

Acts 7:1-29 2026 – Stephen's Address: The Call of Abraham; The Patriarchs in Egypt; God Delivers Israel by Moses

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ACTS 6:15 *And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.*

ACTS 7:1-29:

Stephen's Speech – [1] *Then the high priest said, "Are these things so ?"* [2] *And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,* [3] *and said to him, 'GET OUT OF YOUR COUNTRY AND FROM YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME TO A LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.'* [4] *Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.* [5] *And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.* [6] *But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress them four hundred years.* [7] *'AND THE NATION TO WHOM THEY WILL BE IN BONDAGE I WILL JUDGE,' said God, 'AND AFTER THAT THEY SHALL COME OUT AND SERVE ME IN THIS PLACE.'* [8] *Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve patriarchs.* [9] *"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him* [10] *and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.* [11] *Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance. [12] But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. [13] And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh. [14] Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people.* [15] *So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers. [16] And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem.*

God Delivers Israel by Moses - [17] *"But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt [18] till another king arose who did not know Joseph.* [19] *This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live. (Pharaoh, Herod, Haman, Hitler)* [20] *At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months. [21] But when he was set out, Pharaoh's daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son. [22] And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.* [23] *"Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. [24] And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. [25] For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.* [26] *And the next day he*

appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' [27] But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE OVER US? [28] DO YOU WANT TO KILL ME AS YOU DID THE EGYPTIAN YESTERDAY?' [29] Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

SUMMARY:

- In today's text, what two remarkable reasons are there that Abram believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness? The land that was promised. He had not seen it, nor did he know where it was. Also it was promised, not to him, but to his descendants. Yet, he was childless and Sarah was older, past childbearing years!
- We see Stephen developing a pattern in his sermon that the first time God's man is presented to Israel, he (first Joseph, then Moses), he is rejected! But, the second time, he is accepted. It would seem he will be moving on to the Messiah in this pattern, but he is killed before he is able to make the point. ?
- We do not want to always reject the first time, probably focusing on the difficulty of the circumstances we are in. Yes, the second time, the Lord's grace and His mercy will probably come around. But how much better it is if we are led by the Spirit, guided by the Spirit, and are being obedient to the Spirit

PRAY TODAY FOR: (1Ti 2:1-4) *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

OH LORD, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL written and sung by Kieth Green (5:35)

"On Monday night, this week, about midnight I wrote a letter to the Lord. I didn't know where to mail it, so I put it in my Bible I asked Him when are You going to do something about my heart? You know a lot of time has gone by since I met You. It's starting to harden up. You know, it's just kind of natural. I want to have baby skin, Lord. I want to act again like a baby on my heart. I'm starting to get old and wrinkled, and calloused. It's not that anything I'm doing, it's because of a lot of things I'm not doing. I stayed up to about 2am in the morning writing this song."

Oh Lord, You're beautiful, Your face is all I seek, For when Your eyes are on this child, Your love abounds to me Oh Lord my body's tired, but You keep reminding me of many holy, tireless men, who spilt their blood for Thee. I want to take your word and shine it all around But first help me to just, to live it Lord And if I'm doing well, help me to never to make a sound, except to give all the glory to You Oh Lord my faith is small, and I need a touch from You Your Book of Books lies on this dirt and the prayers of me to You. Oh Lord, please light the fire That once burned bright and clear Replace the lamp of my first love That fueled with holy fear I want to take Your word and shine it all around But first help me just, live it Lord And if I'm doing good, please help me to never make a sound, except to give all the glory to You Oh Lord, You're beautiful Your face is all I seek For when your eyes are on this child Your faith abounds to me. To me....