

# The Book Of Acts - Chapter 6 & 7

## *Continuing* Part 1: The Witness in Jerusalem (1:1–8:4)

### I. The Power of the Church (1:1 – 2:47)

### II. The Progress of the Church (3:1 – 8:4)

- A. Peter Heals the Lame Man (3:1-11)
- B. Peter's Second Sermon (3:12-26)
- C. Peter and John Are Put into Custody (4:1-4)
- D. Peter Preaches to the Sanhedrin (4:5-12)
- E. Sanhedrin Commands Peter Not to Preach (4:13-22)
- F. Apostles' Prayer for Boldness (4:23-31)
- G. Early Church Voluntarily Shares (4:32-37)
- H. Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11)
- I. Apostle' Mighty Miracles (5:12-16)
- J. Apostles' Persecution (5:17-42)
- K. Men Appointed to Serve (6:1-7)

### → L. **Stephen is Martyred (6:8-7:60)**

1. How is Stephen described? What did some men accuse him of?
2. As Stephen begins his sermon, what does he remind the Jews of?
3. At the end of the sermon what did Stephen accuse his audience of?
4. How did his audience react? What laws did they break?
5. What did Stephen see as he was stoned to death? Why is this so unusual?
6. How long is Stephen's recorded message (# of verses)?

How long are the other previously recorded sermons in Acts (ex. Peters' in ch. 1; ch. 3; ch. 4)?

Why does Luke - not only record Stephen's message, but - include it with such detail and in such length?

What is his purpose in preserving the extended text of Stephen's message that chronicles Jewish history through the pages of the Old Testament?

Why? He surely has a purpose. What could it be