

“The Message Stephen Died For” Part One

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What happened to Helen?

Introduction: Are you ready to give reasons for your hope? (1 Pet. 3:15) Do you have hope? Stephen was ready and directs you and me to the Redeemer, Jesus Christ!

The setting: Stephen before the council (Acts 6:8-12)

The accusation against him (6:13-14)

The high priest’s question to Stephen: “Are these things so?” (7:1)

Stephen’s answer: A short history of Israel (7:1-53)

1. Begins with “the God of glory”! (v. 1)

2. God and Abraham (vs. 1-8)

3. God and Joseph (vs. 9-17)

- Joseph rejected by the patriarchs
- God’s kind patience—Rescue through Joseph

4. Moses, a type of Christ (vs. 18-44)

- Unlikely (vs. 20-22)
- Rejected by his people (vs. 23-29)
- God-sent ruler and redeemer (v. 35)
- Worked signs and wonders (v. 36)
- Predicted Christ (v. 37)
- Conveyed God’s truth (v. 38)
- Refused for dead religion and idolatry (vs. 39-42)

Response