



Acts 7:9-43
Stephen (Part 2)
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C.6.VV.13-14 list the charges against Stephen:

...*"This man never stops speaking against this holy place and the law. For we heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place (the Temple) and change the customs that Moses handed down to us."*

Points from Stephen's Speech:

- **VV.9-10, 17, 29-34:** God has never needed a holy Temple, city, or land to meet with His people.

...*God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow - in heaven and on earth and under the earth - and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
 - Philippians 2:9-11

VV.13, 34: Israel only received Joseph and Moses the second time they came to them. So it shall be with Jesus, Israel's Messiah, at the _____.

"Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the house of David and the residents of Jerusalem, and they will look at me whom they pierced. They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child and weep bitterly for him as one weeps for a firstborn."
 - Zechariah 12:1

On that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the residents of Jerusalem, to wash away sin and impurity.
 - Zechariah 13:1

Cross reference **V.22** with Luke 24:19:
"...Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful in action and speech before God and all the people..."

Cross-reference **V.27** with Luke 19:14 and John 19:15:
*"We don't want this man to rule over us."
 "We have no king but Caesar!"*

- **V.30:** Israel's rejection of God's deliverer (Moses)
 _____ her _____
 by 40 years.

*Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
 There they behold thy mercy-seat;
 Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
 And every place is hallowed ground.*
 - William Cowper

- **V.35:** Israel's history reveals a _____ of _____ the rulers and deliverers God sends.

To study this further, see Jesus's "Parable of the Vineyard Owner" in Matthew 21:33-46.

...*"Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Isn't this what we told you in Egypt: Leave us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."*
 - Exodus 14:11-12

- **V.36:** Israel's refusal to believe God's promises
 _____ her _____ into the Promised Land by 40 years.

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. - Exodus 18:15

I (God) will raise up for them a prophet like you (Moses) from among their brothers. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. I will hold accountable whoever does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name.
- Exodus 18:18-19

"This truly is the Prophet who is to come into the world." - John 6:14

- **V.39:** Israel's ancestors loved _____ more than they loved the _____.

This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed. - John 3:19-20

Cross reference **VV.42-43** with Romans 1:21-32.

- **VV.42-43:** Israel's ancestors loved _____ more than the Living God.