

Stephen Defends His View of Moses (Acts 7:17-37) 12/10/23

Introduction

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

_____ (from the Greek word *apologia*) is the study of the defense of the faith. It has two aspects to it:

1. defending the faith against _____
2. presenting _____ of Christianity to unbelievers

Notes on how Stephen was a master apologist:

Israel's Enslavement and God's Deliverer (vv. 17-22)

Stephen begins this _____ phase of his defense by covering Israel's captivity and enslavement in _____.

God had promised this would happen in [Gen. 15:13](#). Notes:

[took shrewd advantage of \(*katasophizomai*\)](#) =

Notes on the evil directed at the Jews by the Egyptians:

[expose their infants \(*ekthetos*\)](#) =

God was preparing a _____ for Israel in Moses.

Stephen makes a point of _____ Moses, describing him as lovely in the sight of God.

[lovely \(*asteios*\)](#) =

Stephen extols Moses' _____, and the powerful influence he achieved as an _____ child of the Pharaoh's household.

Stephen weaves the _____ of God into his retelling of Moses' life.

Israel's First Rejection of Her Deliverer (vv. 23-34)

At the age of _____, God began to make His calling on Moses' life known to him.

Notes on Moses' life:

Although Moses had shown his _____ to his people by risking his own life, they failed to recognize him as their _____.

Israel's foolish _____ of Moses cost them another 40 years of slavery!

Notes on Moses' experience and reaction at the [burning thorn bush](#):

After 40 years in the desert, Moses was ready to _____ God's people .

The Bigger Picture of Israel's Rejection of Moses (vv. 35-37)

[disowned \(*arneomai*\)](#) =

Spiritual _____ combined with spiritual _____ caused Israel to reject the deliverers God _____ to them.

Stephen showed that it was not he, but the _____ itself that was guilty of _____ and blaspheming Moses!

The Jew's response to _____, like their response to Joseph parallels their response to _____.

Parallels between Jesus and Moses: