

**Acts 7:1-8**  
**An Everlasting Covenant**

**Introduction:**

Stephens' sermon before the Sanhedrin is based upon historical Biblical facts. Stephen had established his orthodoxy by starting with the account Abraham when God of all glory appeared to him. How could these Jewish religious leaders disagree with their own history and doctrine? Unless of course they have been blinded by Satan, so that their minds completely misinterpret the good news of God's Grace.

**I. God Planned Out Our Redemption**

**A. Immutability of God – Heb. 1:10-12; Psa. 102:25-27**

**B. Father of the Faithful – Gal. 3:7-9**

1. The world's view about Abraham
2. We must salvation in God's way – Matt. 18:3
3. The Christian gospel is the most glorious and wonderful thing in the entire universe.

**C. The Covenant of Redemption**

1. A binding agreement between the Father and Son – Eph.1:4; Turn To: John 17:1-10 ( I Cor. 2:7)
2. The central focus – Gal. 4:4
3. The history of man – II Tim. 3:13; Matt. 24:6; Matt. 24:10-12)
4. The hope of the Church

**II. God Covenanted with Abraham**

**A. Covenant of circumcision – Acts 3:25,26; (Luke 1:73; Acts 2:30)**

1. God swore an oath to Abraham – Heb. 6:13
2. Not a bargain type covenant

**B. Covenant made with Noah – II Peter 2:5; 3:6-7**

1. Other examples of Covenants ( Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David)
2. Don't you know your covenants? – Luke 1:68-72

**C. The Miraculous Power of the Gospel**

1. If the gospel were not miraculous it could not save any of us.
2. The Covenant with Abraham is miraculous – Gen. 18; Rom. 1:16
3. The effects of the gospel beyond understanding – Isa. 55:8-9; John 3:1-12; I Pet. 1:12

**D. God making a people for Himself – v.8; John 8:56-59**