

## The Charges Against the People, Israel

### Acts 07:42 – 53

1. People did not worship God,  
but false gods
  - 1) Worshipped the “heavenly bodies”
  - 2) Results:  
God turned and gave them up

2. People did not carry  
the tabernacle of God,  
but of false gods
  - 1) Molech and Rephan
  - 2) Result:  
The people were conquered

3. The people were inexcusable:  
Because they were greatly blessed
  - 1) They had the tabernacle  
of God’s presence
  - 2) They had the presence  
and favour of God in great leaders

3) They had the temple

4. The people did not understand  
the temple —  
God is not limited  
only to one particular place

42 “But God turned away  
and gave them over  
to the worship of the heavenly bodies.  
This agrees with what is written  
in the book of the prophets:  
‘Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings  
forty years in the desert,  
O house of Israel?

43 You have lifted up the shrine of Molech  
and the star of your god Rephan,  
the idols you made to worship.  
Therefore I will send you into exile’  
beyond Babylon.

44 Our forefathers had the tabernacle of the Testimony  
with them in the desert.  
It had been made as God directed Moses,  
according to the pattern he had seen.

45 Having received the tabernacle,  
our fathers under Joshua brought it with them  
when they took the land from the nations  
God drove out before them.  
It remained in the land until the time of David,

46 Who enjoyed God’s favour and asked  
that he might provide a dwelling place  
for the God of Jacob.

47 But it was Solomon  
who built the house for him.

48 However,  
the Most High does not live  
in houses made by men.  
As the prophet says:

49 ‘Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool.  
What kind of house will you build for me?  
says the Lord.  
Or where will my resting place be?

<p>5. The people resisted the Holy Spirit</p> <p>6 The people persecuted all the prophets, the very ones who predicted the coming of the Righteous One (Christ)</p> <p>7. The people fulfilled the prophecy: Killed the Righteous One</p> <p>8. The people did not keep the law</p>	<p>50 Has not my hand made all these things?’</p> <p>51 You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!</p> <p>52 Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him —</p> <p>53 You who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.”</p>
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