

Acts 7:35-36 Study Guide (with Exodus Scriptures)

As we discussed in our 3 previous study guide, **Acts 7:1-10**, **Acts 7:11-22** and **Acts 7:23-34**, 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 **verses 20-34 of Acts 7**. We will finish Stephen's sermon portion of Moses this week and move all the way to King David. 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 7:1-34; and related Scriptures)

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

Read **Acts 7:1-43** out loud and answer the following questions below.

Questions:

- After the high priest, in **Acts 7:1**, asked Stephen how he pleaded (are these things so?), how did Stephen address his hearers in **Acts 7:2**? Brothers and _____
 - Stephen is connecting with his hearers within their shared identity as Jews.
- In Acts 7:2, who did Stephen say that the "God of Glory" appear to? _____
 - Reminder - Glory is a term that signifies the "sum" of all of God's attributes (God's traits)
- In **Acts 7:3**, what did the God of glory tell Abraham to physically do? _____
 - Who would show Abraham the land he was to go to? _____
- How do we know that Abraham believed what God said? What did Abraham do (see Acts 7:4)? _____
- According to **Acts 7:5**, did Abraham ever physically receive that land? _____
 - Who would receive it? Abraham's _____
- According to **Acts 7:6**, what would happen to Abraham's descendants for 400 years? _____
- According to **Acts 7:7**, Who would judge the nation that enslaved Abraham's descendants after 400 years had passed? _____
 - Where would Abraham's descendants go after that nation that enslaved them was judged? _____
- What did Stephen say, in **Acts 7:8**, God gave the Jewish nation through Abraham? The covenant of _____
 - Who was Abraham the physical father of (see **Acts 7:8**)? _____
 - Who was Isaac the father of? _____
 - Who did Jacob become the father of? _____
- In **Acts 7:9-10**, describe what happened to Joseph: _____

- In **Acts 7:11**, what did the famine do to their (Stephen and the Jews) ancestors? _____
- Describe the events that Stephen talks about in **Acts 7:12-16** - _____

- In **Acts 7:17**, what did Stephen say happened to Abraham's descendants as the "time drew near for God to fulfill His promises to Abraham"? _____
- According to **Acts 7:18-19**, Stephen reminds his fellow Jewish brethren that the new king of Egypt, who did not know Joseph, treated their ancestors (Abraham's descendants in what way) in what way? (How did he treat them and what did he make them do with their newborns?) _____
 - Who does Stephen, in **Acts 7:20**, say was born at this time? _____
- Describe what Stephen said, in **Acts 7:20-22** happened to Moses: _____

- How old does Stephen say, in **Acts 7:23**, that Moses was when he went to visit his people, the Israelites? _____

Day 1 (Acts 7:1-34; cont'd)

- Describe what Moses did in **Acts 7:24-25**: _____

- Why did Moses do that? (See **Acts 7:25**) _____
- What did Moses say, in **Acts 7:26**, to 2 Israelites who were fighting? _____
- What did the man (who was mistreating his fellow Israelite) do and say to Moses (see **Acts 7:27-28**)? _____
- What did Stephen say that 40 year old Moses did when he heard this? (See **Acts 7:29**) _____
 - How many sons did Moses have after he fled to Midian and lived as a foreigner? _____
- In **Acts 7:30**, what did Stephen say happened to Moses after another 40 years passed? _____
- If 40 more years passed after Moses fled from Egypt to Midian, how old would he be now? (See **Acts 7:23**) _____
- Describe what Stephen said happened with Moses when he was 80 years old (see **Acts 7:24**) _____

- What did Stephen say that the Lord said to Moses when he was amazed and wanted to take a closer look? (See **Acts 7:32-34**) _____

Note: Stephen is continually walking his Jewish listeners through Jewish history of how God moved and the promises He made with their ancestors. Remember, in **Acts 6**, Stephen is falsely accused of speaking against God, “this holy place”, Moses and the Law. Within his entire sermon in **Acts 7**, Stephen will prove clearly how it is those very areas that testify to Jesus being their Messiah and how they are guilty of their rejection of Him as well as their part in His physical murder. Unfortunately, their response will be different than the devout Jews in **Acts 2** and will result in the church being scattered to grow. A beautiful visual of how God moves within all life circumstance to progress His Will and His Plan.

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Day 2 (Acts 7:35-36; related Exodus Scriptures)

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

Read **Acts 7:1-43** out loud and answer the following questions below.

35 “This Moses, whom they rejected when they said, Who appointed you a ruler and a judge?—this one God sent as a ruler and a deliverer through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

Verse 35:

- “This Moses, whom they _____ when they _____, Who appointed you a _____ and a judge?—this _____ God _____ as a ruler and a deliverer _____ the angel who _____ to him in _____ bush.

Questions:

- Who did the Jewish ancestors reject? _____
- How did they reject Moses (what question did they ask Moses)? _____
- Who does Stephen say sent Moses to be a ruler and deliverer (of their Jewish ancestors)? _____
- How did the angel appear to Moses? _____
- Write out **Exodus 3:2** - _____

- According to **Exodus 3:1** - where was Moses and what was he doing? _____

Background:

- **Burning Bush:** After it was revealed that Moses killed an Egyptian, Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses (see **Exodus 2:15**). This pressed Moses to flee and he fled back to Midian. In Exodus 3, we see Moses (as a shepherd) tending his father in law’s sheep at the foot of Horeb, the mountain of God (see **Exodus 3:1**). This Mountain Horeb (also referred to as Mt. Sinai) will be where Moses will commune with God after the Israelites are freed from Egypt and it is where Moses will receive the 10 commandments.
- **The Angel of the Lord** - throughout Old Testament, we will see what is referred to by theologians as a “theophany” or a “Christophany”. These are appearances of the “pre-incarnate” Christ (Jesus Christ, God’s Son, before He came in the flesh). An “angel” is defined as messenger. These “theophanies” or “Christophanies” are when God, Himself, in the form of the pre-incarnate Jesus, God’s Son brings a message to a human person.
 - To recognize the difference between this “Angel” and “angels of God” is how worship is received and reverence is shown. God commands that He is God alone (3 Persons: Father, Son and Spirit, in One Essence: Deity). God commands that He, as God alone, is to be worshipped only and can be the only One who can receive worship. When a person in Scripture responds with worship and the worship is received, this indicates that they are worshipping Deity (God).
- Let’s look at this section of Scripture to gain a better understanding.
 - What does Moses try to do in **Exodus 3:3** when he sees the burning bush? Tries to _____
 - In **Exodus 3:4**, Who calls out to Moses from the burning bush? _____
 - In **Exodus 3:5**, write out what God tells Moses to do and why? _____
 - In **Exodus 3:6**, how does God identify Himself? _____
 - What is Moses’ response? _____ (see **Exodus 33:20**)
 - In **Exodus 3:7-9**, what does God tell Moses that He has seen? _____
 - In **Exodus 3:10**, who is God sending to Pharaoh to bring God’s people out of Egypt? _____

Day 3-4 (Acts 7:36; related Exodus Scriptures)

For Day 3-4, we will briefly look at Moses' age span and then how God put His power on display through Moses (and Aaron) as He used this man to fulfill His promise to Abraham in **Genesis 15:14**

Write **Genesis 15:14** out here: _____

Acts 7:36: This man led them out and performed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years. Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites.

Verse 36:

- This man _____ them out and performed _____ and signs in the _____ of Egypt, at the _____ Sea, and in the _____ for forty years.
- Moses was forty _____ old, he decided to _____ his own people, the _____.
- **Questions:**
 - Who is "this man" referring to? (See **Acts 7:35**) _____
 - What did Moses do?
 - _____ them out
 - Performed _____ and signs in the land of _____, at the _____, and in the _____ for forty years.
 - How long were they in the wilderness according to this verse? _____
 - When Moses decided to visit his own people, how old was he? _____
 - Who does Stephen, in this verse (Acts 7:36) identify Moses' people as? the _____.

Background: Stephen is giving a history account of information that these Jewish leaders of the Sanhedrin are very familiar with knowing. Note that Stephen is giving a timeline that can easily be traced through the Scriptures (**Exodus** record). Stephen is reminding them of God's timetable here as well as Moses' lifespan...

- Moses was 40 years old when he went to visit his own people, killed the Egyptian who was harming the Jewish slave, and ran away to Midian.
- Moses lived in Midian for another 40 years (40 + 40 = 80 years)
- Moses lived his last 40 years with the Israelites in the wilderness (40 + 40 + 40 = 120 years)
- Write out **Exodus 34:7** - _____

For the remainder of today and tomorrow, let's **focus** on the **3 areas Stephen points out about Moses in Acts 7:36**

- "This man led them out" goes back to **Exodus 3:10** where God states that He was sending Moses to Pharaoh to "bring my [God's] people the Israelites out of Egypt".
- Moses was chosen by God to led the people out of Egyptian slavery (which was the fulfillment of God's prophesy in **Genesis 15:13**).

Stephen says Moses performed wonders and signs:

- In the land of Egypt (these are 10 plagues. Each plague was a Divine judgement on each Egyptian false god:
 - **1st plague** - Water turning into blood . Write out **Exodus 7:17** - _____

 - This was Divine judgement on their false god, Hapi (had to do with the flooding of the Nile)
 - According to **Exodus 7:17**, what will they know by this happening? That I am _____.
 - **2nd plague** - Frog infestation of land. Write out **Exodus 8:3-4** - _____

 - Was Divine judgement on their false god, Heqt (Egyptian fertility goddess; represented as frog)
 - According to **Exodus 8:10**, Who will they know that there is "no one like"? - _____
 - **3rd plague** - Gnat (or sandflies) infestation. Describe what happened in **Exodus 8:17**:

 - This was **Divine judgement on their false god, Set** (Egyptian god of desert, storms, chaos)
 - According to **Exodus 8:19**, Whose finger did the Egyptian magicians say this plague happened by? _____

Day 3-4 (Acts 7:36; related Exodus Scriptures); Cont'd

- **4th plague - Infestation of flies.** Write out **Exodus 8:24** - _____

 - This was **Divine judgement on their false god, Amon-Ra/Ra** (a number of Egyptian gods who had appearances of insects, Ra had a head of a beetle)
 - According to **Genesis 47:6**, where did Pharaoh have Joseph's father and brothers (Israelites) settle when they came to Egypt? In the land of _____
 - Write out **Exodus 8:22**: _____
 - According to **Exodus 8:23**, who did God put a division between? My (God's) _____ and the people of Egypt.

- **5th plague - Livestock diseased.** Write out **Exodus 9:2** - _____

 - **Divine judgement on false Egyptian gods represented by animals** (Apis/Ptah, Hathor, etc.)
 - According to **Exodus 9:4**, what would God make a distinction between? What happened to the livestock of Israel versus the livestock of Egypt? - _____

- **6th plague - Boils.** Describe what happened in **Exodus 9:10**:

- This was **Divine judgement on several Egyptian false gods** that presented health (Serapis, healing; Imhotep, medicine; Imhotep, intelligence and medical learning)
- **7th plague - Hail.** Write out **Exodus 9:23** - _____

- This was **Divine judgement on their false gods of weather and agriculture** (Nut, sky god; Shu, wind god; Horus, hawk-headed sky god of upper Egypt; and Isis/Seth, protected crops and this hail made their fields useless)
 - Looking at **Exodus 9:24-25**, describe what happened: _____

- What happened in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were? (See **Exodus 9:26**)?

- **8th plague - Locust.**
 - Looking at **Exodus 10:1-20** and answer the following questions:
 - In **Exodus 10:1-2**, why did God harden Pharaoh and his servant's hearts? -_
 - That the Lord God may set these _____ among them (the Egyptians)
 - That the Israelites may recount these signs (plagues of judgement against these false gods) in the hearing of their _____ so that they may know that I am _____.
 - In **Exodus 10:3**, what did God ask Pharaoh through Moses? _____
 - In **Exodus 10:4**, what will happen if Pharaoh refuses to let God's people go?

Summarize **Exodus 10:12-15**: _____

- **Divine judgement on false Egyptian gods.** (Nepri, god of grain; Ermutet, goddess of childbirth and crops; Isis, protected the crops; Thermuthis, goddess of fertility/harvest, Seth, god of crops)

- **9th plague - Darkness.** Describe what God tells Moses to do in **Exodus 10:21** -

- This was **Divine judgement on Egyptian false gods** of sun and mood (Amon-Ra/Ra; Horus, Ptah, Atum, Tem, Shuwas)
 - According to **Exodus 10:22**, how long did the darkness over the land last? _____ days
 - Write out **Exodus 10:23**: _____

Day 5 (related Exodus Scriptures about last plague and Passover)

On Day 3-4, you took time to study the first 9 of the 10 plagues that God performed through Moses. These are the “wonders and signs in the land of Egypt” that Moses performed that Stephen is **referring to in Acts 7:36**. These “wonders and signs” were Divine judgement on each of Egypt’s false gods. There is only One God and there comes a time of judgement. This was Egypt’s time for what they did to God’s people (**Genesis 15:14 and Acts 7:7**).

In **Day 5**, we will examine that last of the 10 plagues. This last plague also becomes, for God’s people, the Passover that points to our own redemption from our slavery to sin. We will spend all of today on this plague to thoroughly understand it’s significance not only in judgement for Israel, but what it means to a child of God.

Thanks for hanging in there...

To recap from Day 3-4 (you can take a peak back), list the **first 9 of the 10 plagues** we studied:

- 1st plague - _____
- 2nd plague - _____
- 3rd plague - _____
- 4th plague - _____
- 5th plague - _____
- 6th plague - _____
- 7th plague - _____
- 8th plague - _____
- 9th plague - _____

- **10th plague - Death of the firstborn.** (This will become Passover)
- Look at **Exodus 11:1-10** and answer the following questions:
 - According to **Exodus 11:1**,
 - How many more plagues will God do through Moses before Pharaoh will release the Israelites from their slavery? _____
 - How will Pharaoh let the Israelites go? _____
 - According to **Exodus 11:2**, what were each man and woman instructed to ask their Egyptian neighbors for? _____
 - Write out **Exodus 11:3** - _____
 - According to **Exodus 11:4-5**, what is God going to do with all of the firstborn Egyptians all the way down to their livestock? _____
 - According to **Exodus 11:6**, God would make a distinction between Israel and Egypt and protect his people, even down to any type of animal they owned. What do we learn in Exodus 11:5? That there has _____ been anything _____ this and there never would be _____.
- Look at **Exodus 12:1-13** and answer the following questions:
 - According to **Exodus 12:1-2**, what month is this suppose to be for the Israelites? _____
 - According to **Exodus 12:3-5**, describe what the Israelites are suppose to do on the 10th of this first month: _____
 - According to **Exodus 12:6**, they are to keep it until the 14th day of the month and then do what to the lamb at twilight? _____
 - According to **Exodus 12:7**, where are they instructed to put the blood of the lamb? _____
 - **Exodus 12:8-10** details how they should prepare and eat the lamb. In Exodus 12:10, how much of the lamb’s meat should be left over? _____
 - Write out **Exodus 12:11** - _____
 - According to **Exodus 12:11**, what is this to be known as? _____
 - Looking at **Exodus 12:12**, describe what the Lord will be doing with Egypt while they are eating the meat of this sacrificed lamb within their home with the blood on the doorposts? _____
 - In **Exodus 12:12**, as God executes total judgement on Egypt and all of its false gods in this last plague, what does God say? “I am _____.”

Day 5 (related Exodus Scriptures about last plague and Passover) cont'd

- Write out **Exodus 12:13** - _____

As we look at **Exodus 12:14-28**, we learn of the 1st Feast of Unleavened Bread (the Passover).

Questions:

- According to **Exodus 12:14**, this day will be what to the Israelites that they will celebrate each year? _____
 - This will celebrate this feast to remember what God did here
- In **Exodus 12:15-20**, Moses outlines God's design of what these days will look like in regards to how they prepare their bread and eat that bread. This bread is suppose to be what type of bread? _____
- In **Exodus 12:21-22**, Moses tells the Israelites what God has instructed him to tell them.
 - Write out **Exodus 12:23**: _____

- According to **Exodus 12:27**, what shall they say to the generations after them about why they celebrate Passover? _____
 - What do the people do at the end of **Exodus 12:27**, they bow low and _____

As we've discussed, Passover points to the Jesus and the cross. The physical points to the spiritual. This is what had just happened weeks before Stephen brings forth this sermon before the Sanhedrin. And as Stephen moves through this "history lesson", he will indict them as murdering their Messiah - the One True Passover Lamb.

As we look at **Exodus 12:29-32**, answer the following questions:

- According to **Exodus 12:29**, what happened at midnight? _____

- According to **Exodus 12:31-32**, what did Pharaoh tell Moses and Aaron once he saw all the dead in the morning? _____

- Write out **Genesis 15:14** - _____

- Write out **Acts 7:7** - _____

The Genesis verse and the Acts verse that you wrote above is recorded as fulfilled in Exodus 12. What God says He will do in His way on His timetable. As for false gods, He will not be mocked. As for those who follow false gods, He will allow time and evidence for them to "know that He is the Lord God". As for His promise of redemption, His chosen people, Israel, not only had it demonstrated to their ancestors; but they remembered it every year until the day of their visitation by Jesus Christ. This is all building for Stephen to not be indicted by this court; but to indict them, by God's Word, that they are the ones who are guilty. And Stephen will finish this by telling them that they, like their ancestors, would never listen and would reject. We all have opportunity to hear God's truth. We must pray for ears to hear and a heart to receive what God is speaking to us.

Let me know if you have any questions. I pray these study guides are making our God and His redemption plan more understandable. I'm praying for you.

