

STEPHEN'S MARTYRDOM

Acts 6:8-8:40

Key Verse: 7:59

“While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 6:8-7:1. How is Stephen described? (3,5,8,15) Who accused him of what? Why? To whom did he make his defense?
2. Read 7:2-8. How did God call and train Abraham? What did God promise him? Read 7:9-16. How can we see God's providence in the life of Joseph?
3. Read 7:17-29. When and how did God prepare the Israelites to leave Egypt? How did God save and educate Moses? Why did Moses leave Egypt? What training did he receive in Midian? Read 7:30-34. How and why did God call Moses? What is holy ground?
4. Read 7:35-43. What did Moses do as ruler and deliverer? What were the living words and the promise which Moses received and passed on to his people? How did their forefathers begin the history of disobedience and rejection? How did this continue and what was the tragic result?
5. Read 7:44-50. What was the history of the temple? What did Solomon, the temple builder, say about it? How does this answer one charge? Read 7:51-60. How did Stephen rebuke them? When he was being stoned, how did he testify to Jesus?
6. Read 8:1-3. Who was Saul and what did he do? Why? How did God use the blood of Stephen to spread the gospel? What is the spirit of martyrdom?
7. Read 8:4-8. Who was Philip? Describe his evangelistic ministry in Samaria. What can we learn through the Apostles' encounter with Simon? (9-25) Why did Philip leave a large ministry and go to the desert? Describe Philip's one-to-one Bible study (26-40).