7 The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalm 19:7 (NASB)



16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.

James 5:16 (NASB)



Acts Part 16

"Stephen's Defense (Part 1)"



3 Instead, brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

Acts 6:3 (NASB)



5 The announcement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

Acts 6:5 (NASB)

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 6:8 (NASB)



10 But they were unable to cope with his wisdom and the Spirit by whom he was speaking.

Acts 6:10 (NASB)



11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

Acts 6:11-13 (NASB)



12 And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes, and they came up to him and dragged him away, and brought him before the Council.

Acts 6:11-13 (NASB)



13 They put forward false witnesses who said, "This man does not stop speaking against this holy place and the Law;

Acts 6:11-13 (NASB)



1 Now the high priest said, "Are these things so?"



2 And Stephen said, "Listen to me, brothers and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, 3 and He said to him, 'Go FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME TO THE LAND WHICH I WILL SHOW YOU.



Cross-Reference

3 The voice of the Lord is on the waters; The God of glory thunders, The Lord is over many waters.

Psalm 29:3 (NASB)



4 Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. And from there, after his father died, *God* had him move to this country in which you are now living.



5 But He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground, and yet, He promised that He would give it to him as a possession, and to his descendants after him, even though he had no child.



Cross-Reference

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he left, not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11:8-10 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

9 By faith he lived as a stranger in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:8-10 (NASB)

6 But God spoke to this effect, that his DESCENDANTS WOULD BE STRANGERS IN A LAND THAT WAS NOT THEIRS, AND THEY WOULD ENSLAVE AND MISTREAT THEM FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS. 7 'AND WHATEVER NATION TO WHICH THEY ARE ENSLAVED I MYSELF WILL JUDGE, said God, and After THAT THEY WILL COME OUT AND SERVE ME IN THIS PLACE.



Cross-Reference

13 Then God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. 14 But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

Genesis 15:13-14 (NASB)

8 And He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham fathered Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob, the twelve patriarchs.



9 "The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. Yet God was with him, 10 and rescued him from all his afflictions, and granted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and his entire household.



11 "Now a famine came over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction with it, and our fathers could find no food. 12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers there the first time.



13 And on the second visit, Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family was revealed to Pharaoh. 14 Then Joseph sent word and invited his father Jacob and all his relatives to come to him, seventy-five people in all.

15 And Jacob went down to Egypt, and he and our fathers died there. 16 And they were brought back from there to Shechem and laid in the tomb which Abraham had purchased for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

17 "But as the time of the promise which God had assured to Abraham was approaching, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt,



