



DAILY READINGS

THREE CHAPTERS. THREE SECTIONS.
ONE FRAMEWORK. EVERY DAY.

DAY 7

MATTHEW 7 - ROMANS 7 - ACTS 7



ABOUT THIS BRIEF

WHY WE PUT THIS TOGETHER

Every day of the 88-Day New Testament Bible Study covers three chapters across three different sections of the New Testament simultaneously. The reading plan was designed so that each day you experience the Kingdom gospel, the grace gospel, and the transition between them side by side. But without context, those three chapters can feel disconnected or even contradictory. The daily summaries exist to bridge that gap showing you why it matters and how it connects to the bigger picture.

We put these together because rightly dividing the word of truth is not just a concept to understand once and move on. It is a lens to apply every single day. Each summary identifies which section of the framework you are reading in, what the primary audience is, and how that day's three chapters speak to each other across different administrations of God's plan.

A NOTE ON USE

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INTRODUCTION

Matthew 7 concludes Jesus' Kingdom message, calling Israel to enter by the narrow gate and build their lives on His words.

Romans 7 explains that while the Law exposes sin, it cannot deliver from its power. Through Christ, believers are released from the Law and prepared to experience the victorious life of grace that Paul unfolds in the next chapter.

Acts 7 records Stephen's powerful defense and Israel's rejection of the Holy Spirit's witness, marking a major transition that prepares for the calling of Saul and the future revelation of the gospel of grace.

Matthew 7	Romans 7	Acts 7
Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount	Paul explains the believer's release from the Law	Stephen gives Israel's final prophetic indictment
The narrow gate and wise foundation	The Law reveals sin but cannot save or sanctify	Israel resists the Holy Spirit and rejects Stephen
The King calls Israel to obedience	Believers now serve in the Spirit, not under the Law	A major turning point in Acts as Israel rejects the witness
Kingdom invitation reaches its climax	Deliverance comes through Jesus Christ	Saul is introduced, preparing for Paul's ministry



MATTHEW 7 - ENTERING THE KINGDOM

Theme

Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount by calling Israel to genuine righteousness and wholehearted obedience.

Outline

1. Righteous Discernment and Relationships
 - Avoid hypocritical judgment; examine yourself before correcting others.
 - Trust God's goodness through persistent prayer.
 - Treat others as you would want to be treated.
2. The Choice Between True and False
 - The narrow way leads to life; the broad way leads to destruction.
 - False prophets are recognized by their fruit.
 - Words alone are insufficient; genuine faith produces obedience.
3. Hearing and Obeying Christ
 - The wise build their lives on Jesus' teaching.
 - Those who hear but do not obey build on an unstable foundation.
 - Jesus teaches with unique authority.

Kingdom Emphasis

- Audience: Israel.
- Jesus concludes His Kingdom message by urging His hearers to choose the narrow way and build their lives upon His teaching.
- The emphasis is on entering and living under the coming Kingdom through genuine faith and obedience.



ROMANS 7 - DELIVERED FROM THE LAW

Theme

Paul explains the believer's relationship to the Law and the ongoing struggle with the sinful nature.

Outline

1. Released from the Law (vv. 1–6)
 - Believers have died to the Law through Christ.
 - We now serve in the newness of the Spirit rather than the oldness of the letter
2. The Purpose of the Law (vv. 7–13)
 - The Law is holy, just, and good.
 - The Law exposes sin but cannot deliver from it.
3. The Inner Conflict (vv. 14–25)
 - Paul describes the struggle between the desire to obey God and the power of the flesh.
 - He cries: “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”
 - The answer is found in Jesus Christ.

Grace Emphasis

- Romans 7 shows that the Law reveals sin but cannot produce victory over it.
- The believer has been released from the Law's authority and looks to Christ for deliverance.
- This prepares for the victorious life in the Spirit described in Romans 8.



ACTS 7 - ISRAEL REJECTS STEPHEN'S WITNESS

Theme

Stephen reviews Israel's history and confronts the nation's continued rejection of God's messengers, culminating in the rejection of the risen Christ.

Outline

1. Stephen Reviews Israel's History (vv. 1–50)
 - Stephen reviews Israel's history through Abraham, Joseph, Moses, the wilderness generation, and the Tabernacle and Temple.
 - His central point is that Israel repeatedly resisted God and rejected the servants He sent.
2. Stephen Confronts Israel (vv. 51–53)
 - Stephen confronts Israel for resisting the Holy Ghost and rejecting the Righteous One.
 - He sees Jesus standing at the right hand of God before being stoned.
 - Stephen prays for his persecutors, while Saul consents to his death.

Transition Emphasis

- Acts 7 marks a pivotal transition.
- Israel officially rejects the testimony of the Holy Spirit through Stephen.
- The Kingdom is no longer being received by the nation as a whole.
- Saul's introduction at the end of the chapter prepares the reader for God's calling of Paul and the fuller revelation of the gospel of grace in the chapters ahead.



2 Timothy 2:15

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth. (AMPC)



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