

Outline of Acts

Prologue summarizing Luke Acts 1:1-3

- I. The Church is born in Jerusalem to challenges within and without Acts 1:4-6:7
- II. Opposition forces the Church to expand from Jerusalem Acts 6:8-9:31
- III. Peter Passes the Baton to Paul Acts 9:32-12:24
- IV. Paul's Ministry is Born Acts 12:25-16:5
- V. Paul's Ministry Expands 16:6-19:20
- VI. Paul Carried the Message of Christ to Rome 19:21-28:31

Note: Zane Hodges breaks the book of Acts into six panels: Acts 1:4-6:7 as Panel 1, Acts 6:8-9:31 as Panel 2, Acts 9:32-12:24 as Panel 3, Acts 12:25-16:5 as Panel 4, Acts 16:6-19:20 as Panel 5, Acts 19:21-28:31 as Panel 6.

Booklet 2 contains **three** major sections (**3 stories**)

- A. Stephen's Mission (**3 events**) 6:8-8:3
 1. The Freedmen **accused** Stephen of blasphemy 6:8-15
 2. Stephen **rebuked** Israel for **rejecting** God's agents 7:1-53
 3. Stephen's death and other persecution **scattered** the church 7:54-8:3
- B. Philip's Mission (**3 events**) 8:4-40
 1. Philip **evangelized** to the Samaritans 8:4-13
 2. Peter and John **ministered** to the Samaritans 8:14-25
 3. Philip **expanded** his territory of evangelism 8:26-40
- C. Paul's Conversion (**3 events**) 9:1-31
 1. God **chose** Saul to be His agent 9:1-18
 2. Paul **preached** Jesus is the Christ in the synagogues 9:19-22
 3. The Jews **failed** to stop Paul preaching Jesus is Christ and the church grew 9:23-31

The charges against Stephen were that he spoke blasphemous words against the temple and law!

Stephen's theme is Israel always resists the Holy Spirit regardless of which generation 7:51

Stephen insightfully explained that Israel and its forefathers consistently rejected God's agents:

Abraham partially rejected God's agent (Angel of the Lord)

1. Jacob's sons rejected Joseph twice
2. Israel rejected Moses twice
3. The "council" rejected Jesus (the Prophet greater than Moses)

Stephen responded (in three cycles) 2-53

1. Deliverance from trouble (famine) in the patriarchal period by God's chosen savior (Joseph), whom the patriarchs rejected 2-16
2. Deliverance from trouble (slavery) in the Egyptian period by God's chosen savior (Moses), whom Israel rejected 17-43
3. Deliverance from trouble (persecution) in the Church-Expansion period to the kingdom by God's chosen Savior (Jesus), whom the JLs (council) rejected 44-53