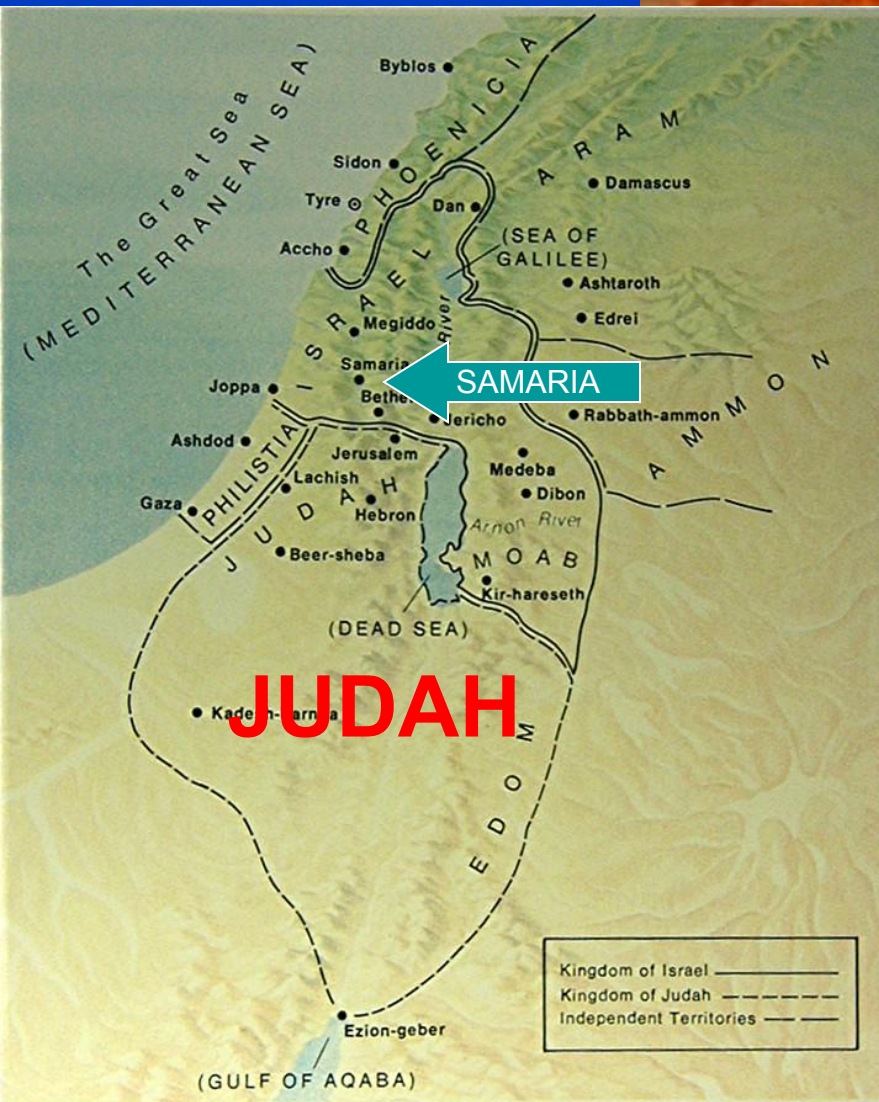


THE INFLUENCE OF DANIEL

- Daniel's example painted the Jewish exiles in a good light to the ruling elite
- Daniel witnessed the rise and fall of Babylon
- The rise of the 3rd empire, Greece, happened after Daniel's time
- Greek Empire is spoken of in the Apocrypha
- Removed from Protestant Bibles in the early 1800's
- Catholics and Eastern Orthodox retained the Apocrypha



ALEXANDER THE GREAT CONQUERS JUDAH



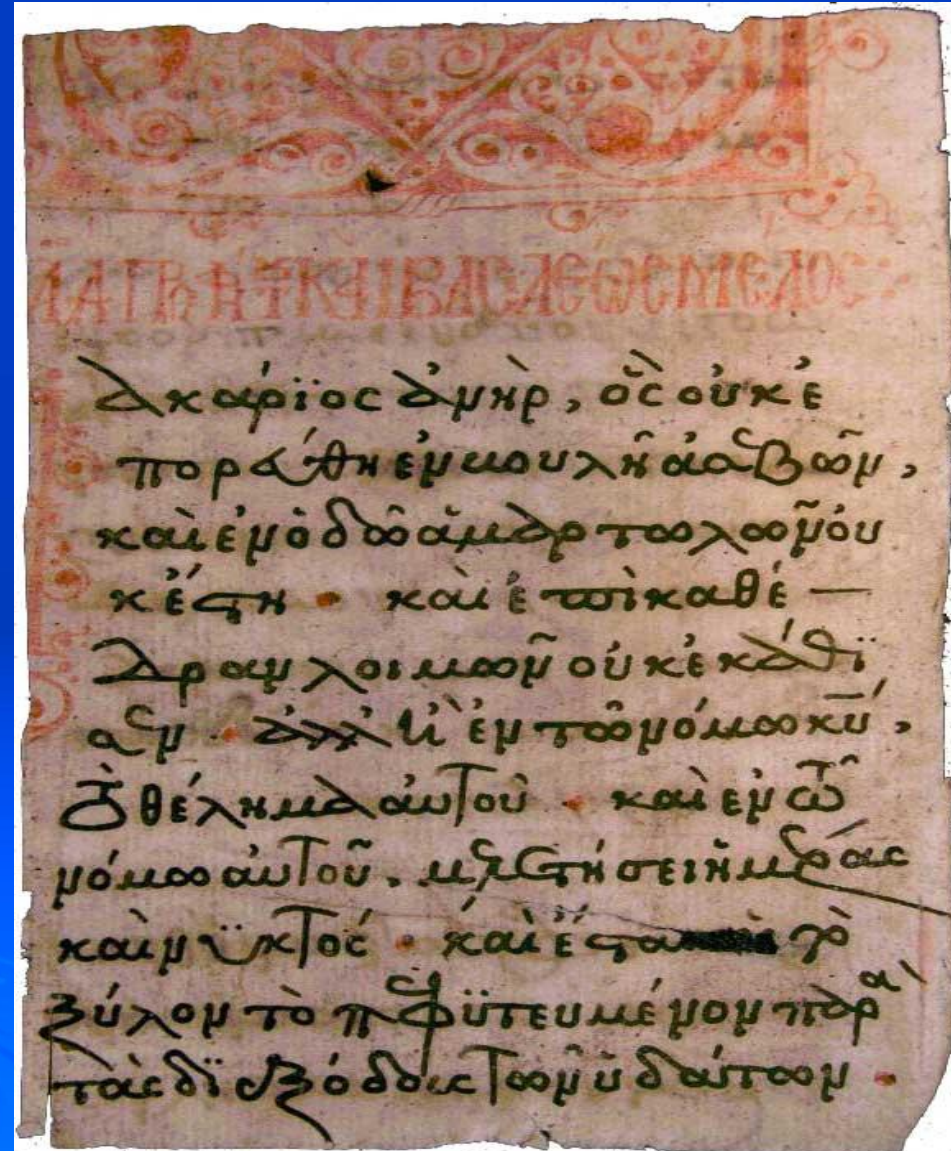
ALEXANDER'S EMPIRE DIVIDED



HEBREW BIBLE TRANSLATED TO GREEK

- 250 B.C.
- Accomplished in Alexandria, Egypt
- High Priest sent 72 men to Alexandria to do the work
- Letter of Aristeas
- Septuagint
- Means “the 70”

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BIBLE IS A HEBREW DOCUMENT



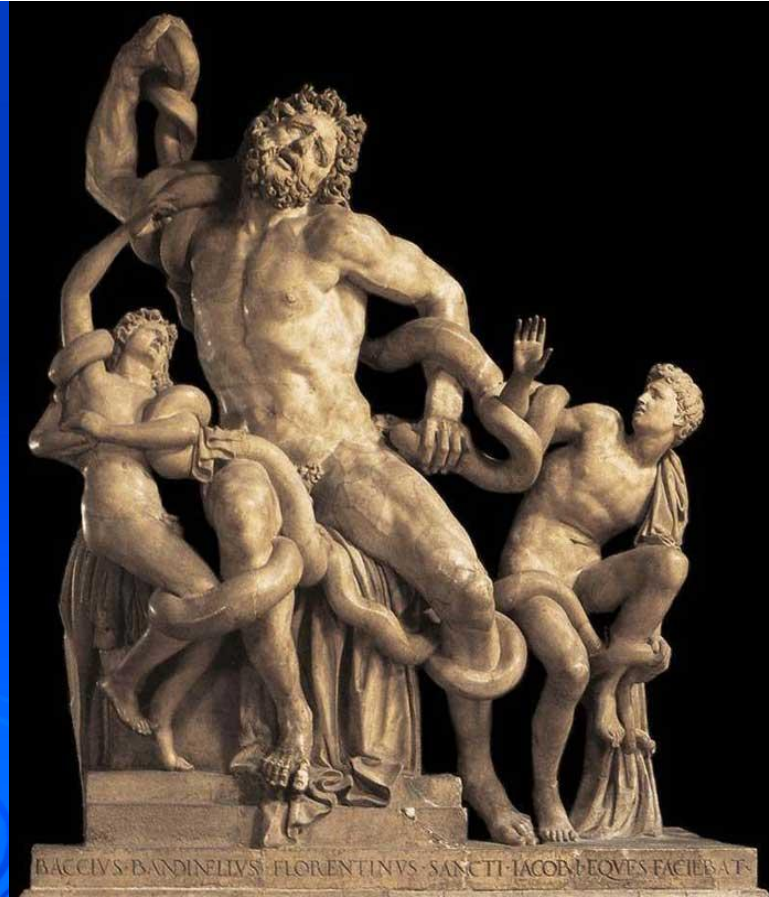
- Hebrew Bible = *Tanakh*
- Arose from Hebrew culture, language, God
- Language based on the culture it comes from
- Greek translation allowed pagan influences upon Judaism
- Later, gentile Christians in Roman Empire would add Hellenistic agenda to Bible



HELLENISM IS INTRODUCED INTO JUDAH



- 175 B.C. Antiochus IV Epiphanies
- He desired to end Judaism
- Ordered all Temple worship stopped under penalty of death



HELLENISTIC CULTURE



- Hellenism embodied all that was Greek
- Pleasure was supreme
- Knowledge was the source of all wisdom
- Separation of Religion and State
- Many gods, Emperor worship
- Few moral boundaries

HIGH PRIEST REPLACED



- Antiochus IV removed Onias III, the rightful High Priest
- He was from the House of Zadok
- Antiochus installed a hand-picked lackey, not from the God-authorized line
- High Priesthood was now bought and sold to the highest bidder

HIPPODROME



- 170 B.C. Joshua (Jason) made High Priest, sold out to Hellenistic views
- Ordinary Jews adopted the Greek lifestyle
- Greek cities arose throughout the Holy Land
- Judaism was corrupted
- The Temple was re-dedicated to the god Zeus !

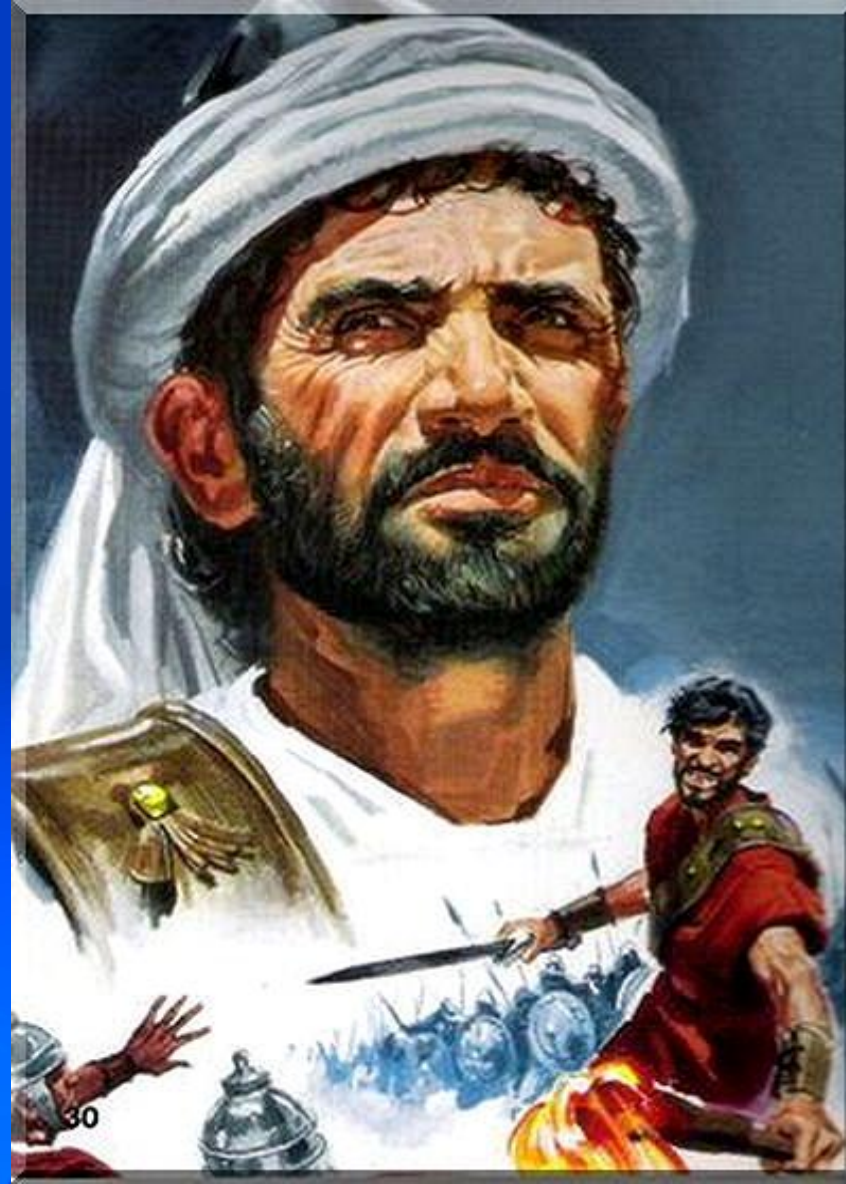
THE MACCABEAN REBELLION



- 167 B.C.
- Mattathias kills an apostate Jew
- This sparked riots and rebellions
- Epiphanies sacrificed a pig at the Temple, boiled the pig, had broth poured over the Torah
- Endorsed by the High Priest
- “Hebrew” Jews = loyal to Judaism
- “Hellenist” Jews = accepted Greek gods and ways

JUDAS THE MACCABEE LEADS JUDAH IN REBELLION

- War was primarily against Syria forces under Roman control
- 164 B.C. Maccabees took back the Temple Mount
- Killed those priests who participated in the pagan rites
- Chanukah (Feast of Dedication) celebrates this event
- Epiphanies dies
- Judas killed, his brother Jonathan succeeded him, made High Priest



NEW SECTS ARE BORN: PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES

- New Syrian king is crowned
- 142 B.C. Simon is made High Priest
- He begins to cleanse the land of Hellenism
- Rome recognizes Judah as an independent nation
- Simon is assassinated and John Hyrcannus is next High Priest, also given title of King
- John Hyrcannus dies in 76 B.C., wife Salome becomes Queen of Judah



ROME RULES THE LAND



- After 9 years, Queen Salome dies, Syria is annexed by Rome
- Civil war in Judah, Hyrcannus II sides with Rome
- 63 B.C. self rule taken from Judah
- Region divided into 3, then 4, governing districts



44 B.C. JULIUS CAESAR IS MURDERED

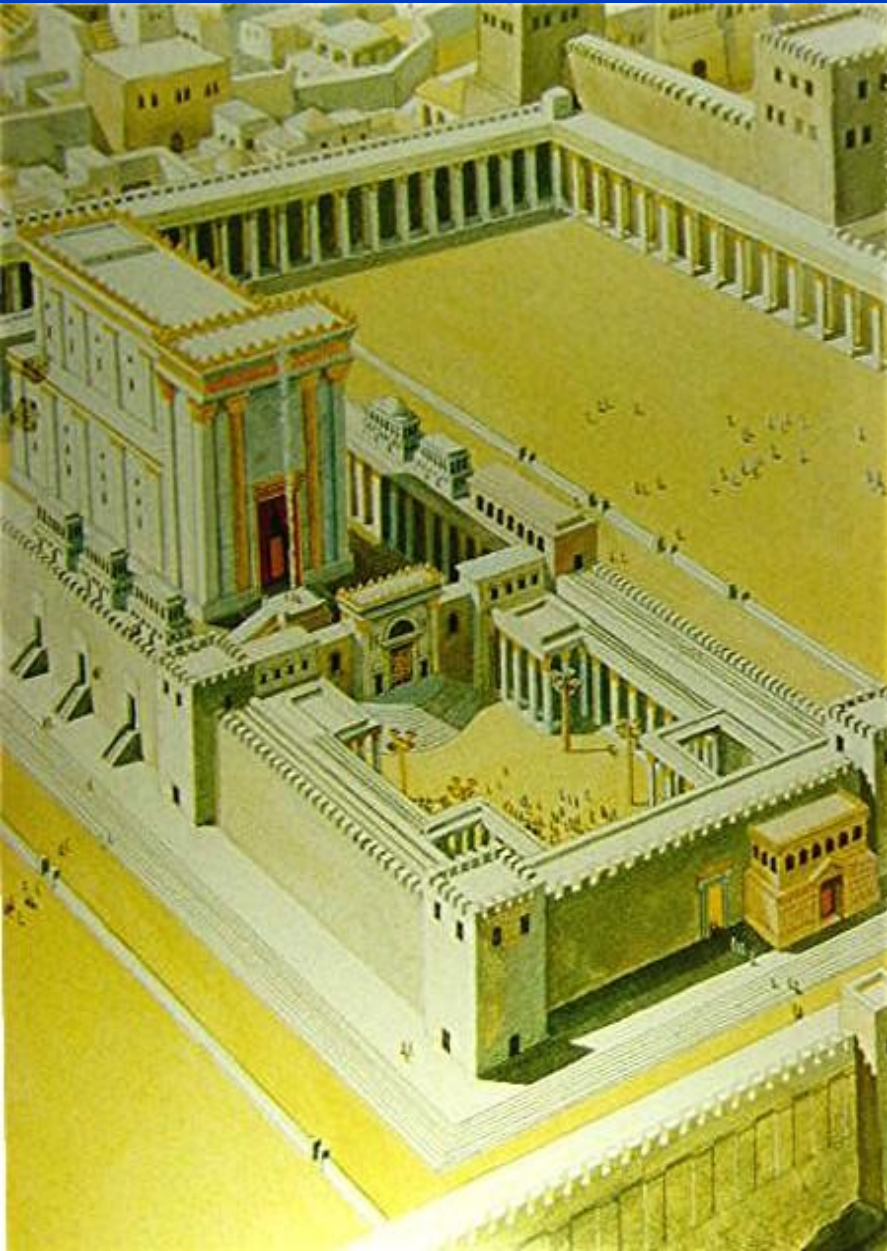
- Caesar had been tolerant of the Jews
- 6 -8 million Jews living in the Empire
- Parthians invaded Syria, many Jews sided with Parthia
- Herod, an Idumean, made Governor of Galilee
- Rome made him King of Judea



PARTHIA AND THE ROMANS



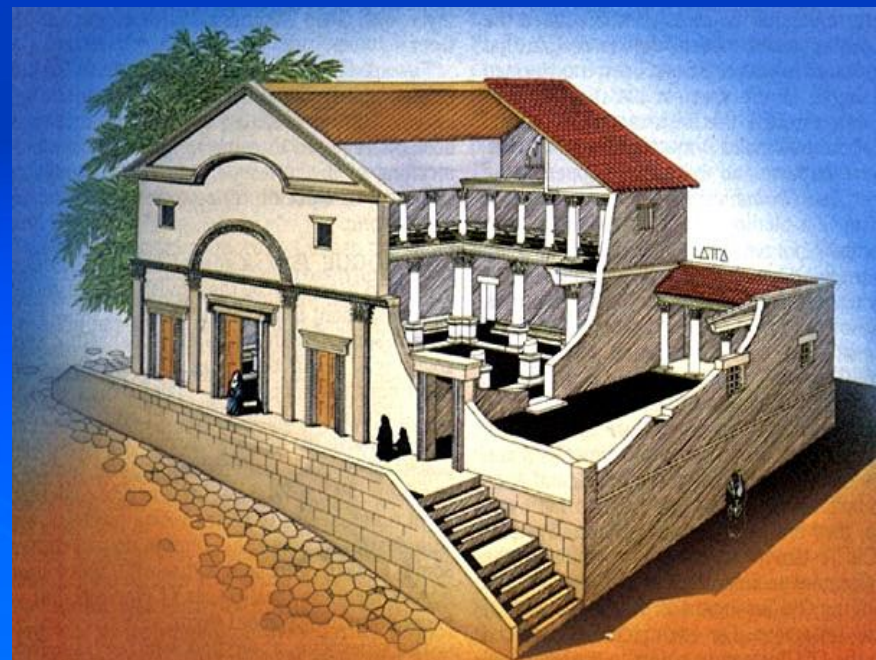
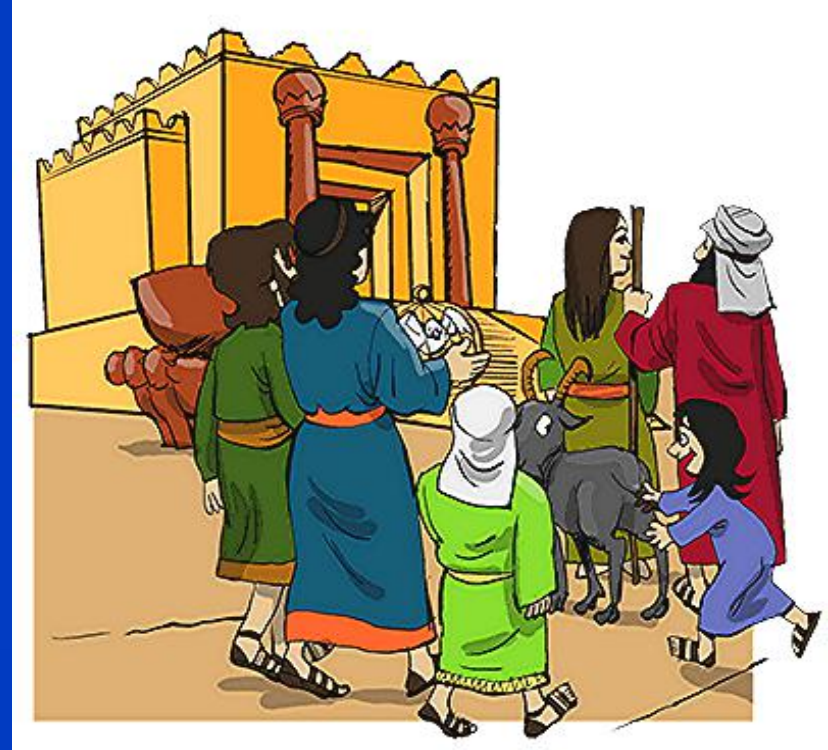
HEROD UPGRADED THE TEMPLE



- Herod paranoid, killed his own family
- Upgraded the Temple to please the Jewish leadership
- At time of Yeshua's birth, two distinctly different worlds co-existed in the Holy Land
- Greek Hellenistic culture
- Traditional Jewish
- Greek was the language of the educated
- Aramaic the language of the Jewish commoners

JEWISH LIFE CENTERED ON THE TEMPLE

- Synagogues lived side-by-side with the Temple, even competed in some ways
- A place of worship, sacrifice, study
- Temple rose 150 Ft. high!
- Gentiles allowed to gather in the Court of the Gentiles
- Only animals purchased at the Temple were considered suitable for sacrifice



A WIDE DISPARITY BETWEEN WEALTHY AND PEASANTS



- Beggars were licensed
- They were investigated, and then issued a special cloak
- Rabbis and Scribes passed with their flocks tagging along
- Rabbis ran the synagogues
- Rabbis held high, even pictured as having God come to them for advice

JERUSALEM: A 300 ACRE WALLED CITY

First Century Jerusalem



4 MAJOR SECTS OF JUDAISM

