

Antichrist 2012-029

Israel and the Church -

Acts Chapter 7

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- Last week we saw the video Israel and the Church – by Chuck Missler.
- He attempted to cover the topic of Israel in one hour and had to skip quickly from one topic to another due to his time constraints.
- An important part of his presentation was entitled:
- “BC History: A Pattern of Failures
- •Stephen’s Summary of History (Acts 7):– Their unresponsive history—yet

God's persistent purpose;—
Characterized by rejection the
first time, then *acceptance the
second time.*”

- I think it is such an important scripture in defining the difference between Israel and the church, we will explore it more deeply today.
- I believe that this was Israel's last offer – the offer to the highest leadership - and their final rejection of their Messiah, leading to the destruction of the Temple and

their expulsion from Jerusalem
for nearly 2000 years:

- Acts 6:8 - 8:1
- ⁸ *And Stephanos, filled with belief and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*
- ⁹ *But some of those of the so-called Congregation of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Kilikia and Asia), rose up, disputing with Stephanos,*

- ¹⁰ *but they were unable to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.*
- ¹¹ *Then they instigated men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Mosheh and Elohim.”*
- ¹² *And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, so they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council.*

- ¹³ *And they set up false witnesses who said, “This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this set-apart place and the Torah,*
- ¹⁴ *for we have heard him saying that this עֲשׂוּהָי of Natsareth shall overthrow this place and change the institutes which Mosheh delivered unto us.”*

- ¹⁵ *And all who sat in the council, looking steadily at him, saw his face was like the face of a heavenly messenger.*
- *7 And the high priest said, “Is this so?”*
- ² *And he replied, “Men, brothers and fathers, listen: The Elohim of esteem appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Aram Naharayim, before he dwelt in Haran,*

- ³ and said to him, ‘Come out of your land and from your relatives, and come here, into a land that I shall show you.’
- ⁴ “Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, after the death of his father, He removed him to this land in which you now dwell.

- ⁵ *“And He gave him no inheritance in it, not a foot of it. But He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.*
- ⁶ *“And Elohim spoke in this way: that his seed would be sojourning in a foreign land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.*

- ⁷ *‘And the nation to whom they shall be enslaved, I shall judge,’ said Elohim, ‘and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.’*
- ⁸ *“And He gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so he brought forth Yitsh̄aq and circumcised him on the eighth day. And Yitsh̄aq brought forth Ya‘aqob̄, and Ya‘aqob̄ brought forth the twelve ancestors.*

- ⁹ *“And the ancestors, becoming jealous, sold Yosēph into Mitsrayim. But Elohim was with him,*
- ¹⁰ *and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim. And he appointed him governor over Mitsrayim and all his house.*

- ¹¹ *“Then a scarcity of food and great distress came over all the land of Mitsrayim and Kena‘an, and our fathers found no food.*
- ¹² *“But Ya‘aqobḥ heard that there was grain in Mitsrayim, and he sent out our fathers the first time,*
- ¹³ *and at the second time Yosěph was made known to his brothers, and Yosěph’s race became known to the Pharaoh.*

- ¹⁴ “*And Yosēph sent and called his father Ya ‘aqob̄ and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people.*
- ¹⁵ “*And Ya ‘aqob̄ went down to Mitsrayim, and died, he and our fathers,*
- ¹⁶ *and they were brought over to Shek̄em and laid in the tomb that Ab̄raham bought for a price of silver from the sons of H̄amor, the father of Shek̄em.*

- ¹⁷ *“But as the time of the promise drew near which Elohim had sworn to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Mitsrayim*
- ¹⁸ *until another sovereign arose who did not know Yosēph.*
- ¹⁹ *“Having dealt treacherously with our race, this one mistreated our fathers, making them expose their babies, so that they should not live.*

- ²⁰ *“At that time Mosheh was born, and he was well-pleasing to Elohim. And he was reared three months in the house of his father.*
- ²¹ *“But when he was exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up and reared him as her own son.*
- ²² *“And Mosheh was instructed in all the wisdom of the Mitsrites, and was mighty in words and works.*

- ²³ *“And when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Yisra’ěl.*
- ²⁴ *“And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended and revenged him who was oppressed, smiting the Mitsrite.*
- ²⁵ *“And he thought that his brothers would have understood that Elohim would give deliverance to them by his hand, but they did not understand.*

- ²⁶ *“And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and urged them to peace, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers, why do you wrong one another?’*
- ²⁷ *“But he who was wronging his neighbour pushed him away, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’*
- ²⁸ *‘Do you wish to kill me as you killed the Mitsrite yesterday?’*

- ²⁹ “*And at this saying, Mosheh fled and became a sojourner in the land of Midyan, where he fathered two sons.*
- ³⁰ “*And after forty years were completed, a Messenger of יהוה appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.*

- ³¹ “And Mosheh, seeing it, marvelled at the sight, and coming near to look, the voice of יהוה came to him, ³² saying, ‘I am the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham and the Elohim of Yitshaq and the Elohim of Ya‘aqob.’ And Mosheh trembled and did not have the courage to look.
- ³³ ‘But יהוה said to him, “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is

set-apart ground.

- ³⁴ *“I have certainly seen the evil treatment of my people who are in Mitsrayim, and I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, let Me send you to Mitsrayim.” ’*
- ³⁵ *“This Mosheh whom they had refused, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’—this one Elohim sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Messenger who appeared to him in the bush.*

- ³⁶ *“This one led them out, after he had done wonders and signs in the land of Mitsrayim, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.*
- ³⁷ *“This is the Mosheh who said to the children of Yisra’ěl, ‘יְהוָה your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brothers. Him you shall hear.’*

- ³⁸ *“This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the Messenger who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received the living Words^r to give to us,*
- ³⁹ *unto whom our fathers would not become obedient, but thrust away, and in their hearts they turned back to Mitsrayim,*

- ⁴⁰ *saying to Aharon, ‘Make us mighty ones to go before us, for this Mosheh who led us out of the land of Mitsrayim, we do not know what has become of him.’*
- ⁴¹ *“And they made a calf in those days, and brought an offering to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their own hands.*

- ⁴² *“So Elohim turned and gave them up to worship the host of the heaven,^s as it has been written in the book of the Prophets, ‘Did you bring slaughtered beasts and offerings unto Me during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Yisra’ěl?*
- ⁴³ *‘And you took up the tent of Molek, and the star of your mighty one Kiyyun, images which you made to bow before them. Therefore I shall remove you beyond Babel.’*

- ⁴⁴ *“The Tent of Witness was with our fathers in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Mosheh to make it according to the pattern that he had seen,*
- ⁴⁵ *which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Yehoshua into the land possessed by the gentiles, whom Elohim drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of Dawid,*

- ⁴⁶ *who found favour before Elohim and asked to find a dwelling for the Elohim of Ya‘aqob,*
- ⁴⁷ *but Shelomoh built Him a house.*
- ⁴⁸ *“However, the Most High does not dwell in dwellings made with hands,^t as the prophet says:*
- ⁴⁹ *‘The heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. What house shall you build for Me? says יהוה, or what is the place of My rest?’*

- ⁵⁰ *‘Has My hand not made all these?’*
- ⁵¹ *“You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Set-apart Spirit, as your fathers did, you also do.*

- ⁵² “Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who before announced the coming of the Righteous One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,
- ⁵³ who received the Torah as it was ordained by messengers, but did not watch over^u it.” ^u
See footnote Mt. 5:20.

- ⁵⁴ *And hearing this they were cut to the hearts and gnashed the teeth at him.*
- ⁵⁵ *But he, being filled with the Set-apart Spirit, looked steadily into the heaven and saw the esteem of Elohim, and עֲשׂוּהָי standing at the right hand of Elohim,*
- ⁵⁶ *and he said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Adam standing at the right hand of Elohim!”*

- ⁵⁷ *And crying out with a loud voice, they stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one mind,*
- ⁵⁸ *and threw him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Sha'ul.*
- ⁵⁹ *And they were stoning Stephanos as he was calling and saying, “Master עֲשׂוּהָי, receive my spirit.”*

- ⁶⁰ *And kneeling down he cried out with a loud voice, “Master, do not hold this sin against them.” And having said this, he fell asleep.*
- *8 And Sha’ul was giving approval to his death. And on that day there was a great persecution against the assembly which was at Yerushalayim, and they were all scattered throughout the countries of Yehudāh and Shomeron, except the emissaries.*

- ² *And dedicated men buried Stephanos, and made great lamentation over him.*
- ³ *But Sha'ul was ravaging the assembly, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, putting them in prison.*

- ⁴ *Then those who had been scattered went everywhere bringing the Good News: the Word!*
- ⁵ *And going down to the city of Shomeron Philip proclaimed Messiah to them.*

- *Next, we will watch the Second Session of Chuck Missler's series "Israel and the Church", entitled "My Body the Church."*
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