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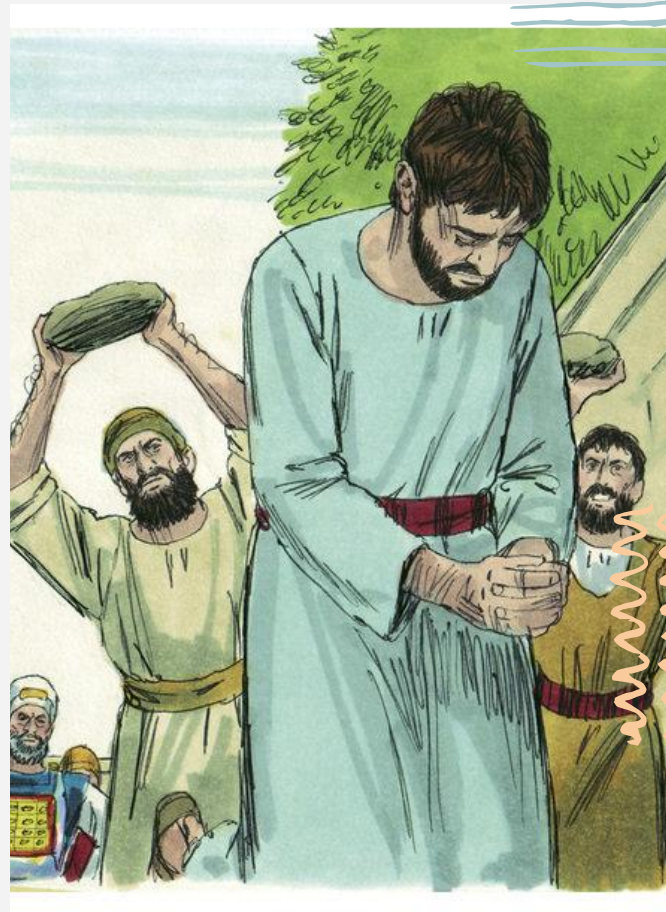
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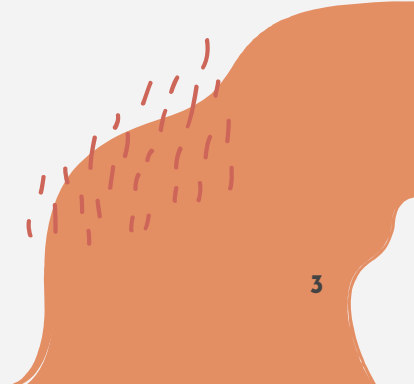
The six lessons that we can learn and apply from Acts 7





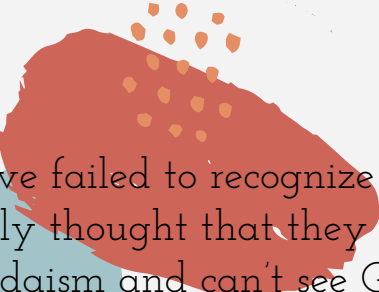
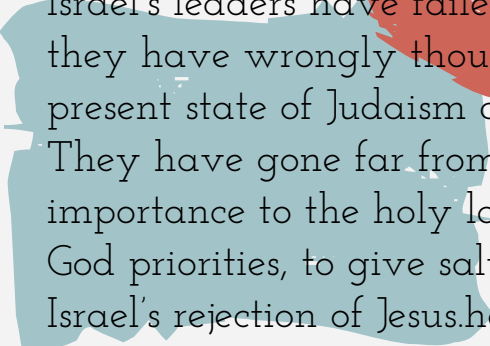

Summary

- Stephen makes a point that the three patriarchs, Moses, Abraham, and Joseph, whom the Pharisees recognized as God's representatives were all rejected by Israel at first, but were accepted by them later like Jesus.
- Stephen was stoned to death and was the first martyr.





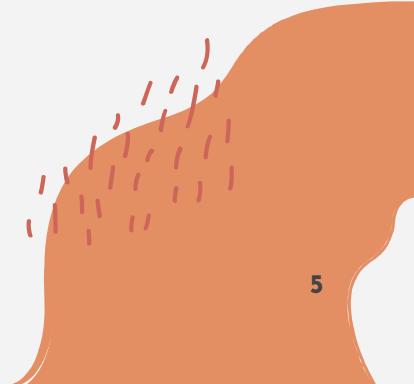
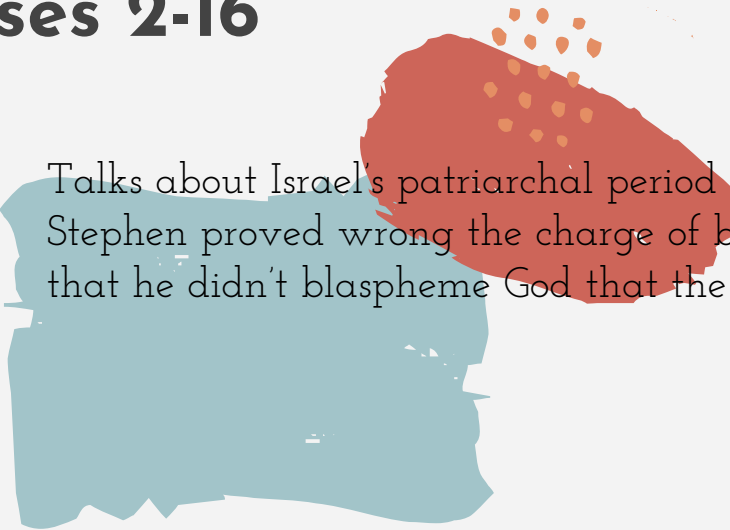
Main Themes

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1. Israel's leaders have failed to recognize the work of God because they have wrongly thought that they are perfect in their present state of Judaism and can't see God's plan of redemption
 2. They have gone far from God's priorities and have given importance to the holy land, Moses, and the temple instead of God priorities, to give salvation to the world
 3. Israel's rejection of Jesus. they dealt with Jesus just like other anointed servants that God has sent.
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Verses 2-16

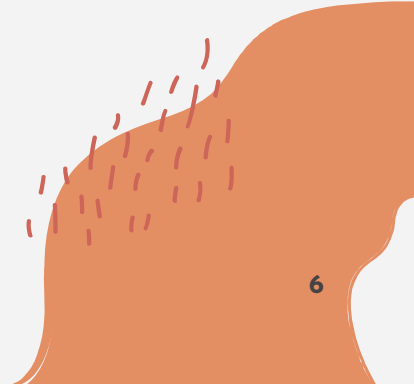
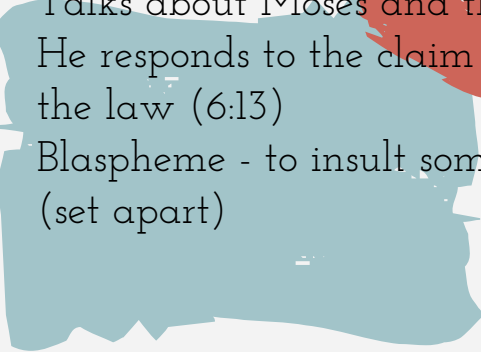
- Talks about Israel's patriarchal period
- Stephen proved wrong the charge of blaspheming God and that he didn't blaspheme God that the Pharisees said he had





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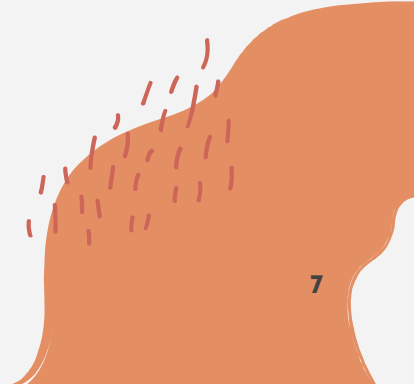
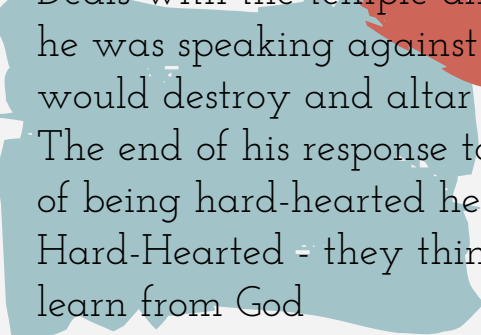
- Talks about Moses and the law
- He responds to the claim that he blasphemed Moses (6:11) and the law (6:13)
- Blaspheme - to insult something that is considered very sacred (set apart)





Verses 44-55

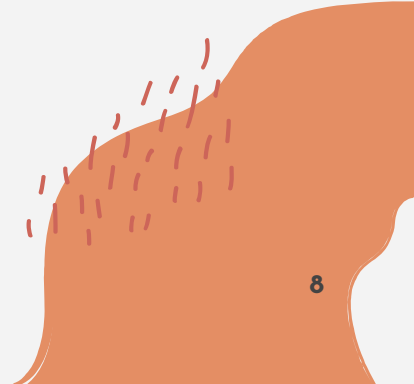
- Deals with the temple and his response to the accusation that he was speaking against the temple and saying that Jesus would destroy and altar Jewish customs
- The end of his response to these claims is that he accuses them of being hard-hearted hearers
- Hard-Hearted - they think that they're so holy that they can't learn from God





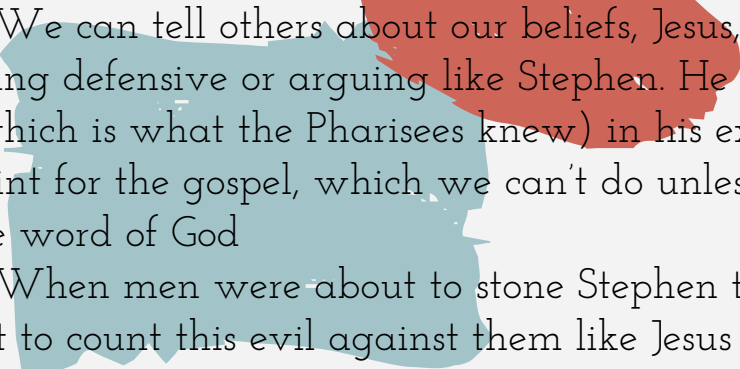
How We Can Apply

1. We also can be like the Pharisees and think that we're perfect and don't need to learn God's plan of revelation (divine understanding) and redemption (saving)
2. We can like the Israelites to think too highly of our country, spiritual leaders, our church, etc., and forget about God's priorities.
3. There is a pattern of humiliation followed by glorification (God's glory upon you)





How We Can Apply

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4. We can tell others about our beliefs, Jesus, and the gospel without being defensive or arguing like Stephen. He used the Old Testament (which is what the Pharisees knew) in his explanation to make a point for the gospel, which we can't do unless we personally know the word of God
 5. When men were about to stone Stephen to death, he asked God not to count this evil against them like Jesus did which showed his love for people and his desire for their salvation
 6. We can see that Stephen spent time with God because his face was glowing before his death like Moses when he spent time with God
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