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**J**esus Ascends to Heaven

**E**stablishment of the NT Church

**S**alvation of a Lame Beggar

**U**nleashing of Persecution vs the Church

**S**in in the Church (Ananias and Sapphira)

**I**nfluence of Diligent Deacons

**S**tephen Stoned to Death for the Faith

**A**broad with Philip (Samaria and Gaza)

**L**ife Comes to Saul/Paul

**I**mpartation of Salvation to Cornelius and His Household

**V**erification of Gentile Salvation by Grace through Faith

**E**xecution of James/Escape of Peter

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The High Priest's Question 7:1

Stephen's Response 7:2-53

The Patriarchal Age 7:2-8

The Nation in Egypt (7:9-19)

The Rejection of Moses by the Nation (7:20-39)

The Discipline of the Nation by God (7:40-43)

The Tabernacle and the Temple (7:44-50)

The Rejection of Christ by the Nation (7:51-53)

# **Stephen's Martyrdom 7:54-8:4**

**Results in Intensified Persecution vs the Church Under Saul**

## **Take This To Heart**

Stephen's Life/Death Is a Stellar Example of the Fact That True Biblical Discipleship  
Involves Living on Earth with a Heavenly Perspective

Stephen's Stand for the Savior Led to a Rejection by the World/a Painful Death on  
Earth But a Standing Ovation by Jesus Himself in Heaven

**Martus = witness.....modern English word martyr**

Moses' Early Years (7:20-29)

Moses' Call by God (7:30-34)

The Nation's Rejection in the Wilderness (7:35-39)

Men of whom the world is not worthy...

