

"A SERMON FOR THE AGES"

ACTS 7:1-53

I. THE SERMON COMES IN TWO PARTS

A. Narration [The Retelling Of O.T. History] (7:2-50)

1. God's Dealings With Abraham [They Misunderstood Their Own Spiritual Roots] (7:2-8)
 - a. The Subject Of The Section Is "*God*"
 - b. The Focus Is On The God Directed Geography Behind Abraham's Sojourn
 - c. At That Time God Was Not Bound To A Particular Place
2. God's Dealings With Joseph And Moses [They Misunderstood Their God Sent Deliverers] (7:9-44)
 - a. Joseph [Regardless Of Where Joseph Was, God Was With Him] (7:9-19)
 - b. Moses (7:20-44)
 - i. In Egypt (7:20-28)
 - ii. In Midian (7:29-34)
 - iii. In The Wilderness (7:35-44)
3. God's Dealings With Joshua, David & Solomon [They Misunderstood Their Temple] (7:45-50)
 - a. God's Presence Could Not Be Confined To The Tabernacle/Temple
 - b. Israel Was Just Not Alert To This

B. Application Of The Narration (7:51-53)

1. Stephen Harpoons This Council For Maintaining National Consistency In Rejecting God's Messengers
2. Stephen's Point Is *There Is A History* Behind Every Tragedy

II. THE SERMON IS A CASE STUDY IN HARD HEADEDNESS