



From the Mouth of “The Stoned”

Impromptu Persons of Interest

TWIN CITIES BAPTIST CHURCH

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Interesting Situation

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Acts 6:9-7:1

(9) Disputing with Stephen (not the other way around)

(10) Irresistable Wisdom & Spirit (Spiritual Composure, Not Physical Strength)

(11) When You Lose in Logic, Slander the Man

(12-15) Stir up others & get a **council involved!**

(7:1) “Subject Matter Expert” vs. Sound Doctrine/Logic?

Is This Situation Common or Uncommon?

IF You are GENUINELY living for the LORD, You WILL run into this... A LOT!

2 Tim 3:12 Yea, and all **that will live godly in Christ Jesus** shall suffer persecution.

Simple Yet Sound Qualifications

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Acts 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of **honest report, full of the Holy Ghost** and **wisdom**, whom we may appoint over this business.

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man **full of faith** and of the **Holy Ghost**...

**Furthermore, as we will see...
HE KNEW HIS SCRIPTURES!**

How does YOUR personal testimony compare?

Unique **Sermon** for A Unique **Situation**

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- The Sermon was given **Impromptu** (Ps 119:11; Rom 1:15; 1Pet 3:15)
- It was preached by a man who knew the OT scriptures **under the power of the Holy Ghost** to a bunch of men who knew the OT scriptures BUT **Resisted the Holy Ghost** (Acts 7:51)
 - **None** of his facts were disputed, debated, or corrected
- It was **SO potent** that they'd rather **silence him physically** than **converse** with him publicly **in the spirit of the mind**.

It is definitely a sermon worth studying!

Are there Patterns in the Content, Order, & Details Included?

How Would YOU Summarize the OT?

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On the Spot to a Panel of "Experts?"!



Essential Bible/Doctrinal Topics of Interest

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- Abraham & David
- Partial Obedience
Consistency Over Time
- Big Victories vs. Big Sin
A Heart & Sure Mercies
- Two Covenants
- The 1st verse of
The 40th Book of Matthew
“Comfort ye my people”

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- The Number **40** = Testing
- Three **40** Yr "Spankings"
v.23 Moses I
v.30 Moses II
v.36,42 Moses III
- Two **Prophecies** of Failure
Egypt v.6 400 yrs
Babylon+ v.43
- Law & Grace Moses vs. David

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- Jesus Christ
 - v.37 That Prophet
 - v.20-41 Priest
 - v.9-17 King v.13 Second time
- Antichrists
 - False prophet, priest, & king
 - v.43 Star of Remphan
 - v.40 Aaron
 - v.18-19 Pharaoh
- Solomon: A Double Type
He represents BOTH

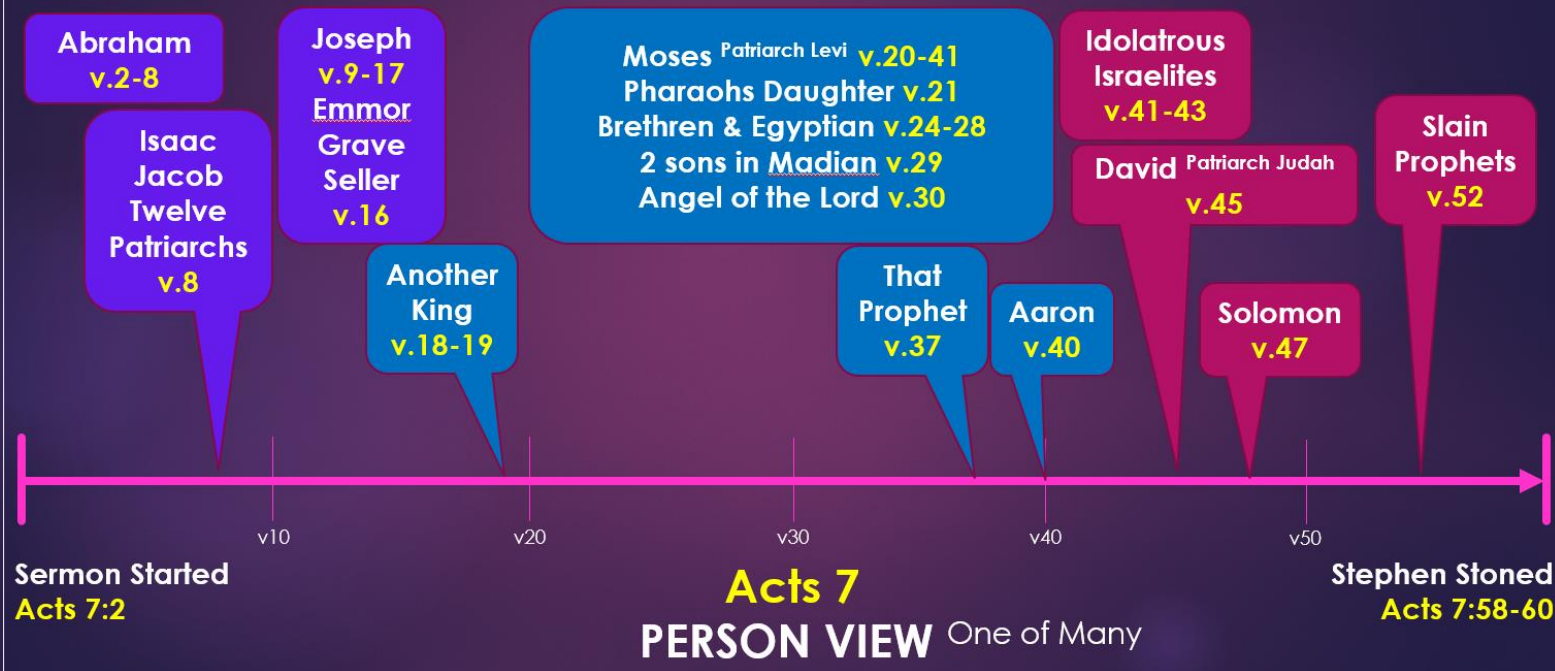
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- The Gospel of 1st Coming
v.52 Death
v.16 Burial
v.10 Resurrection
- The 2nd Coming
v.13 The Revelation
v.47 The Millennium
- The Blindness of Israel
Rom 11:25 A Fact Today
v.52 Despite The Prophets

Ears, Eyes, & Hearts

Isaiah 6:9-10 And he said, Go, and tell this people, **Hear** ye indeed, but understand not; and **see** ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the **heart** of this people fat, and make their **ears** heavy, and shut their **eyes**; lest they **see** with their **eyes**, and **hear** with their **ears**, and **understand** with their **heart**, and convert, and be healed.

Malachi 4:4-6 Remember ye the law of **Moses** my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn **the heart** of the fathers to the children, and **the heart** of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a **curse**.

Ears, Eyes, & Hearts

Acts 7:51-53 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in **heart** and **ears**, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so do ye.

Which of the **prophets** have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it*.

Acts 7:54 When they heard these things, they were **cut to the heart**, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.

The Composure & Peace of One Full of the Holy Ghost & Wisdom

Acts 7:55-60 But he, being **full of the Holy Ghost**, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and **stopped their ears**, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down **their clothes** at a young man's feet, whose name was **Saul**. And they stoned Stephen, **calling upon God**, and saying,

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice,

Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.

And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

How is any of this
Practical?

How Can this Build My Faith?