

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5 Christi Taylor	19 Abdul Cruz
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14 Ismael Diaz	24 Lynett Meredith
17 Jeremy Bach	25 Ashley Ferguson



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

10 Troy and Kimberly Owen
14 Harold and Janie Kilby
17 Jason and Eliasha Carr
29 Greg and Wanda Mattson

Happy Anniversary!

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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord's Church
Part 10***

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord's Church – Part 10

Overview facts: written 63-80 A.D. by Luke, the Gentile physician and traveling companion of Paul.

-The apostles laid hands on seven men who are the first examples of deacons, seeing to the Church's physical needs. We learn these men were given a gift from the Holy Spirit of God when this happened, which only occurs when one of the 12 apostles does this.

Chapter 6 Verse 8

Acts 6:5-6 (This is the first time a non-apostle has performed a miracle and it happened after the apostles laid their hands on Stephen and prayed over him and the other first deacons. This shows how miraculous gifts were given in the Christian age to all who were not baptized in/by the Holy Spirit.)

Verses 9-15

John 15:18-20 & Matt. 5:11 & 1 Peter 3:13-17 (When the Church is growing again, now problems return. Stephen was attacked the same way that Christ was, with lies and false accusations, but he is blessed for it and is ready to make a defense of Christ, which he will do through all of Chapter 7.)

Chapter 7 (The entire chapter is Stephen's defense and in it, he will answer three main charges by the Jews: They accused him of speaking against Moses, the temple, and blaspheming God.)

Verses 1-8

Gal. 3:26-29, 6:15-16 (Stephen will show throughout his defense that the Jews have a history of not remembering or believing the promises of God while only a remnant ever ends up being saved. That continues to happen with the few Jews who became Christians, the new "remnant of believers." Abraham's children suffered on earth while awaiting their future home, getting taken advantage of by those around them until that happened, but God will judge their oppressors. This is the same in Christianity.)

Verses 9-10

Matt. 28:18-20 & Phil. 2:9-11 (Joseph's brothers who were jealous of him being the chosen one, tried to get rid of him, and through his suffering, he was exalted to rule second only to Pharaoh all that Pharaoh possessed. God the Father so exalted Jesus Whom these men harmed because they were jealous of Him.)

Verses 11-16

1 Cor. 15:3-8 & Gen. 46:8-27 (Jesus revealed Who He was fully to His brothers after He was raised from the dead, His second time being sent to earth. Stephen confirms it is 75 people, which the Septuagint describes, who went to Egypt, not 70. Patriarchs looking forward to the promise died and only *after death were they taken to their promised land*, same for Christians.)

Verses 17-22

Rom. 8:28 & Luke 24:19 (God caused all things to work together for good for those who love Him. Moses was raised in a foreign setting, but knew who he was, like Jesus. Moses was royalty and had the best education possible, as Jesus did (Divine knowledge), becoming a man of power in words and deeds, just like Jesus.)

Verses 23-29

Rom. 5:6 (When his preparation was complete - 40 symbolizes "completion" - Moses revealed himself to his brothers, as Jesus did, coming to them to save them from pain and death. Moses defeated the Egyptians just as Christ did sin, but his brothers did not understand, nor were grateful, nor submitted to his rule.)

Verses 30-34

(Moses heard the voice of God and trembled, not even looking directly at the burning

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE BEING STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Classes and sermons are available on Youtube.

There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.

Potluck fellowship the first Sunday of the month – please join us September 7th!!

Please pray for Greg and Wanda Mattson's daughter Jaime who is being treated for an aneurysm and remains hospitalized in Missouri.

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

bush, showing far more reverence than anyone who heard the voice of God through Jesus, the prophet Moses said would be coming Who spoke God's Word to them. Also shows how much better Jesus is than Moses, since Moses could not even stand in the presence of God, but Jesus will be seen doing this in verse 56. We note that God said "I have come down to save them" and "He was sending Moses down to them now." This meant God was always going to come down **Himself** to save them.)

Verses 35-38

Deut. 18:18 (Jesus was just like Moses in that they did not want to serve Him, but He was exalted over them all. Jesus also showed them power and miracles to prove His claims. These men are the ones disregarding Moses, because he told them of a coming prophet who would come from their countrymen just like him, and Jesus parallels all of Moses's life, just as they parallel their fathers.)

Verses 39-50

Ex. 25:40 & Ezra 6:1-3 & Ezek. 40-43 (The Jews refused to listen to Moses and the future promises he gave them from God but focused on the worldly, like these Jews, and instead were captivated by idols. The temple is the new idol. God never asked for it, but allowed it for David. And this temple was not even built to God's specifications, but Cyrus's! God obviously does not live in it, as the entire earth is just His footstool and He made His Own home in Heaven - even Solomon who made the temple understood that and these men do not.)

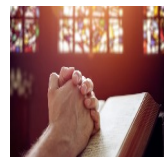
Verses 51-53

(The Law "ordained" by angels, because it was given to Moses through the angel of the Lord on the top of Mt. Sinai in Exodus.)

Verses 54-60

Luke 23:33-34 (This is the only time in Scripture Jesus is described to "stand" at God's right hand, likely out of respect for Stephen's faith, bravery, and sacrifice. Saul of Tarsus is the young Pharisee who heard all this and gives authority to execute Stephen. Stephen acts just like Jesus, these men act just as they have and just as their fathers always have.)

PRAY FOR



**Diana Landers
Kathie & Eddie Rose
Jerry Harvey
Wally Dickinson
Gary Bates**