## STUDIES IN ACTS Lesson 17 Stanley D. Toussaint

## STEPHEN'S SERMON: EPILOGUE Acts 7:54---8:1a

- I. The witness in Jerusalem 1:1---6:7
- II. The witness in all Judea and Samaria 6:8---9:31
  - A. The martyrdom of Stephen 6:8---8:10
    - 1. The arrest of Stephen 6:8---7:1
    - 2. The address of Stephen 7:2-53

## Parenthesis (Epilogue: Three themes

- 1. Progress and change are part of God's program
  - a. The call of Abraham 7:2-8
  - b. The sojourn of Joseph 7:9-16
  - c. The deliverance under Moses 7:17-43
  - d. The construction of the Tabernacle 7:44-46
  - e. The construction of the Temple 7:47-50
- 2. The blessings of God are not limited to the land of Israel and the Temple
  - a. The call of Abraham in Ur
  - b. Joseph in Egypt
  - c. Moses in Midian
  - d. The giving of the Law
  - e. The Tabernacle
  - f. The limitations of the Temple

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3. Israel has always opposed God a. Abraham b. Joseph's brothers c. Israel and Moses d. Israel's idolatry e. Israel's misunderstanding of the Temple) End of parenthesis \* \* \* \* \* 3. The attack on Stephen 7:54---8:1a a. Stephen's final witness 7:54-56

**Conclusion and application** 

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b. Stephen's final words 7:57---8:1a