

7. **A Powerful Exhorter** Stephen, along with Philip the Evangelist, another of the seven, was a powerful preacher (2 Tim 4:2) being “*instant _____ season, _____ of _____*” and (V9) _____ with the Jews such that (V10) they “*were _____ able to _____ the _____ and the _____ by which he spake.*”
8. **The Wisdom Of Stephen** We are familiar with the great wisdom of Solomon, and all were (Lk 2:42-48) “*_____ at his understanding*” when Jesus was only _____ years old. Later “*in his own country*” (Mt 13:54) they said of Jesus: “*_____ hath this man this _____?*” Now, in a single verse (Acts 6:10) we find it said of Stephen: “*They were not able to _____ the _____ and the spirit by which he _____.*” Remember: Stephen was a man of great wisdom.
9. **The Jews Bribed False Witnesses** (V11) “*They _____ men, which said, We have heard him speak _____ words against _____, and against _____.*” To suborn means to bribe. It is unnecessary to bribe men to tell the truth. The Pharisees themselves were blasphemers of Christ even though they may well have believed their own lies, so it follows that they had no pangs of conscience in compelling damaging testimony from others.
10. **Stephen – Before The Council** (V12) “*They _____ the people----and _____ him, and brought him to the _____.*” This was the Jewish council.
11. **The Charges** (V13) “*This man _____ to _____ blasphemous words against this _____ place, and the _____.*” The “*holy place*” was the Jerusalem temple. They said (V14) that Stephen taught “*that this _____ of Nazareth shall _____ this _____, and shall _____ the customs which Moses delivered us.*”
12. **Stephen’s Visage** (V15) “*All that _____ in the council----saw his _____ as it had been the _____ of an _____.*” It is noteworthy that Saul of Tarsus was a witness, for he sat in the council, and we can well imagine that he would reflect back on his many times in later years.
13. **Stephen’s Defense – Acts 7** This is the longest recorded oration in the book of Acts (Verses 2-53) and Stephen courageously indicted these unbelieving Jews. We recommend close study of this text in TPBS Lessons [#307-2](#), #308 & #309, lessons from The Book of Acts. He concludes (V51-53) by saying: “*Ye _____ and uncircumcised in _____ and _____.*”
14. **His Indictment Of The Jews** He charged: “*Ye do _____ resist the _____.*” He accused them of killing the OT prophets that prophesied “*the coming of the _____ of whom ye have been now the _____ and _____.*” He had preached of The Law that they pretended to revere and said that you “*have _____ kept it.*” Question: How many of us, in real time, would “Amen” Stephen’s words? Would we stand for such a stinging indictment of sin?
15. **The Pharisee Response** They didn’t give him an Amen. They (V54) “*were _____ to the _____,*” meaning that what he said had infuriated them. “*They _____ on him with their _____,*” meaning they were so apoplectic that they ground their teeth together.
16. **Stephen’s Demeanor** (V55) “*But he, being _____ of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly _____, and saw the _____ of _____, and Jesus _____ on the _____ hand of God.*” This is the only reference to Jesus standing instead of sitting on God’s right hand. In (V56) Stephen cried out: “*Behold, I see the heavens _____, and the _____ of _____ standing on the right hand of God.*” Other than Jesus, Stephen alone used the terminology “*Son of Man.*”
17. **The Mob Action** They immediately rushed him and dragged him out of the city. (V59) “*And they _____ Stephen*” while he called on God saying, “*Lord Jesus, _____ my _____.*”
18. **His Final Words** He “*cried with a _____ voice, Lord, _____ not this _____ to their charge.*” Earlier, Jesus, upon the cross (Lk 23:33), had said: “*Father, _____ them; for they know _____ what they do.*” This exemplifies the Christian spirit – to desire their forgiveness even though God (in heaven) requires repentance. Thankfully Saul of Tarsus (1 Tim 1:13) “*obtained _____.*”