



Stephen's Sermon

Acts 7:1-60

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God's laws and His ways **pre-date**
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God's laws and His ways were meant to be followed, trusted, and obeyed in **every** generation.



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You have resisted Jesus Christ as Savior



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