

ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES

STUDY 27

ACTS 7:44-53

FORMER ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Stephen begins to conclude his recitation of Israel's history by mentioning the "tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness", or, according to the ESV, "the tent of witness". He develops the point that God is not contained by human creations, nor does attention to a temple replace pure hearts.

- 1. Why does Stephen bring up the subject of the wilderness tabernacle at a crucial time such as this, and why does he call it the "tabernacle of testimony", or the "tent of witness"?**

Acts 6:12-14 _____

Matthew 26:59-61 _____

Matthew 12:1-7 _____

John 2:18-22 _____

Exodus 25:16-22 _____

- 2. Stephen summarizes the history of the tabernacle's journey into Canaan until Solomon finally built the temple. It moved with Israel "until the time of David". What made David a man who "found favor in God's sight"?**

Acts 13:21-22 _____

2 Samuel 7:8 _____

Psalms 86:12 _____

Psalms 89:19-37 _____

Ps. 132:1-5 _____

Psalms 138:1-3 _____

1 Chron. 17:1-14 _____

- 3. Since the Jews were accusing Stephen of speaking against the temple and the law, what was he preaching about God and His dwelling place and His mediation of His saving presence among His people?**

Verses 48-50 _____

Mark 11:17 _____

Luke 1:32-33 _____

Hebrews 2:14-18 _____

Hebrews 3:1-6 _____

4. Ultimately, who builds God’s temple, and what is it?

Is. 66:1-2 _____

Is. 57:15 _____

5. Stephen calls the Jews listening to him “stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears”. He further says they are doing just as their fathers did. Where else in Israel’s history do we hear these kinds of declarations about their attitudes and character?

Exodus 32:7-10 _____

Exodus 33:3-6 _____

Leviticus 26:40-42 _____

Isaiah 63:9-10 _____

Jeremiah 6:9-11 _____

Jeremiah 9:25-26 _____

6. Where do we find the evidence and affirmation that Stephen is not exaggerating when he asks, “Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?”

2 Chronicles 36:15-16 _____

Matthew 5:11-12 _____

Matthew 23:29-37 _____

7. Where else do we learn that the Jew rejected the Righteous One and that this Rightoues One was the Lord Jesus?

Acts 3:14-15 _____

Acts 22:14 _____

1 John 2:1-2 _____

Acts 5:27-32 _____

8. How is the indictment against the Jews, that they received the law “as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it,” an accurate statement of their refusal to acknowledge Jesus?

Romans 9:30-33 _____

MEDITATE

How is Israel’s history instructive to you today? How is God asking you to trust Him? What is He asking you to hold loosely so He can plant you in reality?

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” 1 Peter 2:24-25, NIV