## The Book of Acts

## This Week:

Lesson: Stephen's Response Scripture: Acts 7:1-53 Next Week: <u>Homework Scripture Read:</u> Acts 8

## Lesson Text:

(Acts 6:8-15)	The indictment of Stephen
Acts 7:1-53	Stephen's Response
Acts 7:1-8	Abraham
Acts 7:9-16	Joseph
Acts 7:17-29	Moses before Commission
Acts 7:30-38	Moses after Commission
Acts 7:39-43	Rejection of God under Moses
Acts 7:44-49	David and Solomon
Acts 7:50-53	Rejection of God then and now

(Acts 7:54-60) The death of Stephen

## **Discussion:**

- Discuss the charges brought against Stephen in Acts 6:13-14 in terms of political and religious insubordination and rebellion.
- Is Stephen guilty?
- Discuss the importance of the historical periods given (Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David) in terms of generations of Israelites
- Discuss Stephen's thesis of the rejection of God at each step (Moses, David, Christ)
- Discuss the importance of Acts 7:48-50 as an answer to Stephen's accusations in Acts 6:13-14.
- Discuss the importance of Acts 7:48-50 in regards to the pending separation of the Church from the temple.
- Discuss Acts 7:54, 57-58.