

STEPHEN IS STONED

Acts 7:2-60

To understand this chapter we must keep in mind that Stephen is in prison, He is on trial and this is his defence. He tells the story from the beginning and reveals that Yeshua coming back is all part of the great plan. He is quickly giving a very brief explanation of how things were and how things happened up to that point in time. In doing so he makes a few errors as per various torah scrolls. His focus was not on exact details, his focus was on the fact that it all pointed to Yeshua. Stephen was not trying to give an accurate rendition and re-teach the scriptures. He was simply calling some things to mind about the intent and purpose of Yah in this great story of redemption that begins with the gospel being preached to Abraham. He's walking the people right up to the point where they are rejecting Yah. He's telling them they are just like their fathers, rejecting the things of Yah. Because of this they decided to execute him.



Keep in mind here, this was not written by Steven. This is a copy written by witnesses that heard what Steven had to say. This is a rendition of what they thought they heard him say. Many believe it was Paul who wrote this because he was present during the event. Let's have a look at verse one. **Acts 8:1** *And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.*" So Paul gave this rendition to Luke who wrote it down. Luke probably made some simple mistakes when he wrote it down.

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