

Stephen Defends His View of the Law and Temple (Acts 7:38-53) 12/17/23

Introduction

To reach the world effectively with the gospel, believers must be able to _____ our faith.

Notes on apologetics:

Stephen stood accused of blaspheming—speaking _____ of—God, Moses, the Law, and the _____.

Stephen's View of the Law (vv. 38-43)

The Law was the _____ given to the people as to how they were to live in _____ with their God.

Notes on Moses' time in the wilderness:

oracles (logion) =

Stephen honored the fact that the Law itself was passed on from _____ and Moses himself did what _____ told him to do with it.

They did not want to _____ to Moses' leadership, though God had clearly _____ him to be their leader and the one through whom He mediated the Law.
repudiated (apotheo) =

At the same time Moses was on Mt. Sinai _____ the Law from God, the people turned to _____.
rejoicing (euphroneo) =

Cross references on God turning them away and delivering them up:

Notes on Stephen's quote from [Amos 5:25-27](#):

Stephen's View of the Temple (vv. 44-53)

Stephen defends his view of the Temple by tracing its history back to the _____.

Notes on the [tabernacle](#):

Notes from [1 Chronicles 17:1-14](#) on King David's request to build the Temple:

Notes on the history of the Temple:

God, the sovereign, _____ of all beings, cannot be contained in a structure fashioned by His _____ out of elements He Himself made!

men who are stiff-necked (sklerotrachelos) =

Stephen asserts that they are just as _____ and separated from God as the pagan _____.

Notes on the words of Jesus in [Luke 11:47-51](#):

They had all the privileges of being the guardians of the _____, of hosting God's _____ among them, of being the audience of the prophets, of the _____ coming directly to them and being one of them, yet in their hardness of heart, they still rejected the message and all its _____.