

# Acts 7:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying,  
Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

## Analysis

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The wrongdoer's rejection of Moses' authority ('Who made you a ruler and judge?') reveals humanity's natural rebellion against God-appointed leadership. This question would be ironically answered forty years later when God Himself appointed Moses at the burning bush. Stephen's speech emphasizes Israel's pattern of rejecting God's chosen leaders - Moses, the prophets, and ultimately Jesus Christ. The Reformed view sees total depravity manifested in mankind's resistance to divine authority, even when exercised for their deliverance.

## Historical Context

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This confrontation forced Moses to flee Egypt, becoming a fugitive. The rejection by his own people, whom he sought to help, must have been particularly bitter, yet it was part of God's sovereign preparation.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does this question anticipate Israel's later rejection of judges, prophets, and Christ?
2. What does human rejection of God-appointed authority reveal about the fallen heart?
3. How should we respond when our service for others meets with ingratitude or rejection?

## Interlinear Text

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ό	δὲ	ἀδικῶν	τὸν	πλησίον	ἀπώσατο	αὐτὸν	εἰπών
G3588	<b>But</b>	<b>he that did</b>	G3588	<b>his neighbour</b>			
	G1161	G91		G4139		G683	G2036
Tίς	σε	κατέστησεν	ἄρχοντα	καὶ	δικαστὴν	ἐφ'	ἡμᾶς
<b>Who</b>	<b>thee</b>	<b>made</b>	<b>a ruler</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>a judge</b>	<b>over</b>	<b>us</b>
G5101	G4571	G2525	G758	G2532	G1348	G1909	G2248

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 7:35** (Judgment): This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

**Luke 12:14** (Judgment): And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?