

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