

## 44-Acts-Pt07-Transcript

well good evening and welcome back thanks for joining us again we're now going to study Acts chapter 7 and the book of Acts or this particular chapter specifically deals with some difficult subject matter and if we have a heart for truth we'll accept it if we don't I think we're going to be challenged by it and as Winston Churchill said men occasionally stumble over the truth but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened if we're guided by the Holy Spirit that will not be our case let's begin with prayer and then let's get right into Acts chapter 7 Heavenly Father we come before you and we thank you Lord for Jesus Christ and we thank you for the Holy Spirit and how it guides us into all truth and we pray father that the truth will set us free and that we will really have a love for truth and we pray that you'll be with us this evening and give us that appetite father to be like the Bereans to search the Scriptures to see if these things are so we thank you Lord and we ask your blessing now in Jesus name

so let's get right into Acts chapter 7 we left off in chapter 6 with Stephen being falsely accused by by men who were hired to be false witnesses and now the high priest asks him he says then said the high priest are these things so so now you have a chance to defend yourself Stephen and he said men and brethren listen the god of glory appeared unto our father Abraham so so this is fantastic he starts with a story and stories are very powerful the storyteller is very powerful and people will listen to a story especially if

it's about them and and puts them in a good light so the fact that he's now talking about Abraham the father of the faith they're loving this they know that they're the chosen people they're the special people they will be in their positions of power the of their lineage down from from Abraham the god of glory appeared unto our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia before he dwelt in Quran and said unto Him gets you out of your country and from your kindred and come into the land which I will show you then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Quran and from there when his father was dead he removed him into this land were in you now dwell so he's giving them that the background they would all agree with this they would understand that that's how they've come to inherit this land and he came he gave Abraham none inheritance in it no not so much as to set his foot on yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession and to his seed after him when as yet he had no child so here's this kind of awkward situation where God of Israel that the Almighty God the Creator has given this promise to Abraham yet Abraham has no children and Abraham never stepped foot in the land and yet we know God is faithful God spoke on this why's that his seed should sir gern in a strange land and that they should bring them into bondage and entreat them evil for hundred years and the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge said God and after that shall they come forth and serve me in this place and he gave him the Covenant of circumcision and so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him the eighth day and Isaac begat Jacob and

Jacob begat with the twelve patriarchs  
as I'm reading this I'm just mindful  
that this is the longest sermon in the  
book of Acts and we have to ask  
ourselves why it's entitled acts of the  
Holy Spirit

Stephen is not a sorry acts of the we  
entitled it acts of the Holy Spirit it's  
entitled acts of the Apostles and  
Stephen is not an apostle and yet Luke  
takes pains to gather this sermon that's  
that Stephen the Deacon gave and gives  
him more airtime than anybody else as  
far as sermons go so let that kind of  
percolate in the back of our minds as to  
why why why is a Stephen sermon taking  
such a prime space from this author's  
perspective why does he give him so much  
space so he goes on to say a verse 9 and  
the patriarchs moved with envy sold  
Joseph into Egypt but God was with him  
so this now so he starts out with them  
fully agreeing and they probably don't  
even realize that this is the first body  
blow so it's gonna be a several body  
blows and then it's gonna be a knockout  
punch so they're going along and feeling  
very special yep yep we're tracking with  
this we know where the special people  
were the people that God has chosen and  
yet what he's saying here is even though  
God chose the patriarchs he was working  
in Joseph to set Joseph up as a ruler  
over them and not only as a ruler but as  
a savior and yet they were moved with  
envy they didn't want him having that  
position of rulership and so he's  
setting them up now to understand that  
Jesus Christ is like Joseph he is a  
ruler and he's a savior and he's a ruler  
for your benefit he's a ruler so that he  
can give you salvation and yet they  
reject him and so this is the first body  
block to show them that just being the

being chosen as the people of God is no guarantee that you are actually the people of God that you can actually become the people of the devil even though God chose you so the patriarchs were moved with the devil's spirit of envy against Joseph even though Joseph was chosen by God and herein if we look in verse 37 of Surak chapter 37 of Genesis to look at the account that he's referring to it says for behold Joseph is speaking we were binding sheaves in the field he's talking about his dream and lo my sheaf arose and also stood upright and behold your sheaves the round about and made obeisance to my sheaf I'm just telling you what I dreamt and his brethren said to him shall you indeed reign over us or shall you indeed have dominion over us and they hated him yet the more for his dreams and for his words and yet this dream is for their benefit

Joseph is being raised up for their benefit but they're moved with envy they're moved with hatred

I need dreamed yet another dream so two witnesses he dreamed another dream and told it to his brethren and said behold I have dreamed the dream more and behold the Sun and the moon and the Eleven stars made obeisance to me and he told it to his father into his brethren and his father rebuked him and said unto him what is this dream that you have dreamed shall I and your mother and your brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to you on the earth so so the father's a bit annoyed he doesn't understand it it doesn't say that he's moved with hatred or Envy he's just annoyed and it's causing problems in the family and it's brethren and meet him but his father observed the same so his

father wasn't moved with envy but the brothers were moved with envy and hatred even though they are the descendants of Abraham and they are selected by God back to acts 7 and delivering him that is Joseph out of all of his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Canaan and great affliction and our fathers found no sustenance but when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt he sent our fathers first and that the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers and Joseph's kindred was made known unto then sent Joseph and called his father Jacob to him and all his kindred 75 people so Jacob went down into Egypt and died he and our fathers and were carried over into Sikkim and laid in the seppuku sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of amor the father of Sikkim but when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham the people grew and multiplied in Egypt so God always fulfills his promises till another king arose which didn't know Joseph the same dealt subtly with our kindred and evil entreated or treated our fathers so that they cast out their young children to the end that they might not live so we see this constant destruction of children coming from the devil and here we see no kind of beginning in Egypt or even before that with Bob with Babylon but here we see them wanting to destroy the children and basically rid the Egypt of the nation of Israel in which time Moses was born and was exceeding fair and nourished up in his father's house three months and when he was cast out

pharaoh's daughter took him up and  
nourished him for her own son so they're  
tracking with this this is all the  
history that they know and they love  
this this again it's reinforcing that  
they're the special people and Moses was  
learned in all the wisdom of the  
Egyptians and was mighty in words and  
deeds and when he was full 40 years old  
it came into his heart to visit his  
brethren the children of Israel here  
comes another body block and seeing one  
of them suffer wrong he defended him and  
avenged him that was oppressed and smote  
the Egyptian so he's protecting now that  
the Israelite for he supposed as Joseph  
did that they would just accept this  
that he's the one being raised up for  
their benefit he supposed his brethren  
would understand how about God by his  
head  
would deliver them so so he would be  
raised up as a ruler and a deliverer  
Joseph was raised up as a ruler and a  
deliverer Moses is being raised up as a  
ruler and a deliverer and he thought  
they would understand this but they  
didn't understand and the next day verse  
26 he showed himself unto them as they  
strove and would have set them at one  
again saying sirs you are brethren why  
do you wrong one another so he's got the  
vision he wanted to bring the nation  
together bring the nation out of bondage  
and like we shouldn't be fighting one  
another but he that did his neighbor  
wrong thrust him away so so he's done  
his neighbor wrong thrusts him away that  
is Moses saying who made you a ruler and  
a judge over us while the answer is God  
but he doesn't understand so what makes  
you think you're better than us will you  
kill me as you did the Egyptian  
yesterday this is a threat he's

basically saying I will report you to the Egyptian authorities then fled Moses at this threat at this same and was a stranger in the land of Midian where he had two sons and when 40 years has expired - now he's 80 there appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush when Moses thoughts are let me just turn off this so now he saw it there he wondered what the site is and as he drew near to it behold the voice of the Lord came to him saying I am the God of your father's the God of Abraham the god of Isaac the God of Jacob then Moses trembled and dared not behold so they're tracking what this is is lovely then set the Lord to him put off your shoes from your feet for the place where you stand is holy ground I have seen I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt and I have heard their groaning and I'm come down to deliver them so God will always deliver his people we don't always know how but he always will because his promises faithful its promises truth and he made this promise to Abraham and he will fulfill it so he will deliver them and in this case he's gonna deliver them through Moses and now come I will send you into Egypt this Moses and now here here comes the next body law so first was Joseph set up as a ruler and the deliverer now it's Moses set up as a ruler and a deliverer this Moses whom they refused saying who made you a ruler and a judge the same the same Moses did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in

the bush he brought them out after that he showed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness forty years so this is the most of the one that they rejected he's the one that brought them out and then had all these miracles that he was showing them for in in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness this is that Moses which said unto the children of Israel okay so now this is the same Moses that they rejected that that delivered them that did miracles among them that said to them a prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren like unto me him shall you hear him shall you obey this is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spoke to him in the Mount Sinai and with our fathers who received the lively Oracle's to give unto us to whom our fathers would not obey here comes the next body block to whom our fathers even though they're descendants of it of Abraham they wouldn't obey Him but thrust him from them and in their hearts they turned back again to Egypt so so they were in Egypt for 400 years in bondage the cruelest of treatment they were crying out for a deliverer God sent the Moses they rejected Moses God established Moses of the ruler and a savior a deliverer and and delivered them from their bondage despite their rebellion and then he told them that there's gonna be another prophet like me to whom our fathers would not obey but thrust him from them and in their hearts they turned back again to their slave masters saying unto Aaron and to the religion of their slave masters saying unto Aaron make us gods to go before us for as for this Moses which brought us



out of the land of Egypt we do not know what has become of him so this pagan religion which they were involved in in Egypt which came out of Babylon from Nimrod and spread to all nations Egypt was just one of the nations that it spread to and God divided the languages they took there Nimrod concepts with them to their different lands and so the the Nimrod religion came into Egypt and they turned back to it because they didn't know what Moses was taking too long

and they made a calf in those days so this would be the Egyptian a bull God with the horn like a crescent moon and the Sun in the middle and we do not know what has become of him they made him they made a calf in those days and offered sacrifice unto the idol that is that the Nimrod God and rejoiced in the works of their own hands and then there's a lot of sexual immorality involved in this worship then moves back to acts 7 here 42 then God turned and gave them up to worship the hosts of heaven

so this Nimrod religion in which was in Egypt which was in Babylon which went to Assyria which went all over the world it's all about worshipping the hosts of heaven and he gave them up to do that as it is written in the book of the prophets oh you house of Israel have you offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of 40 years in the wilderness is that what you did yeah you took up the tabernacle of moloch this is the the Baha that the pagan god called different names in different nations here he's called Moloch you took up the tabernacle of moloch instead of worshipping me in the wilderness for 40 years this is what you did you took up

the tabernacle of moloch and the star of  
your god remphan figures which you made  
to worship them and I will carry you  
away beyond Babylon  
so something terrible happened here to  
this chosen nation the the the  
ambassador nation of God the people who  
were to lead all the world God said to  
Abraham in you shall all the nations of  
the world be blessed his idea being then  
to set up this model nation that would  
bless the whole world instead of  
teaching leading Egypt they went back to  
Egypt and allowed Egypt to - to lead  
them and here they're worshiping the  
tabernacle of moloch which is where they  
sacrifice their their babies into the  
furnace of Moloch Moloch has this  
appetite for for babies human sacrifice  
and so they were the Jews and the  
Israelites were performing human  
sacrifice and notice here this is  
something that we can just read over  
that they were worshiping the star of  
their god remphan  
so we've got to ask ourselves who is  
remphan who is remphan  
let's first turn to Wikipedia to see  
what does it say about REM fan and here  
it says bream fan if we just saw he's  
talking about the Greek it's the Hebrew  
kyon or : the Greek forms are probably  
simple mistakes for the Hebrew and so  
they're translating from and notice here  
it says key one is probably the old  
Babylonian Colwyn Kiawah know the planet  
Saturn hmm so the Israelites turned back  
to their gods and turned back to the  
worship of Saturn which is what each of  
the Egyptians were doing the Egyptians  
were worshipping Saturn and in fact  
every nation worships theirs every  
ancient civilization there's evidence of  
them worshipping Saturn and and you know

even every religion worships Saturn and in the Christian religion we have Christmas which is really based on Saturnalia Saturnalia and so these ancient ideologies they have long shadows and they cascade down into our time and even proof of that is our days of the week you know we've got Sunday which is the day of the Sun Moon day tweezeed a the god of twists Wooden's day the god Woden Thor's day the god Thor fridge ease day on Friday that's Venus and then Saturn day Saturday so so these ancient ideologies are still with us in the present time and and here we see a jerk worshipping remphan and the Israelites turning to remphan so he says you were worshipping the star now the the Jews have this star that they call the Star of David which I think sits on their flag that'll be Israelite flag we all accept okay this is the Star of David and we even see Christians wearing this Star of David but this is the star of remphan this has absolutely nothing what what does this have to do with David where where is evidence that David ever had this star there is no evidence in fact the only evidence we have of where this star comes from is not from David David was faithful in all his heart he have totally turned to God Solomon was a problem and if we look at the scripture here with Solomon in first Kings 11 it says for Solomon went after asheroth the goddess of the zidonians so there's always this male/female energy in in pagan worship and male-female Union in pagan worship and that's part of what this hexagram is it's two triangles one inverted coming together showing the male-female energy coming together and

and Solomon went after ashtoreth the goddess of the sidonians and after milcom the abomination of the ammonites and Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord and went not fully after the Lord as did David his father then did Solomon build a high place for chemos the abomination of Moab in the hill that is before Jerusalem and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon so all these nations have these different gods they call it different names but it's the same ideology that they got from Nimrod and they're all worshipping Nimrod who is a proxy for the devil and they're all in the same it's the same religion going across all civilizations and so with these women that he married they're there instead of him taking the truth out to these nations as God intended he's bringing their false ideologies into Israel and likewise did he for all his strange wives and burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods and then you'll see here that Israel then is corrupted by Solomon's idolatry and so now God says through Amos to the Israelites after Solomon I hate I despise your feast days so they've now mixed up their religion they're keeping the feast days but they're worshipping rod and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies so the incense he's not going to accept it though you offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings so they're trying to worship God but they're worshipping Nimrod as well I will not accept them neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts take you away from me the noise of your songs for I will not hear the melody of your vile so you know we can be worshipping God and doing all this keeping the feast singing and we think

that we're doing a great job and God has rejected us as he has Israel because we're mixing pagan worship with art with the worship of the true God but let judgment run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream have you offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years a house of Israel but you have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Cleon your images the star of your God which you made you to yourselves therefore I will cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus as the Lord whose name is the God of hosts so from way back because of Solomon they started dabbling and Solomon got into the occult he got into magic and in fact if we look at in Wikipedia if we look at the Star of David just for a second if we look at the Star of David it says here the the Star of David if we just scroll down is generally recognized is a generally recognized symbol of modern Jewish identity in Judaism it has nothing to do with David its shape is that of a hexagram the compound of two equilateral equilateral triangles which is an occult abomination it's basically saying as above so below male/female energy coming together unlike the menorah the line of Judah the shofar the Lulla of the Star of David was never a uniquely Jewish symbol and you see that here when you look at these different as hexagrams they're in every culture they're in every false religion because it's an occult pagan very filthy symbol and and when Solomon dabbled with his wives he brought that symbolism and that magic into Israel and they continued with it and then God rejected

their worship and if we look then this is a it's actually called the the Seal of Solomon not the not not the Star of David so it's known as the Star of David but it's actually the Seal of Solomon and so here when we look up the Seal of Solomon it says here the khatam Suleiman is the signet ring attributed to King Solomon in medieval Jewish tradition later also in Islamic and Western occultism and and even the what are these freemasons called they're they make a big deal of the Seal of Solomon in the hexagram you know the idea of putting a hex on somebody it was depicted either in a pentagram or a hexagram shape the latter is also known as the Star of David in Jewish tradition II that has nothing to do with David the Ring variously gave Solomon the power to command demons genies or jinn or to speak with animals and it goes on to say what it did for him so so he dabbled and then that's what caused the Israelites to get into that as well and so this star this symbol is an occult symbol of the worship of Moloch and the god remphan and we saw that remphan is actually Saturn and so this this star quote call it the Seal of Solomon is actually also picturing a cube and you see that these Saturn worshipers make a big deal of the cube and that's because Saturn and so you'll see these occultists all over the world make a big deal of the black cube the black cube is a big deal for them and certainly we see that today with with the Islamic tradition and so the other thing that's really interesting is every nation worship center and when they look into cosmology and also legend what they find is Saturn was once this

it seems like it was once the center of the solar system that it was the true Sun and then something happened and it was replaced by our Sun today there seem to be some catastrophic event and it's replaced by our Sun today and so here we're looking at the Hajj and and today all these Arabs and all these nations are closed but before Mohammed they were doing this they were worshipping the black cube and they would do it naked the same way the worship of Baal that there it's a male-female energy and sexual religion and so it's the very same thing and so we see now this depiction of crescent moon and star male and female energy in every culture it's in every culture every ancient culture around the world and what they're realizing now is that star or that if the Sun and Moon that Sun is not our Sun it's actually when they study these cultures it is actually speaking of Saturn the ancients were worshipping the Sun called Saturn and Saturn is the only planet that actually has energy and can heat the objects around it but they say something cataclysmic happened and caused Saturn to be replaced by our current Sun and that actually lines up with Scripture if we look at the scripture and we look at I'll actually come back to it later Genesis 1 verses 1 2 3 where it's very clear that something happened and God establishes the Sun and says let there be light but there was light before and I'll come back to that later to show that it does line up that it's perfectly feasible that Saturn was the original son of our solar system and then it was replaced and and somehow Satan is turning everybody back to Saturn and and these Saturn death cults these Saturn

occult movements and they're all over the world in every culture they're all about control they're all about the same Nimrod agenda that we see in Genesis 11 where he establishes a religion and a political movement to control and capture mankind and harness them as slaves and we see that everywhere and you'll see with what we have to escape this false religion and come into a relationship with Christ and fundamental to true Christianity we see it here in Isaiah 61 verse 1 the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me that is Christ because the Lord has appointed anointed me to preach good news unto the meek he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim Liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound so there's this saturon occult death cult worship a control system control agenda and Christ comes to release us from this control to proclaim Liberty to the opening of the prison and in 2nd corinthians 3 verse 17 he says that now the Spirit the Lord is that spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom there is Liberty so we're you know people are rejecting Christ but what are they getting in place they're getting bondage they're getting control where every movement every every day is dictated to you and you're manipulated Christ doesn't want that he's given us free will and he wants us to exercise our free will and come to love him come to realize how beautiful he is that that he only wants good news for us and so we he doesn't want robots who just bow down to him because we're told he wants people who who love him he wants a family and so wherever true covenant relationship with God is there's freedom God doesn't want



us to be forced  
and yet wherever there's worship of  
Saturn there's force and compliance and  
occult worship and human sacrifice  
continuing in acts verse 44 our fathers  
had the tabernacle of witness in the  
wilderness as he had appointed speaking  
unto Moses that he should make it  
according to the fashion that he had  
seen which also our fathers that came  
after brought in with Jesus into the  
possession of the Gentiles when God  
drove out before the face of our fathers  
unto the days of David who found favor  
before God and desired to find her  
Tabernacle for the God of Jacob but  
Solomon built him a house howbeit the  
most high dwells not in the temples made  
with hands as says the Prophet heaven is  
my throne earth is my footstool what  
house will you build me says the Lord or  
what is the place of my rest has not my  
hand made all these things now notice  
when he gets to Solomon that's when  
everything changes so he's answering a  
question and he gives them this story  
which they're going to agree with they  
love the story but through the story are  
these body blows showing them that God  
is constantly trying to help them  
constantly trying to bless them  
constantly trying to deliver them but  
that requires government that he's  
sending somebody over them in order to  
lead them to Liberty and every single  
time  
they reject they reject they reject they  
push back  
they hate they're filled with envy and  
then he comes to Solomon which Solomon  
was a disaster yes Solomon was chosen by  
God but he was a disaster  
and when he comes to Solomon then  
finally now he says you stiff-necked and

uncircumcised in heart and ears so they were tracking this story thinking was a story about how wonderful they are and how chosen they are when in fact it was a story about their rebellion despite God choosing them they have always had the spirit of rebellion and rejecting the profits that God has sent them you stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears you to always resist the Holy Spirit it's in your DNA as your father's did so do you which of the prophets have not your father's persecuted and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the just one of whom you have been now the betrayers and murderers who have received the law by the disposition of angels and have not kept it you have not kept the law so remember this whole story this whole sermon he's answering the question which we began with which was are these things so tell us are these things so what things remember when last week were in Acts chapter 6 and in verse 13 he says they set up false witnesses which said this man ceases not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us and all that sat in the council looking steadfastly on him saw his face as it had been the face of an angel so so here is this man speaking to them looking like an angel maybe like Moses did shining that way but they want to know is it true that he's speaking against the temple he's speaking against Jerusalem is he speaking against the law is he is he going to the truth to change the customs that Moses sent them and so he starts telling this story which

basically juxtaposes Israel against the law  
it just opposes Israel against Moses it just opposes Israel against the holy prophets and so when when they're saying you know are these things so his answer is yes they are I am speaking against you I am speaking against this temple you trust in this temple but you trust in lying words as jeremiah said so he's actually showing them that the prophets were constantly speaking against them they have a heart of rebellion and he's coming in the spirit of the prophets to tell them you are in rebellion and so yes these are not lost they're not blasphemous words but I am speaking into this temple and I am telling you that Jesus Christ is coming to punish you if you do not repent so when they heard these things they were cut to the heart and they gnashed on him with their teeth now you know we think that Christianity needs to be the sort of mamby-pamby softie Tofte you know just just be so soft that's not Christianity and that wasn't Jesus Christ Christians follow Christ there's a time to be soft there's a time to be quiet and hold your peace there's also a time to speak out and Luke is writing here about Stephen who is speaking against them in the harshest of ways you stiff-necked and uncircumcised of heart and he's speaking to the high priest he's speaking to the all of the people there while all of the scribes and the pharisees and the sadducees but the loop takes pains to tell us stephen is filled with the Holy Spirit  
Stephen his face is shining like an angel that's how much as he is filled with the Holy Spirit so this act is an act of the Holy Spirit it's an act of

love and we know it's an act of love  
because when they kill him  
he says forgive them Lord they don't  
know what they're doing  
so clearly he is speaking out of love  
for them he wants them to repent they're  
there in a bad way they're heading to a  
terrible place and he's trying to pull  
them out of the fire and he's actually  
again Luke is showing that it's the acts  
of the Holy Spirit which means it's the  
acts of Christ and and and this is very  
much like what Matthew records with with  
Jesus in Matthew 23 races woman to you  
scribes and Pharisees the very same  
people that Stephen is addressing you  
hypocrites for you are like unto whited  
Sepulcher which indeed appear beautiful  
outward but are within full of dead  
men's bones and all and of all  
uncleanness you're horrible inside even  
though you have this really  
disappearance you know what's in your  
heart even so you also outwardly appear  
righteous unto men so it so men are  
looking at you and they're taking it  
they're thinking this is your holy  
people but God knows but within you are  
full of hypocrisy and iniquity woe unto  
you when when Christ says well this is  
what Peter's trying to save them from  
I'm sorry this is what Stephens trying  
to save them from that's why so he's  
trying to shock them out of their their  
complacency  
whoa quite Christ is pronouncing a curse  
on them woe unto you scribes and  
Pharisees hypocrites because you build  
the tombs of the prophets and garnish  
the sepulchers of the righteous and say  
if we had been in the days of our  
fathers we would not have been partakers  
with them in the blood of the prophets  
oh really well you killed Christ and now

you're about to kill Stephen wherefore  
you are witnesses unto yourselves that  
you are the children of them which  
killed the prophets oh so the crisis  
thing you're acknowledging that this is  
in your DNA you're acknowledging that  
you that you are the children of those  
who killed the prophets you're just  
saying that you wouldn't do it okay well  
let's see fill you up then the measure  
of your father's you serpents you  
generation of vipers how can you escape  
the damnation of Hell and this is what  
Stephen is trying to pull them out of  
and sometimes we as Christians following  
Christ inspired by the Holy Spirit  
sometimes with wisdom we may have to be  
harsh we may have to be tough tough love  
but it always has to be from a place of  
love not a place of anger and and and  
Stephen wasn't angry he was he was  
loving he wanted to shake them out of  
their a comatose state therefore behold  
I send unto you prophets and wise men so  
Stephen was a wise man and scribes and  
some of them you shall kill and crucify  
so Christ is telling them this is what  
you say that if you were in the time of  
Moses you wouldn't have behaved like  
you're your forefathers okay you're you  
you born Christ the saying you born  
witness that you are of the children of  
those who killed the prophets now to  
test you I'm going to send you prophets  
and wise men and scribes and some of  
them you  
kill and crucify and some of them you  
shall scourge in your synagogues and  
persecute them from city to city  
now the apostles were told you need to  
be my martyrs I'm gonna fill you with  
the Holy Spirit you need to go and  
proclaim this message so they knew what  
was coming Christ told them over and

over again this is what's going to come  
yet the Holy Spirit gave them that  
boldness to preach the truth you shall  
know the truth and the truth shall set  
you free and part of that freedom is  
freedom from fear of death because we  
understand the resurrection Christ was  
resurrected we know that we will be  
resurrected he's the firstborn from the  
dead we know that we will be born again  
therefore I'm gonna send you because you  
said that you wouldn't do this and I  
know that you would I'm gonna send you  
prophets and they're gonna bear witness  
of me and wise men and scribes and so  
then you'll kill and crucify and some of  
them you will scourge in your synagogues  
and persecute them from city to city and  
we're watching that unfolding in the  
book of Acts that upon you may come all  
the righteous blood shed upon the earth  
when Christ says woe woe unto you he's  
not kidding and this is what Stephens  
trying to save them from you know it's  
actually hatred if you know that  
somebody's heading to this kind of curse  
and you show up and say well I guess I  
guess you just have a different opinion  
than me and oh well I'll just keep quiet  
that's hatred what Stephen did is love  
and and we need to put some backbone in  
Christianity and get rid of the wishbone  
you know I wish things were different  
put some backbone where the wishbone is  
and put some boldness and some Holy  
Spirit and have wisdom to know how to  
answer  
sometimes you answer a fool according to  
his folly sometimes you don't but the  
Holy Spirit should give us that wisdom  
but we should certainly not be weak and  
just soft and just pathetic we should  
have the power of Christ in the power of  
the Holy Spirit so he says here this is

this is what's gonna come upon them all  
the blood of all the righteous blood  
shed upon the earth from from Abel and  
all of that blood is gonna come upon  
them that is quite the curse from the  
blood of righteous Abel there it is unto  
the blood of zechariah  
Inaba Barack Barack is whom you slew  
between the temple and the altar the  
early I say unto you all these things  
shall come upon this generation o  
Jerusalem Jerusalem you that kill the  
prophets and stone them which are sent  
unto you how often again this is the  
love the Christ has for them how often I  
would have gathered my children together  
even as a hen gathers her chickens under  
her wings but she wouldn't have it  
you're the ones so you're gonna accuse  
Stephen of speaking against Jerusalem no  
you're the ones that that have done it  
you you're the one who have spoken  
against the prophets and the Holy Ones  
and even Christ and so Stephen is just  
delivering to you the message that  
Christ delivered to you but you don't  
want it the same way your failure your  
forefathers didn't want the message from  
Joseph your forefathers didn't want the  
message from Moses and your forefathers  
Solomon went back into all of the pagan  
religion of the world around them and  
even before them they were constantly  
going back to paganism and you're the  
same way instead of coming into the  
truth the true relationship with with  
God you've gone after paganism and so no  
I'm not speaking against the truth I'm  
speaking the truth you're the ones who  
are acting against the truth and he's  
giving them the words of Christ and  
you'll see again Luke is writing this  
for a reason and and so he gives this  
long sermon by by us by Stephen who's

not even an apostle is called the Acts of the Apostles but he's shown the Holy Spirit at work and he's showing that as Christ did so the Holy Spirit is continuing to do and he's validating the Ministry of Paul and here if we look at acts 13 in verse 46 then Paul and Barnabas wax bold it's the same holy spirit and said it was necessary that the Word of God should first have been spoken to you but seeing you put it from you this is the same message and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life that's what Christ was saying and so now Christ is sending Paul and they're there showing that there they are in fact the children of their forefathers and they're unworthy of ever last life low we turn to the Gentiles for so has the lord commanded us saying I have sent you to be a light of the Gentiles and that you should be for salvation unto the ends of the earth so this is off to Theophilus so Theophilus is connecting the dots he's seeing what Christ did he's seeing what the Apostles did and what the faithful brethren were doing and now he's seeing what Paul is doing and he's seeing a consistency a consistent message a consistent behavior and consistent boldness of the Holy Spirit as a result of Pentecost and when the gentiles heard this they were glad and they glorified the word of the lord and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed and the word of the lord was published throughout all the region but the jews stirred up the devout and honorable women and the chief men of the city and raised persecution against paul and barnabas and expelled them out of their coasts same story you know different different players but it's the same story whether it's Peter and John



or Stephen or Paul and Barnabas it's always the same it's the same script that the truth comes they can't handle the truth they don't want the truth they reject the truth and they persecute the those who are bringing the truth back to acts 7 verse 55 but he that is Stephen being full of the Holy Spirit looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God what what a blessing and this is again this is what comes of that kind of boldness we see things we understand things we see things in the scripture that encourage us remember that the Holy Spirit is the comforter and it gives us comfort and so we see things that we understand things and here

Stephen was given this gift of a vision that he actually could see what was happening in heaven very different from what was happening on earth so that occult belief as in as above so below it's actually the opposite you know what was going on above the opposite was happening below because below is the god of this world below is Satan's world above is God's world God's kingdom and it is coming to replace Satan's world and so here being full of the Holy Spirit so again he began the passage by saying Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit he then shows how harsh Stephen was to these these are the scribes and Pharisees and then he says at the end he's being full of the Holy Spirit he continues to be the hopeful of the Holy Spirit so that harshness that we see is an act of agape love it is how the Holy Spirit is how Jesus Christ would behave if he was in Stephens place because these are the acts of the Holy Spirit Christ is the head the church is the body Christ is

moving the body according to the the  
will of the Holy supporting to his Holy  
Spirit according to as well but he being  
full of the Holy Spirit looked up  
steadfastly into heaven and he saw the  
glory of God and Jesus standing on the  
right hand of God so Christ was martyred  
now this is the the next martyr after  
price that we would say the first  
Christian martyr and Christ is so  
excited that he's standing he told them  
you're gonna be my martyrs and now  
here's the first faithful one and it has  
Jesus instead of being seated with  
Christ right hand with Steven sees him  
standing what encouragement I wonder if  
we can behave in ways today that would  
get Jesus to stand up that's a question  
we should all the ponder you know do we  
do we excite Jesus and the father or do  
we disappoint them so here Jesus is  
excited he's standing at the right hand  
of God and then Peter and then Stephen  
said behold I see the heavens opened and  
the Son of man standing on the right  
hand of God he's just telling this this  
is what I see this is the sort of like  
open bracket close bracket you know the  
opening bracket is Joseph saying to his  
brothers I've dreamed  
dream and this is what I see now the  
closed bracket is Steven saying I have a  
vision this is what I see and it's the  
same response they truly are the  
children of their forefathers and they  
are constantly rebelling against the  
Holy Spirit and so here it says they  
cried out verse 57 then they cried out  
with a loud voice they they can't stand  
it they just cannot handle this and they  
stopped their ears and ran upon him with  
one Accord so they were just all united  
that this is a horrible thing that he's  
saying and cast him out of the city and

they stoned him they stoned him he's bringing the message of Christ and they stoned him but Christ was standing on this this this man will live again he knew he would live again Christ knows that he will live again and he's asked them to do this be my faithful witnesses you be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life and so here we have the first of many many martyrs for Christ

many many this the Saturn religion of Nimrod control continues we we think we're so sophisticated but it's the same ideologies from way back thousands of years ago continuing to to prevent our culture it's Zeeland people die ideas don't die and these ideologies continue and so this the Saturn cult is this culture of worshipping the devil and trying to control him and enslave men it continues but here we have the first martyr for Christ and he's going to be back as a king and a ruler and he's going to help Christ establish Liberty with the good news of the kingdom of God when it's established so they cast him out of the city and they stoned him and now he introduces Saul and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet whose name was salt so he talked about earlier the feet of the Apostles and all the things that happened at the feet of the Apostles and now at the feet of this man saw they're laying down their clothes so that they can sew to whatever garments they're wearing they're taking them off and so he's supporting them so that they can now stone Stephen to death and he's introducing Saul he's setting up a contrast between the Holy Spirit and Saul and also I personally believe that Saul saw the face of Stephen and he

heard the message that Stephen preached and I'm feel that in the back of his mind these things were playing on him and when he gets struck down he's able to connect the dots and and his conscience will bother him after this but but I think that's why Lucas calling it out here first of all to show the contrast and show Theophilus that only by a miracle could solve be turned around because he's on the ease in the opposite camp there's the camp of Christ and there's the camp of Satan and Saul is in the camp of Satan and they stoned Stephen calling upon God this is the man that spoke to them so harshly out of love calling upon God and saying Lord Jesus receive my spirit and he kneeled down and cried with a loud voice this is vision this is vision and every Christian needs to have this kind of vision Christianity is not once a week you know listen to a sermon put your feet up have a coffee and then just hope that everything goes well and you know believe the Lord that you know the Goss gospel of health and wealth this is Christianity it's all about Christ it's all about proclaiming Liberty to those who are enslaved it's all about proclaiming the good news and never compromising and being faithful to the end and that's what that's the example that Christ is showing us here he kneeled down and cried with a loud voice Lord lay not this think this sin to their charge and when he had said this he fell asleep so that is such an act of mercy because Christ said woe unto you that does the blood of all the righteous men from Abel down now through to Stephen all of this blood is gonna be on you and you're gonna be held account to it

Stephen understands this and his dying breath is that God would not hold him accountable and certainly that includes the Apostle Paul that he's praying for their repentance he's praying for their forgiveness and at least with Saul he does turn around and hopefully there are others and even today there is such hatred against Christianity and and we don't hate back we pray that God will forgive and that will lead people to repentance and that they'll open the Bible and study it and see if these things are so because Christ is calling all men to repentance and so we just pray for you if you're listening to this message for the first time but you'll open the Bible that you'll study you'll search these things and that you'll come to Christ come to repentance he only wants what's good and don't be like these horrible people who are governed by Satan who just reject and reject and reject as much as the Holy Spirit is working trying to bring them love trying to bring them truth so I certainly hope that you and study enjoyed the study today Acts chapter 7 next week I will not be here I won't be able to be in the studio so we'll have no study next week we'll continue with Acts chapter 8 the week after next I believe that's August 24 so no study next week I won't be in the studio but the following week we'll continue with Acts chapter 8 I'll hop over to the chat now and certainly thank you for joining us hope you've got a lot out of this study and again there's there's basically two agendas in the world there's the Saturnalia agenda it comes in different forms and shapes and sizes and there's Christ and I certainly am praying

you'll choose Christ and be faithful to  
death