

## Acts 7:11-22 Study Guide

As we discussed in the previous study guide, **Acts 7:1-10**, our journey through **Acts 7** will take us a few weeks to theologically study what God is teaching us through His Scriptures. To keep areas within context, **Day 1** will be review of the **first 10 verses of Acts 7** and **some of Acts 6** again. Keep your Bible handy because you will also delve into different areas of the Scripture to continue to deepen your understanding about what Stephen is saying.

### Scriptures in Study Guide:

Scriptures included are in the CSB (Christian Standard Bible). To make things easier, the actual verses will be included in your daily lessons to help you with the missing words.

### Day 1 (Review of Acts 7:1-10; and related Scriptures)

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.

Read **Acts 7:1-22** out loud and answer the following questions below.

#### Questions:

- How was Stephen described in Scripture? (See **Acts 6:5**) a man full of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_
- As opposition rose against Stephen, what were his accusers not able to stand up against? (See **Acts 6:10**) - \_\_\_\_\_
- In **Acts 6:11**, what did Stephen's accusers secretly persuade others to say about him? \_\_\_\_\_
- After Stephen's accusers seized him, where did they take him to? (See **Acts 6:12**) \_\_\_\_\_
- How was Stephen's face described, in **Acts 6:15**, when the Sanhedrin looked at him? \_\_\_\_\_  
**Note:** Reminder that the Sanhedrin was the highest Jewish court made up of 70 Jewish leaders plus the high priest.
- What did the high priest ask? (See **Acts 7:1**) \_\_\_\_\_
- Stephen, in **Acts 7:2**, begins his defense with a Jewish history lesson with which patriarch? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who appeared to Abraham in Mesopotamia? (See **Acts 7:2**) - \_\_\_\_\_
- What did Stephen say that God told Abraham to do in **Acts 7:3**? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did Stephen say that Abraham listened to what God told him to do? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What makes you think that way? (See **Acts 7:4**) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Write out **James 2:24** - \_\_\_\_\_
  - According to **James 2:24**, can we have a genuine faith in God if we don't follow God's commands? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Write out what Jesus said in **John 8:31** - \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Acts 7:5**,
  - how much of God's promise did Abraham inherit in his lifetime? \_\_\_\_\_
  - who would possess the land? \_\_\_\_\_
  - how many children did Abraham have at the time of God's promise to him? \_\_\_\_\_
- Stephen said, in **Acts 7:6**, that God told Abraham (even before he had a child)
  - his descendants would be what in a foreign country? \_\_\_\_\_
  - his descendants would be enslaved and oppressed how many years? \_\_\_\_\_
- What did Stephen say that God told Abraham that He would do to the nation that enslaved Abraham's descendants? (See **Acts 7:7**) \_\_\_\_\_
- After that nation was judged, what would Abraham's descendants do in "this place"? (See **Acts 7:7**) They would \_\_\_\_\_ out and \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- Stephen say in **Acts 7:8**, that
  - God gave Abraham the covenant of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Abraham fathered \_\_\_\_\_, Issac became the father of \_\_\_\_\_, and Jacob became the father of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- According to **Acts 7:9**, the patriarch jealously sold their brother, \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ was with him.
- How did God rescue Joseph (see **Acts 7:10**)? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What did Pharaoh appointed Joseph ruler over? (See **Acts 7:10**) \_\_\_\_\_

## Day 2 (Acts 7:11-13)

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **Acts 7:1-22** out loud again and answer the following questions below.

**11** Now a famine and great suffering came over all of Egypt and Canaan, and our ancestors could find no food.

**12** When Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt, he sent our ancestors there the first time. **13** The second time, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh.

### Verse 11:

- Now a famine and \_\_\_\_\_ suffering came over all of Egypt and \_\_\_\_\_,
- and our ancestors could \_\_\_\_\_ no food.
- **Questions:**
  - What happened to the land at this time? a \_\_\_\_\_
  - What was over all of Egypt and Canaan? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What did Stephen say happened to his/his hearers (fellow Jews) ancestors? They could find \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is a famine? \_\_\_\_\_.

### Verse 12:

- When \_\_\_\_\_ heard there was \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt, he sent our \_\_\_\_\_ there the first time.
- **Questions:**
  - What did Jacob do when he heard there was grain in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
  - At this point, how many times did Stephen say that "our ancestors" had gone to get grain in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who do you think that Stephen is referring to by "our ancestors"? (See **Acts 7:8**) \_\_\_\_\_

### Verse 13:

- The second time, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh.
- **Questions:**
  - In verse 13, how many times had Joseph's brothers come down to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What did Joseph do to his brothers? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who became known to Pharaoh? \_\_\_\_\_ -

To gain more insight into these passages, we will **spend the remainder of Day 2 in Genesis.**

- **Questions:**
  - According to **Genesis 42:1**,
    - what did Jacob send his sons to Egypt to buy? \_\_\_\_\_ (first time)
    - what was the reason that Jacob sent his sons to buy grain in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
  - According to **Genesis 42:7**, what did Joseph do when he recognized his brothers? \_\_\_\_\_
    - **Background:** A disguised Joseph spoke to his brothers about his younger brother, Benjamin, and wanted to have Benjamin in Egypt with him. Joseph set his brothers up for a "crime" so that one of the brothers would have to stay in Egypt as a hostage. Joseph told them not to return for more grain unless they brought their youngest brother with them.
  - According to **Genesis 43:1**, what remained severe in the land? \_\_\_\_\_
  - According to **Genesis 43:2**, where did Jacob want his sons to go back to in order to buy more food? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What did Judah tell his father, in **Genesis 43:3-5**, that they would have to do if they went back to Egypt for more food? \_\_\_\_\_ (this "younger brother" refers to Benjamin)
  - Although their father is upset about having to send Benjamin, what does he tell the brothers they can do in **Genesis 43:13**? \_\_\_\_\_ (2nd time)
  - After much events in **Genesis 43-44**, what does Joseph say in **Genesis 45:3**? I am \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Write out **Genesis 45:5** - \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Genesis 45:5**, why did God send Joseph to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Genesis 45:16**, who heard the news about Joseph's family? \_\_\_\_\_

Tomorrow, we will continue in Acts and some in Genesis. All of this is to preserve the line of the Messiah. Stephen will continue to prove, through Old Testament lineage how Jesus, whom they crucified, was their Messiah.

### Day 3 (Acts 7:14-16)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read Acts 7:1-22 out loud again and answer the following questions below.

14 Joseph invited his father Jacob and all his relatives, seventy-five people in all, 15 and Jacob went down to Egypt. He and our ancestors died there, 16 were carried back to Shechem, and were placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

#### Verse 14:

- Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ his father Jacob and \_\_\_\_\_ his relatives, seventy-five people \_\_\_\_\_ all,
- **Questions:**
  - Who did Joseph invite to stay in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_ and all his \_\_\_\_\_,
  - How many people\* did Joseph invite to stay in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_  
\*these people were the ancestors of the Jews. Stephen is explaining how they migrated to Egypt and is about to explain how they became slaves of Egypt.

**Note:** According to **Genesis 46:8-27**, there are 70 people recorded coming “from” Shechem to Egypt. When Stephen refers to 75 (in **Acts 7:14**), he is also including the 4 grandsons of Joseph (2 from Manasseh and 2 from Ephraim and 1 grandson from Ephraim - these sons/grandson were born to Joseph while he was in Egypt). The “70”

#### Verse 15-16:

- and Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ down to Egypt. He and \_\_\_\_\_ ancestors died there, were \_\_\_\_\_ back to Shechem, and were \_\_\_\_\_ in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a \_\_\_\_\_ of silver from the sons of Hamor in \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Questions:**
  - Where did Jacob go down to? \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Shechem was a Canaanite city
  - What happened to Jacob and the ancestors of the Jewish people? They all \_\_\_\_\_ there.
  - Where were Jacob’s bones carried back to? \_\_\_\_\_
  - When Jacob’s bones were carried back to Shechem, where were his bones placed? In the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who owned this tomb that Jacob’s bones were laid in? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Write out **Matthew 1:2** - \_\_\_\_\_
  - According to **Matthew 1:2**, who was Abraham to Jacob? his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How did Abraham acquire this tomb for his family? \_\_\_\_\_

To gain more insight into these passages, we will **spend the remainder of Day 3 in Genesis.**

- **Questions:**
  - According to **Genesis 46:33-34**,
    - what were Joseph’s brothers suppose to answer when Pharaoh asked what their occupation was?  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - since they were all shepherds and Egyptians loathed (hated) every shepherd, where would Joseph’s family end up living in the land? \_\_\_\_\_
  - According to **Genesis 49:29-30**, what land did Jacob tell his sons to bury him in? The land of \_\_\_\_\_
  - In **Genesis 49:30**, it says that Abraham bought this cave in the land of Canaan for a family burial place.
    - Who are all the people, in **Genesis 49:31**, who are buried with Abraham in this cave?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Looking at **Genesis 23:3-4**, what did Abraham want to buy to bury “his” dead (this is following his wife, Sarah’s death)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** **Genesis 23:8-20** records how Abraham bought this burial site in the land of Canaan for his family.

Write out **Genesis 23:20**: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Day 4 (Acts 7:17-19)

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **Acts 7:1-22** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**17** “As the time was approaching to fulfill the promise that God had made to Abraham, the people flourished and multiplied in Egypt **18** until a different king who did not know Joseph ruled over Egypt. **19** He dealt deceitfully with our race and oppressed our ancestors by making them abandon their infants outside so that they wouldn’t survive.

**Note:** **Genesis 3:15** was God’s redemption promise of the Messiah. This line, as we also read about in Matthew and Luke, was protected. We will continue to learn in today’s lesson (through Old and New Testament Scripture) how God orchestrated events and moved through people to protect the Messianic line as well as preserve His nation, Israel.

#### Verse 17-18:

- “As the \_\_\_\_\_ was approaching to fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_ that God had made to \_\_\_\_\_, the people flourished and multiplied in \_\_\_\_\_ until a different king who did \_\_\_\_\_ know Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ over Egypt.
- **Questions:**
- As Stephen spoke before the Sanhedrin, what did he say was happening to the number of the Jewish people when the time approached for God’s promise to Abraham to be fulfilled? They \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt.
- Write out **Genesis 12:2**: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- What does God tell Abraham in **Genesis 12:2**, that He will make Abraham? A great \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Genesis 15:7**, what is the physical area that God would give Abraham’s descendants to possess? \_\_\_\_\_
- Write out **Genesis 35:9**: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- What did God rename Jacob (according to **Genesis 35:9**)? \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Genesis 35:11-12**, we learn:
  - Who is speaking to Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_
  - that God tell Israel (who was formerly named Jacob) to do what? To be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - That what will come from Israel? \_\_\_\_\_ and kings
  - The land that God gave to Abraham and Isaac (Israel’s father and grandfather), God is also giving to who? \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_
- Write out **Exodus 1:7** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- What does **Exodus 1:12** teach us about what happened to the number of Jewish people the more they were afflicted by the Egyptians? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who, according to **Acts 7:18**, did Stephen (as he was talking before the Sanhedrin) say rose up that did not know Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Verse 19:

- He dealt \_\_\_\_\_ with our race and oppressed our \_\_\_\_\_ by making them abandon their \_\_\_\_\_ outside so that they wouldn’t \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Questions:**
- How did they deceitfully deal with “our race”? They \_\_\_\_\_ our ancestors
- What did they make them do with their infants? \_\_\_\_\_.
- According to **Exodus 1:16**, what did Pharaoh want the Hebrew (Jewish) midwives to do to the sons who were born (to the Jews)? \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Exodus 1:17**, what did the midwives do since they feared God? \_\_\_\_\_
- Since the midwives feared God and let the Hebrew sons live, what did God do for them (see Exodus 1:21) ? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### **Day 5 (Acts 7:20-22)**

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **Acts 7:1-22** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**20** At this time Moses was born, and he was beautiful in God's sight. He was cared for in his father's home for three months. **21** When he was put outside, Pharaoh's daughter adopted and raised him as her own son. **22** So Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in his speech and actions.

#### **Verse 20:**

- At this time \_\_\_\_\_ was born, and he was \_\_\_\_\_ in God's sight.
- He was \_\_\_\_\_ for in his \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ three months
- **Questions:**
- As Stephen continues to speak before the Sanhedrin in **Acts 7:20**, who does he say is born? \_\_\_\_\_
- How is Moses described? \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Note:** "Beautiful in God's sight" would mean more than just the physical. How long was Moses cared for in his father's home? \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Exodus 1:22**, what did Pharaoh command to happen to all Hebrew sons? To \_\_\_\_\_ them into the Nile River.

#### **Verse 21:**

- When he was \_\_\_\_\_ outside, Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_ adopted and \_\_\_\_\_ him as her \_\_\_\_\_ son.
- **Questions:**
- Who adopted Moses when he was "put outside"? \_\_\_\_\_
- What did Pharaoh's daughter do after she adopted Moses? \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Exodus 2:1-6**, after Moses' mother put him in a basket in the Nile, who discovered him when she came down to bathe in the Nile? \_\_\_\_\_
- According to **Exodus 2:7-9**, who did Pharaoh's daughter hire to take care of her newly "adopted" Hebrew child? (And it is not Moses' sister) \_\_\_\_\_
- Moses' mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter after he was weaned. According to **Exodus 2:10**, why did Pharaoh's daughter give Moses his name? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Verse 22:**

- So Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in his speech and actions.
- **Questions:**
- What was Moses educated in? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was Moses powerful in? \_\_\_\_\_

**Background:** Moses is "saved" out of an uneducated life to be "educated" by the very enemies of the Jews. He will be the vessel that God will use. He will be sent by God to "free" the Hebrew slaves from their physical bondage from Egypt. He will also be God's vessel to physically lead the Jewish nation for 40 years in the wilderness, write the 1st 5 books of the Old Testament (called the Pentateuch) and prepare his successor, Joshua, to take the next generation into the physical promised land. God is in the details of our life and in the planning of how He will use the skills that He has given us for His purposes. We see this mightily in Moses' life in the midst of all of its twists and turns (much like we saw in Joseph's before him). We will learn more about all that God did through Moses as we continue on in Acts 7 as well as referring back to the Old Testament Scripture.

If you have any questions, let me know when we meet in Sunday School and I'll try to help explain through the Scriptures. Remember, Scripture is always the best Teacher of Scripture.