Acts 7

1 And the high priest said, Are these things so?

2 And he said, Men, brothers, and fathers, listen! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, being in Mesopotamia, before his residing in Haran,

3 And said to him, Go out from your country (land) and from your kindred (relatives, family), and come into the land which I will show to you.

4 Then having gone out from the land of the Chaldeans, he resided in Haran, and from there, after his father died, he removed him into this land unto which you now reside.

5 And He did not give to him an inheritance in it, not even the length of a foot; and He promised to give it to him unto a possession and to his descendants (seed) after him when there was not yet a child to him.

6 And God spoke thus: That his seed will be a sojourner in a foreign (belonging to another) land and they will enslave them, and will mistreat them four hundred years;

7 And the ethnicity to which they will be enslaved, I will judge, said God; and after these things they will come forth and will serve Me in this place.

8 And He gave to him the covenant of circumcision; and thus he beget Isaac, and circumcised him in the eighth day; and Isaac Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs having envied Joseph, sold him into Egypt. And God was with him,

10 And rescued him from out of all his tribulations; and gave him favor (grace) and wisdom before Pharoah, king of Egypt; and he appointed him the leading official upon Egypt and upon all his house.

11 And there came a famine upon all of Egypt and Canaan, and great tribulation, and our fathers did not find sustenance (food, provision).

12 And Jacob having heard that there is grain in Egypt sent out our fathers first;

13 And on the second time, Joseph was made known to his brothers and the family of Joseph became apparent to Pharaoh.

14 And Joseph sent and called for Jacob, his father, and all the kindred (relatives), in all seventy five souls.

15 And Jacob went down into Egypt and died, he, and our fathers,

16 And were carried over unto Shechem and were placed in the tomb, which Abraham had bought for a sum (price, value) of money (silver) from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

17 And just as the time of the promise draw near that God had sworn to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt

18 until another king upon Egypt arose who did not know Joseph.

19 He dealt treacherously with our race, mistreated our fathers, making them abandon (cast out, expose) their infants that they would not live.

20 In that time Moses was born and he was beautiful to God; who was reared (brought up) three months in the house of the father.

21 And he having been set outside, the Pharaohs’ daughter took him up and reared him for herself unto a son.

22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was powerful in words and his deeds.

23 And when a time of forty years was fulfilled to him, it came (sprung up, ascended, go up) upon his heart to visit his brothers, the sons of Israel;

24 And having seen someone being treated unjustly, he defended him and did vengeance for the one being oppressed, having struck down the Egyptian.

25 Now he supposed his brothers to understand (put it together) that God through his hand is giving them salvation however they did not understand (put it together).

26 And on the following day, he appeared to those who were quarreling and urged them unto peace having said, Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong (act unjustly) one another?

27 However the one mistreating the neighbor pushed him away having said, 28 Who appointed you, ruler and judge over (upon) us? Do you wish to kill me that way you killed the Egyptian yesterday?

29 And Moses fled at (in) this word (remark), and became a foreigner in the land of Midian, where he beget two sons.

30 And when forty years had passed, an angel in the flame of fire of a bush (thorn bush) appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.

31 And Moses having seen it, marveled at the vision; and he coming near to consider it, there was the voice of the Lord:

32 I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob. And Moses began trembling and he dared not to consider.

33 And the Lord said to him, Take off (loose) the sandal of your feet for the place upon which you stand is holy ground.

34 Having seen, I saw the oppression (evil-treatment) of My people in Egypt and I have heard their groans, and I have come down to deliver (remove, take out) them. And now come, I will send you unto Egypt.

35 This Moses, whom they refused (disowned, denied, repudiated) having said, Who appointed you ruler and judge? Him whom God sent as ruler and redeemer with the hand of the angel having appeared to him in the bush.

36 This one led them out having done wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 This is the Moses having said to the sons of Israel, A prophet to you God will raise up from out of your brothers, like me,

38 This is the one having been in the congregation (church, called out ones) in the wilderness with the angel speaking to him in the mount Sinai, and of our fathers. He who received living oracles (words, sayings) to give to us,

39 To whom our fathers were not willing to be compliant (listen to), but rather thrust him away and turned back in their hearts unto Egypt,

40 Having said to Aaron, Make us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses, who brought us out from out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.

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

42 However God turned (changed) and delivered (handed over) them to worship (serve) the host of heaven, just as it has been written in the book of the prophets: O house of Israel, did you offer to me slain beasts and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness?

43 And you took up the tabernacle of Moloch (god of the Ammonites) and the star of your god Rephan (Saturn), the figures (types) that you made to worship them; and I will cause you to migrate beyond Babylon.

44 The tabernacle (tent) of the testimony was with our fathers in the wilderness, just as the One speaking to Moses had commanded, to make it according to the type (figure, model) that he had seen,

45 Which also our fathers having received by succession brought in with Joshua in the possession of the ethnicities, whom God drove out away from the face of our fathers until the days of David,

46 Who found favor (grace) in the sight of God and asked to find a tabernacle (dwelling-place) for the God of Jacob.

47 However Solomon built Him the house.

48 Yet the Most High does not reside in hand-made [places] (latin-manufactis-hands like manufactured); just as the prophet says,

49 Heaven is to Me a throne (My throne), and the earth a footstool of My feet. What house will you build Me? Says the Lord, or, What is the place of My rest?

50 Has not My hand made all these things?

51 Stiff-necked (stubborn, obstinate, hard because dried out-neck) and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist (fall/strive against) the Holy Spirit; like as your fathers, also you.

52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those having foretold concerning the coming of the Righteous One, of whom now you have become betrayers and murderers!

53 Who received the law by the ordination of angels and have not kept it.

54 And hearing these things they were cut in their hearts and gnashed the teeth at (upon) him.

55 However he being full of the Holy Spirit, looked fixedly into heaven, saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing from out of the right hand/side of God,

56 And he said, Behold, I see the heavens having been opened, and the Son of Man standing from out of the right hand/side of God.

57 And having cried out with a great voice they held (pressed) their ears and rushed upon him with the same passion.

58 And having cast him outside of the city, they stoned him. And the witnessed laid aside their garments beside the feet of the young man named Saul.

59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he was calling upon and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And having fallen on his knees, he cried with a great voice, Lord, do not hold (stand) this sin to them. And having said this, he fell asleep (died).