

**Acts 7: 1-16**  
**The God of Glory**

1. **Luke 12: 8-12 - Stephen before the Council or the Sanhedrin is filled with the Holy Spirit.**
2. **Paul was likely one of those who had debated Stephen and lost. - Acts 21:39**
3. **Pastors are to teach the congregation to be apologists - Titus 1:9-11**
4. **1 Peter 3:15 - A needed solid foundation for their faith in Christ**
5. **Paul was on the offense to present truth claims to unbelievers and on the defense for the Gospel. - Philippians 1:7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.**
6. **Acts 6: 8-15 - Stephen will give his defense for blasphemy in four areas; that he opposes God, Moses, the law, and the temple. The penalty for these charges would be death by stoning. These charges would have the highest degree of offenses in Judaism.**
7. **Two themes arise in Stephen's speech 1) God can not be tied to a place and His people are closest to God when they are pilgrims 2) Israel's rejection of its leaders. This pattern of rejection will lead to the ultimate rejection of God's appointed Messiah in the present.**
8. **Stephen's Speech outlined - 1) The Abrahamic Covenant - (vv. 2-8). 2) Joseph, a deliverer and type of Christ (vv 9-16). 3) Moses, a deliverer and type of Christ (vv. 17-34). 4) Israel's Apostasy (vv. 35-50). 5) The Messiah Rejected and Crucified (vv. 51-53)**
9. **To understand the flow of Stephen apologia, his reasoned response is to consider his conclusion - Acts 7:51-53**
10. **"Are these things so" - How do you plead? Guilty or Not Guilty -**
11. **The God of Glory - Psalm 29 - A composite of many names for God and understood as the fullness of God in His glory which is not comprehensible. Compare Philippians 4:4-7**

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