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**Acts 7:1-54**

*Resisting the Holy Spirit*

Intro

**A. GENTILE PERSECUTION OF GOD’S PEOPLE.**

1. The pagan standard (Acts 7:6, 17-19).

 2. God’s judgment on the Egyptians (Acts 7:7).

**B. ISRAEL’S PERSECUTION OF GOD’S REMNANT.**

 1. There is an Israel within Israel, a remnant according to God’s election (Rom. 9:6; 11:5).

 2. Israel according to the flesh (1 Cor. 10:18) habitually persecuted Israel according to the Spirit.

**C. STEPHEN’S DEFENSE AND HISTORICAL INDICTMENT.**

 1. The patriarchs were jealous of Joseph and sold him into slavery (Acts 7:9).

 2. Moses was lovely in God’s sight (Acts 7:20).

 3. Moses was blessed by God (Acts 7:22).

 4. Moses was misunderstood by his brethren and rejected him (Acts 7:25, 27-28).

 5. God appeared to Moses at the burning bush (Acts 7:30-34).

 6. God exalts the disowned Moses to be a ruler and deliverer (Acts 7:35).

 7. Moses performed wonders and signs in Egypt, Red Sea and wilderness (Acts 7:36).

 8. Moses becomes a prototype of the coming Messiah (Acts 7:37).

 9. Moses received “living oracles” from God (Acts 7:38).

 10. The fathers disobeyed Moses and repudiated him turning back to Egypt in their hearts (Acts 7:39).

 11. The fathers worshipped idols instead of God (Acts 7:40-43).

**D. STEPHEN’S INDICTMENT OF THEIR SIN (Acts 7:51-53).**

 1. Stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears (Acts 7:51).

 2. Always resisting the HS (Acts 7:51).

 3. Persecuted and killed the prophets (Acts 7:52). Mt. 23:29-35.

 4. Betrayed and murdered Christ (Acts 7:52).

 5. Received the law ordained by angels but did not keep it (Acts 7:53).

Conclusion

 1. Great privileges do not guarantee godly faith.

 2. Beware of resisting the Holy Spirit.