37. What did they say to a stone?

* Again, this is a man-made idol.

38. What did the people turn toward the Lord, who had fathered them and brought them forth?

39. Did they turn their faces toward the Lord?

40. What was their prayer, in their time of trouble?

* How like God's people today! They turn their backs on the Lord, and run with the world. Then, when trouble comes, they pray for His help. All mention of the Lord and His Word is banned in our nation's schools. But when a shooting occurs in the school and our children are murdered, the same men who have written laws against Him pray for His blessing! This is not repentance! If they repented, they would abolish their godless laws, and invite Him back into our nation's schools and public places! Our nation today wants only God's protection but shuns His Presence! How grieved our loving Lord must be!

41. Who did the Lord tell them should rise up and save them, when they were in trouble?

42. How many gods did Judah have? _____

43. Write verse 29.

* The Lord was tired of their prayers, for they

prayed only when they were in desperate need of His blessings. How would you feel toward a child who only talked to you when he wanted something?

44. How many had transgressed against Him?

45. What had their children <u>not</u> received? _______* Parents were not training their children in the ways of the Lord. Again in our day, this is repeated. Our educators teach lies to our children, and ban and mock God's Word. Parents allow the world's toys to entertain their children, so they can be undisturbed while seeking pleasure and wealth. Few parents, or even churches, are training children in the ways of the Lord! How grieved our Creator must be!

46. What had their swords devoured, as a destroying lion?

* Stephen mentioned this in his last sermon. "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: *as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted*? and <u>they have slain them</u> which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers" (Acts 7:51-52).

True prophets of God are scoffed and ridiculed today, and dismissed as "doomsday prophets". Few listen and respond to their message by repenting. The vast majority ignore their warnings of impending judgment. They prefer preachers, who, like dumb dogs, will not bark when danger approaches.