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<p>(37) After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, <i>even</i> as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.</p> <p>(38) And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:</p> <p>(39) But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.</p> <p>(40) And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten <i>them</i>, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.</p> <p>(41) And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.</p> <p>(42) And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>(1) And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.</p> <p>(2) Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples <i>unto them</i>, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.</p>	<p>(37) After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away many people after him: he also perished; and all, <i>even</i> as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.</p> <p>(38) And now I say to you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: because if^d this counsel or this work is of men, it will come to nothing:</p> <p>(39) But if^e it is of God, you cannot overthrow it; lest perhaps you are found even to fight against God.</p> <p>(40) And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten <i>them</i>, they commanded that they should not speak in the Name of Jesus, and let them go.</p> <p>(41) And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name.</p> <p>(42) And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease to teach and preach Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>(1) And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry of food^a.</p> <p>(2) Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples <i>to themselves</i>, and said, It is not reasonable that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.</p>
<p>5:38d - "if this counsel or this work be of men" - the Greek word for "if" in this verse is <i>ean</i> {εαν} which suggests that Gamaliel really suspected that it wasn't of men</p> <p>5:39e - "if it be of God" - the Greek word for "if" in this verse is <i>ei</i> {ει} which implies that Gamaliel suspected that it was of God</p> <p>6:1a - the law of Moses specifically provided for widows, but apparently the widows who were Greek speaking Jews from other parts of the country were not being provided for - see Deut. 14:29</p>	
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(3) Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
(4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
(5) And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
(6) Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.
(7) And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
(8) And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.
(9) Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.
(10) And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.
(11) Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.

(3) Therefore, brothers, seek out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
(4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
(5) And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:^b
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(10) But they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke.
(11) Then they recruited men, who said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.

6:5b - we believe these are the first deacons - their job was to make sure that all those, primarily the widows, needs were provided for
6:9c - Libertines, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, Cilicians, and of Asia - Jews from the various parts of the Roman empire, possibly gathered together for the Feast of Pentecost or one of the other feasts: Libertine, Cyrene, Alexandria, Cilicia, etc.

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(12) And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council,
(13) And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:
(14) For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.
(15) And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Chapter 7

(1) Then said the high priest, Are these things so?
(2) And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,
(3) And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.
(4) Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.
(5) And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

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(1) Then the high priest said, Are these things so?
(2) And he answered, Men, brothers, and fathers, listen; The God of glory appeared to our forefather Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran^a,
(3) And said to him, **Get out of your country, and away from your kindred, and come into the land which I shall show you^b.**
(4) Then he came out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and lived in Haran: and from there, when his father was dead^c, he removed himself into this land, in which you now live.
(5) But He gave him no inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet He promised that He would give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

7:2a - Charran - Haran {The "Ch" is a variant in transliteration of the Hebrew}

7:3b - Gen. 12:1

7:4c – when his father was dead – by this we know that Abraham came to Canaan following the death of his father who was 205 at the time {Gen. 11:31-32} and Abraham was 75 years old at the time {Gen. 11:32 – 12:5}

- See [Appendix G: WorldTime Line of Biblical History](#)

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(6) And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.
(7) And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.
(8) And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.
(9) And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,
(10) And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.
(11) Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.
(12) But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.
(13) And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

(6) And God spoke in this manner, That his descendants should live in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and treat *them* evil four hundred years^d.
(7) **And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage I will judge, said God: and after that they shall come forth, and serve Me in this place^e.**
(8) And He gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* fathered Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *fathered* Jacob; and Jacob *fathered* the twelve patriarchs.
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(10) And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.
(11) Now there came a famine over all the land of Egypt and Canaan^f, and great affliction: and our forefathers found no food.
(12) But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our forefathers first.
(13) And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brothers; and Joseph's kindred were made known to Pharaoh.

7:6d - treated evil 400 years and put into bondage - see Gen. 15:13; Gal. 3:17 - note: based on Gal. 3:17 we know that Israel was not in bondage for 400 years since there was only 430 years from the time the promise was given to Abraham until Moses received the Law. The 400 years is counted from Isaac's 5th birthday.
See note on Gen. 15:13 and [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)
7:7e - Gen. 15:14, 16
7:11f - Chanaan - Canaan - See note on 7:2

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(14) Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.
(15) So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,
(16) And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem.
(17) But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
(18) Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.
(19) The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.
(20) In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:
(21) And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.
(22) And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.
(23) And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.
(24) And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

(14) Then Joseph sent, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, seventy-five souls^g.
(15) So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our forefathers,
(16) And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem^h.
(17) But when the time of the promise drew near, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
(18) Until another king arose, who did not know Josephⁱ.
(19) The same dealt subtly with our kindred, and treated our forefathers evilly, so that they cast out their young children, intending to kill them.
(20) During that time Moses was born, and was exceedingly fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:
(21) And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.
(22) And Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.
(23) And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers the children of Israel.
(24) And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck the Egyptian^j:

7:14g - Jacob's kindred, seventy-five souls in all. See notes on Gen. 46:26 and 46:27
7:16h - Gen. 23:1-2
7:18i - Ex. 1:8
7:24j - Ex. 2:11-12

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(25) For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.
(26) And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?
(27) But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?
(28) Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?
(29) Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.
(30) And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
(31) When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,
(32) *Saying*, I *am* the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.
(33) Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

(25) Because he supposed his brothers would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they did not understand.
(26) And the next day he showed himself to them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, you are brothers; why do you wrong one to another?
(27) But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?
(28) Will you kill me, as you did the Egyptian yesterday?^k
(29) Then Moses fled at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Midian^l, where he fathered two sons.
(30) And when forty years had expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai an Angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
(31) When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to see *it*, the voice of the Lord came to him,
(32) *Saying*, **I *am* the God of you forefathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**^m
Then Moses trembled, and dared not look.
(33) Then the Lord said to him, **Remove your shoes from your feet: because the place where you stand is holy ground.**ⁿ

7:28k - Ex. 2:13-15
7:29l - Madian - Midian
7:32m - Ex. 3:6 - see Mat. 22:32
7:33n - Ex. 3:5

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(34) I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

(35) This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

(36) He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

(37) This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

(38) This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

(39) To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

(40) Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for* this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

(41) And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

(34) **I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and have come down to deliver them. And come now, I will send you into Egypt^o.**

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(37) This is that Moses, who said to the children of Israel,

The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet to you of your brothers, like me; Him you shall hear.^p

(38) This is He, Who was in the church in the wilderness with the Angel Who spoke to him in the mount Sinai, and *with* our forefathers: who received the living oracles to give to us:

(39) To whom our forefathers would not obey, but pushed *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

(40) Saying to Aaron, Make for us gods to go before us: because *as for* this Moses, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him^q.

(41) And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

7:34o - Ex. 3:9-10
7:37p - Deut. 18:15
7:40q - Ex. 32:1

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(42) Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?
(43) Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.
(44) Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
(45) Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;
(46) Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
(47) But Solomon built him an house.
(48) Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
(49) Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?
(50) Hath not my hand made all these things?

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(44) Our forefathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He had appointed, speaking to Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
(45) Which our forefathers who came in afterward also brought in with Jesus {Joshua}^s into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our forefathers, until the days of David;
(46) Who found favor before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
(47) But Solomon built Him a house {temple}.
(48) However the most High does not live in temples made with hands; as the prophet says,
(49) **Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool: what house {temple} will you build Me? Says the Lord: or what is the place of My rest?**
(50) **Has not My hand made all these things?^t**

7:42-43r - Amos 5:25-26

7:45s - Jesus - i.e. Joshua [Jesus {Ἰησοῦς} is Greek for the Hebrew name Joshua {יהושע} which means Jehovah saves]

7:49-50t - Is. 66:1-2

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(51) Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.
(52) Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:
(53) Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it*.
(54) When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.
(55) But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,
(56) And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.
(57) Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
(58) And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.
(59) And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
(60) And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

(51) You stubborn and uncircumcised in heart and ears^u, you always resist the Holy Spirit: as your forefathers *did*, so *do* you.
(52) Which of the prophets have your forefathers not persecuted? and they have killed those who showed beforehand the coming of the Just One; of Whom you have now been the betrayers and murderers:
(53) Who have received the law delivered by angels, and have not kept *it*.
(54) When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth.
(55) But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up intently into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing^v on the right hand of God,
(56) And said, Look, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God.
(57) Then they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
(58) And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their coats at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul^w.
(59) And they stoned Stephen, even as he was calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
(60) And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, do not lay this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

7:51u - uncircumcised of heart and ears - i.e. they act like ungodly unbelievers
7:55v - Jesus is standing - showing His love and support of Stephen and his testimony
7:58w - Acts 22:20

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(1) And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

(2) And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.

(3) As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.

(4) Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

(5) Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

(6) And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

(7) For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

(8) And there was great joy in that city.

(9) But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

(10) To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

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(10) To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man has the great power of God.

8:9a - sorcery - literally: magic {μαγευων}

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(11) And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.
(12) But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
(13) Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
(14) Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
(15) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
(16) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
(17) Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
(18) And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
(19) Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

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(18) And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,
(19) Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit.

8:13b - Simon who previously practiced magic (which is fake) now saw true power and recognized that it was real
8:16c - They had been baptized in the Name of Jesus, but had not received the Holy Spirit -
- it was necessary for the Jewish apostles to see for themselves that the Samaritans believed and the laying on of hands was an identification both to the Jews and to the Samaritans that Jesus was Savior for all and they were one body in Christ Jesus.