Acts 7 • God’s Will for Israel Explained

1. (6:11-14) That __________________ of Jesus’ time repeated the same mistakes of previous __________________.

2. (v.1-8) Their true heritage was not ___________ to Abraham and Moses, but to ___________ God and be ___________ to ALL His Law and Promises.

3. (v.9-16) Israel’s historical pattern is to be __________________ and __________________, always missing what ___________ was really doing.

4. (v.17-21) Like Moses, Christ was born under a ___________ and at a time when Israel was subjugated to another ___________.

5. (v.22-29) Just as Moses was in the right ___________ and right ___________ but ___________ the first time by the Jews, so was Christ.

6. (v.30-34) The symbolism of the burning bush – that Israel underwent the fire of ___________ in Egypt but was not ___________ by it – is subsequently applied to the ___________ coming out of Israel.

7. (v.35-40) Just as Israel ended up blaspheming ___________ through their disobedience and unbelief, so they repeat the same in regard to ___________.

8. (v.41-43) The true legacy of Israel is consistent ___________ of Abraham, Moses, the Law, and the Temple in favor of ___________ and false ___________.

9. (v.44-50) The end result was embracing a false ___________ (___________) over the true one.

10. (v.51-53) Israel’s chief impediments:
    a. They were ___________.
    b. They were ___________ in both their heart AND ears.
    c. They ___________ the Holy Spirit.
    d. The followed in the footsteps of their ___________.

11. Stephen’s “hope” vs. Jewish “hope”: one looks ___________, relinquishing the past and finding its fulfillment in ___________; the other clings to the ___________ never finding fulfillment because it never really ___________ in the first place.