

ACTS

Stephen's Indicting Defense (pt. 1) Acts 7:1-29

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1. In his defense, Stephen exalts the Lord as the God of _____.

- a. The Lord revealed Himself to the Jewish people as the God of _____.
- b. The Lord _____ clear commands and promises to Abraham.
- c. The Lord providentially provided for His people even in the midst of great _____.
- d. The Lord was _____ in pagan lands and also in the Promised Land.

"The purpose of the Exodus was to _____ God's people to worship God. ... Stephen means that the worship of God in the land of Israel and, more particularly, in the temple at Jerusalem can be viewed as the divinely appointed outcome of the exodus redemption." - David Peterson

2. In his defense, Stephen gives a reminder of the mixed responses of the Jewish fathers to the Lord.

- a. Abraham, Joseph, and Moses responded to the Lord in obedience and _____.
- b. The patriarchs acted in jealousy and _____ toward their brother Joseph.

*"As you have now dealt with the _____ of the world, your fathers dealt with the deliverer of their nation, showing even then the same unthankful and rebellious disposition which we see in you."
- J.A. Alexander*

- c. The children of Israel rejected Moses as their _____.