

A powerful and fruitful deacon: Stephen

The "seven" appointed in Acts 6 served well in the practical but also had powerful ministry in preaching

I. 6: 8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people

(Acts 6:8-15)

II. Stephen preaches with anointing

(Acts 6:10)

III. The Kangaroo court convenes

7: 1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

IV. Stephen interrupts the lynch mob long enough to provide an insightful and complete overview of the Old Testament: Abraham thru the prophets

- **The calling and covenant with Abraham**

(Acts 7:2-5)

- **Isaac, Jacob and Joseph**

(Acts 7:6-19)

- **Moses**

(Acts 7:20-41)

(The Sanhedrin is now on trial)

- **Stephen now shifts focus to emphasize the historical resistance of Israel toward God**

(Acts 7:42-44)

- **David, Solomon and the Prophets**

Acts 7:45-50)

- **The Divine declaration of the Guiltiness of those who refuse to hear God (Acts 7:51-53)**

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V. Open hatred to the message and the messenger

(Acts 7:54, 57-59)

VI. Standing Ovation for Stephen

(Acts 7:55-56, 59-60)

VII. The single convert

(Acts 7:58, 8:1)