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And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, Ephesians 3:9

Acts Lesson 11 **Acts 7:1-60**

Vs 1 The Question: “Are these things so?”

- What things? 1. Speak blasphemous words against Moses Vs 6:11
 2. Speak blasphemous words against God Vs 6:11
 3. Speak blasphemous words against this holy place Vs 6:13
 4. Speak blasphemous words against the law Vs 6:13

Blasphemy their catch all statement.

Vs 2-50 Stephens address (defense) before the council

He has their attention! 6:15

Vs 2-8 Stephen starts with Abraham (Everything starts with Abraham) almost... Gen CH 12-17

They should note that it did not look like God was going to fulfill his promise to Abraham initially.

Heb 11:8-13, 39

Vs 9-19 Stephen transitions to Joseph

“patriarchs moved with envy”

Joseph was rejected by his brethren the first time

Vs 13 the “second time” he delivered them and saved them

Joseph is considered a type of Christ.

Vs 20-36 Stephen transitions to Moses.

Vs 27 Rejected the first time.

Vs 35 the second time comes as a ruler and a deliverer.

Vs 36 Brought them out “after” “wonders and signs”

Vs 37-42 Stephen transitions to Christ and their rebellion.

Vs “A prophet” = crf Deut 18:15-19 = Ex 33:4-6 = Ex 34:27-29

In Acts 7 Stephen is still referring to = The covenant and the tables of the testimony

Proving Jesus is “that Prophet” linking Jesus to these prophecies.

Context of Jesus’ ministry is prophecy.

Vs 39-42 “would not obey” “this Moses” = 6:14 (they have the same contempt)

Israel continues in rebellion of Christ just as Moses.

Vs 43 Stephen transitions to offence and to Jesus.

Vs 44-50 Stephen transitions to God himself and his power.

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Vs 51-53 Stephen indites Israel of the murder of their Christ.

Vs 51 = Deut 10:12-17, Jer 9:23-26

Vs 52 = Matt 23:31-37

They have murdered "the Just One" = Justice = Judgment

Today we ignore these attributes of Jesus. (to only be positive)

Vs 53 = They have broken the law that they received.

Vs 54-60 Stephen is killed

Vs 54 = crf. 5:33 Proof the Holy Spirit is still working with Israel.

"gnashed" = only use. "gnashing" 7X = 6X in ref to Hell

Luke 13:28 Jesus prophecies of a future gnashing of teeth.

Vs 55-56 = "Jesus standing" ?

1. Preparing to return
2. To welcome Stephen
3. Preparing for judgment

Psalm 110:1, Ps 7:6, Ps 9:19

Vs 57-60

"stopped their ears"

We meet Saul

Stephens last words = Prays for their forgiveness.

No indication this prayer is answered.

Crf. II Chron 24:15-22 Israel killing their prophets.

Luke 19:11-28 "the added parable"

Stephen is most likely the messenger sent back to God.