

False Charges and Bold Defense

Acts 6:8-7:53

- **The False Charges Against Stephen**

1. Stephen is charged with s_____ against the t_____ (“this holy place” - verse 13) and against M_____ and the L_____ of G_____ (Jeremiah 7:1-15, John 4:20).
2. This is s_____ to charges against J_____ (John 2:18-22, Matthew 26:59-64, and John 4:21-24).
3. Since this is a f_____ charge by the S_____, Stephen is e_____ to give a d_____ (an apologia more than a speech or a sermon).

- **Stephen’s Defense**

1. This is the l_____ o_____ in Acts.
2. It is a v_____ b_____ defense (7:51-53).
3. Stephen is essentially t_____ that his accusers are the g_____ ones. They have b_____ and p_____ the t_____ and the l_____.
4. Stephen e_____ that God does not need a t_____ in order to be w_____ as made clear by God’s dealings with His p_____ in the Old Testament. A_____ worshiped God in M_____ (7:2-8); J_____ worshiped God in E_____ (7:9-19); M_____ worshiped God in E_____, in _____, and most clearly in the w_____ of Mt. Sinai (7:20-44); J_____ - D_____ worshiped God in the t_____ (7:45-46); S_____ did build the t_____, but God did not a_____ for it to be built, nor did He n_____ it in order to be worshiped (7:47-50).

5. Stephen e_____ that the I_____ of old
r_____ Moses and the L_____ of God (7:35-43). His accusers
were f_____ in these s_____ by rejecting the G_____
P_____ promised by Moses (7:37 and 52, Deuteronomy 18:18),
by turning the t_____ into an idol like the g_____
c_____ (7:48), and by rejecting G_____ L_____ (7:53).