

DEEP DIVE
A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS
Acts 7
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Things Heat Up for The Early Church

- The persecution of Peter and John (Acts 4)
- The deaths of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
- The Hellenistic Jews complain (Acts 6)
- The death of Stephen (Acts 7)

CONTEXT:

"Then the high priest asked Stephen, are these charges true?"

QUESTION:

What did Stephen say that got him in trouble?

ANSWER:

God has left the building.

God is in far off lands with Abraham.

Acts 7:2-3

God is Pharaoh's court with Joseph.

Acts 7:9-10

God is in the desert with Moses.

Acts 7:30-32; Acts 7:35-36

God is in the battle with Joshua and David.

Acts 7:44-45

CONCLUSION:

God is wherever He wants to be.

Acts 7:48-49; Acts 7:54-58

HOW TO MISS GOD:

1. Put title over truth. Acts 7:51a

Signs your heart is marked:

- You ask questions.
- You admit wrongs.
- You act slowly.

2. Attempt to control God's plan. Acts 7:51b-53
3. Fail to see where God moved. Acts 7:55-56
4. Plug your ears. Acts 7:57, 60