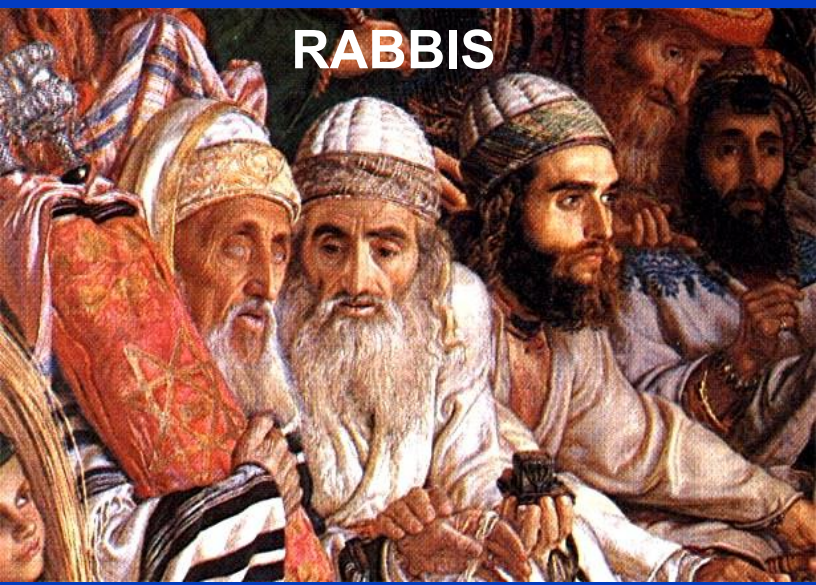


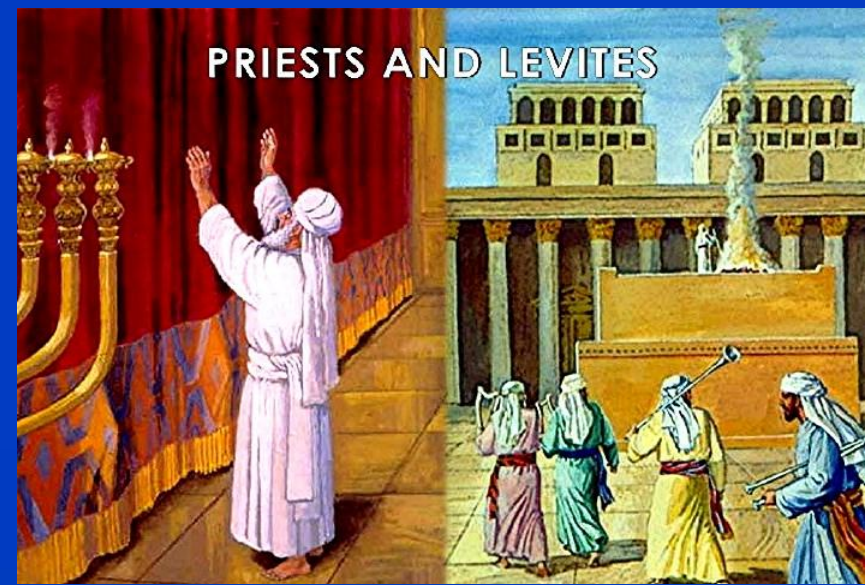
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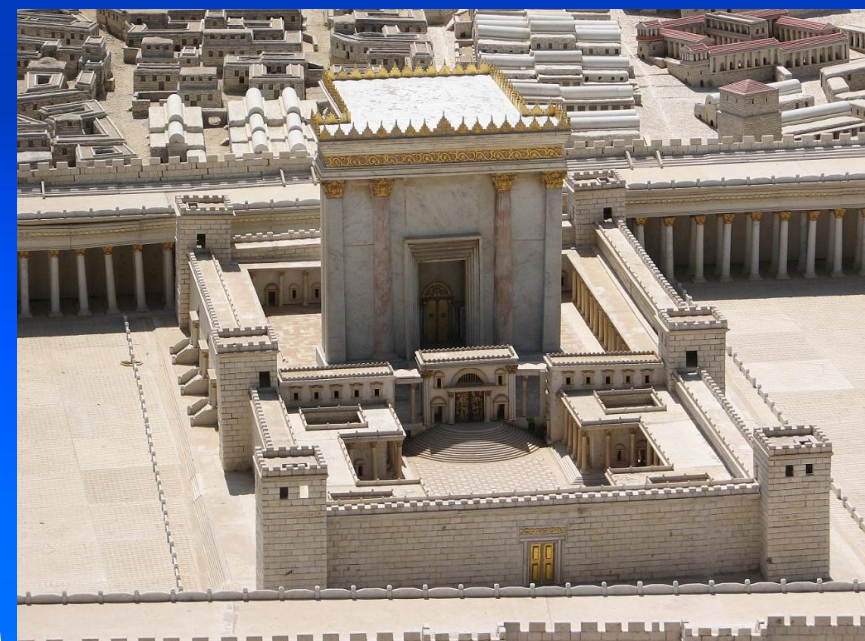
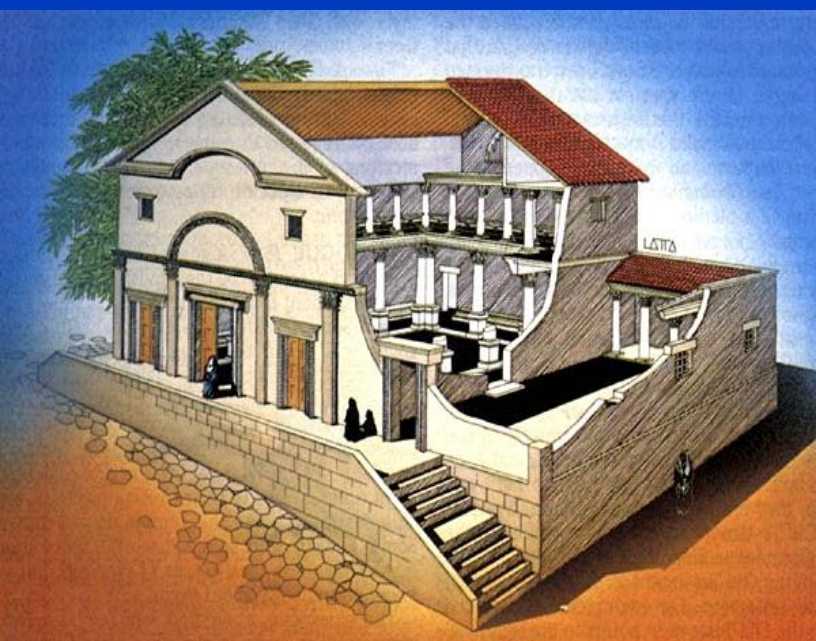
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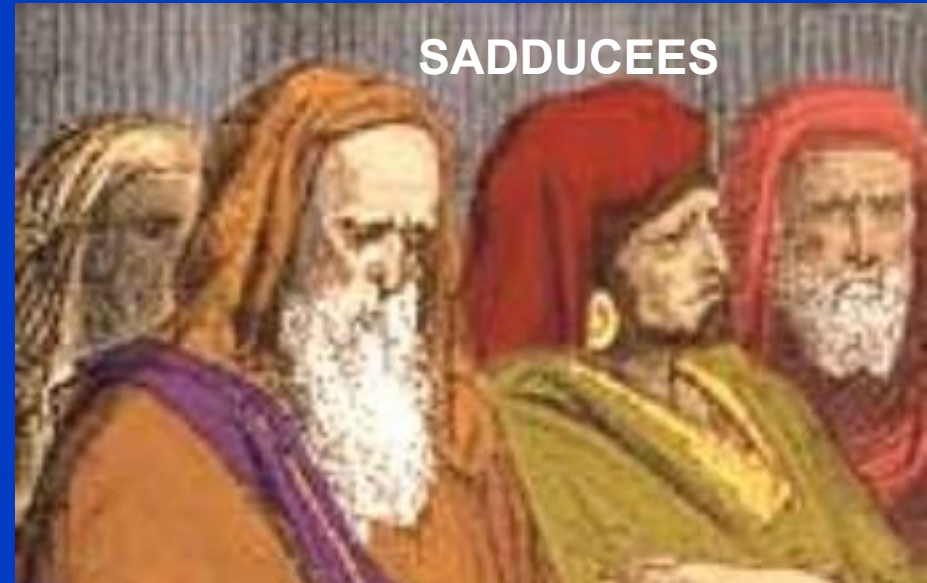
PRIESTS AND LEVITES





- Created by members of the tribe of Judah.....Jews
- Hebrew-ism Torah of Moses, all 12 tribes of Israel
- Halakah = Rabbinical Law = Jewish law
- Mishna created by Rabbi Judah HaNasi 3rd Cent. AD
- Talmud is commentary on the Mishnah, from which comes Halakah

4 MAJOR SECTS OF JUDAISM



THE ESSENES



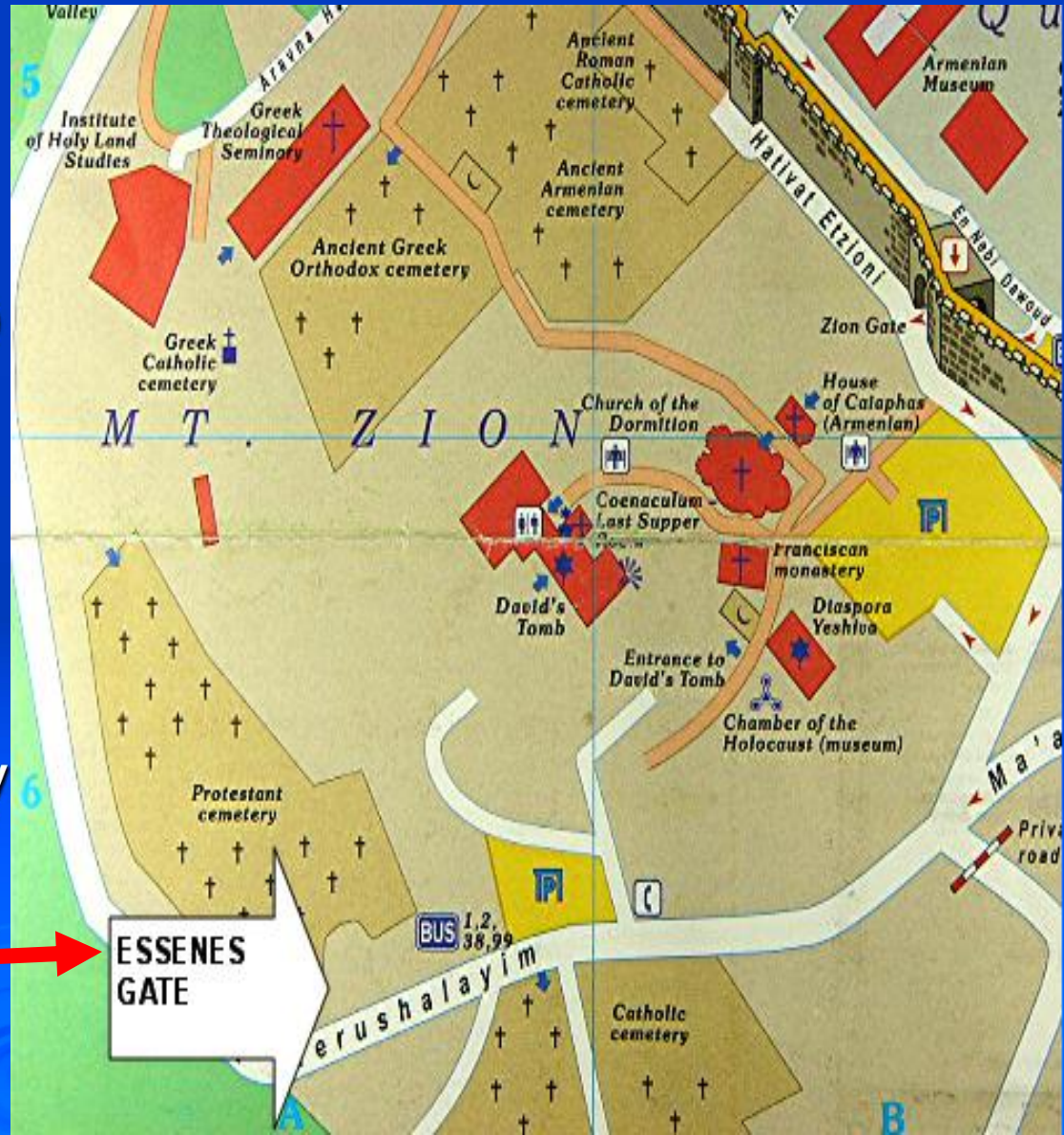
Fragment of one of the Qumran Cave "Dead Sea Scrolls"

- Writers of the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Kihrbat Qumran
- Essenes formed as a result of the Maccabee Rebellion
- High Priest line of Zadok deposed, and replaced by a member of the Hasmon family
- Essenes had a group in Damascus, Syria, and a quarter in Jerusalem



ESSENES GATE

- Josephus described the location
- Essenes had a large enough community to have their own gate in Jerusalem
- Several branches of Essene Sect
- John the Baptist likely was an Essene
- Essenes Gate

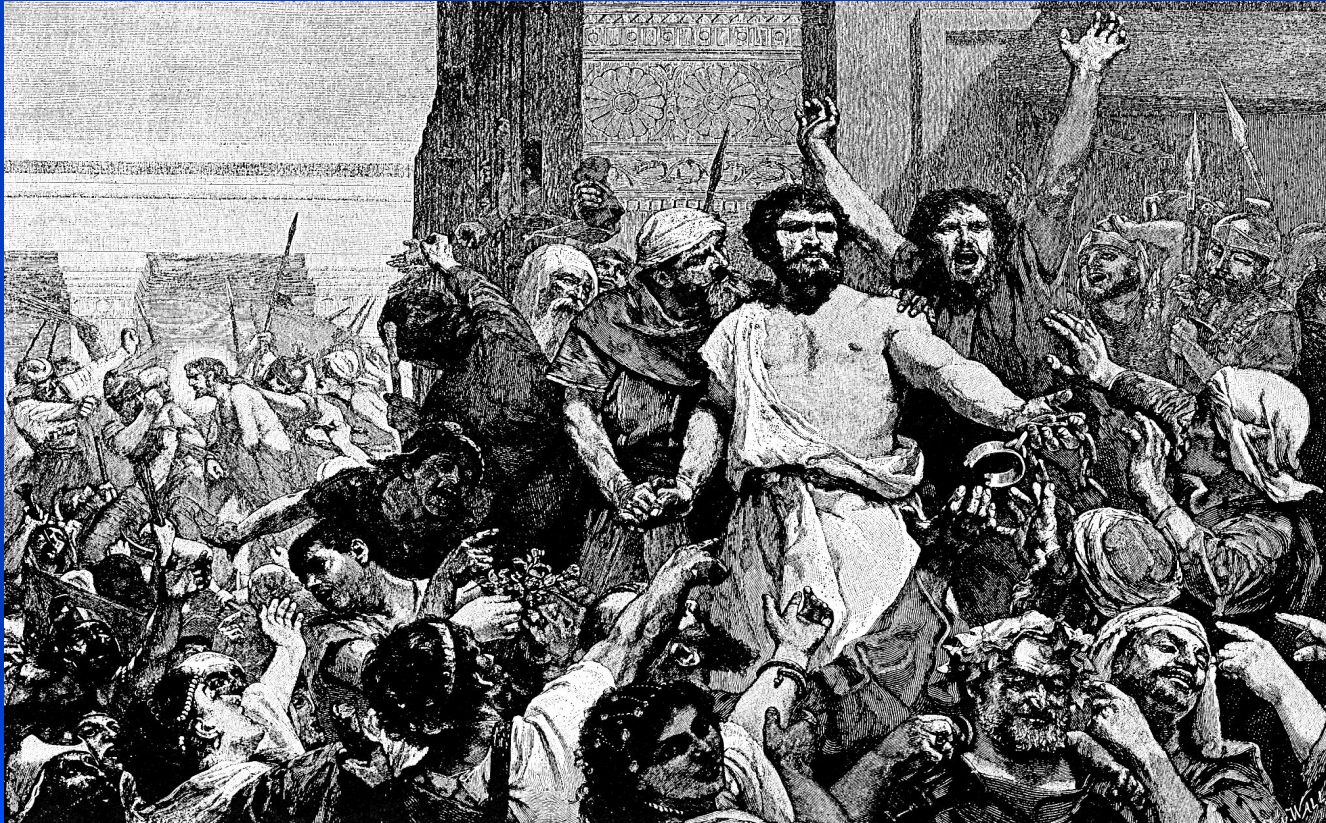


SADDUCEES, THE ARISTOCRATS



- Sadducees formed as a result of the Maccabee Rebellion
- Took over the High Priesthood and sat on the Sanhedrin
- Spiritually devoid
- Did NOT believe in bodily resurrection

ZEALOTS, THE PARTY OF SOCIAL CHANGE



- Zealot party formed just before Yeshua's birth
- They were fomenting riots and rebellion against the Romans
- Many carried daggers
- Simon the Zealot (Jesus's disciple) a member of this party

RABBIS, THE ACADEMIC ELITE



- Hebrew-ism
- ↓
- Judah-ism
- ↓
- Rabbi-ism
- Higher learning was ONLY religious training

HIGH PRIEST NOW A FIGUREHEAD

- The Rabbis were in control of the people
- Learnedness was considered the most pious thing one could attain
- Peasants were unlearned, so considered unable to be properly pious
- Samaritans considered lowly, Galileans almost as lowly



Palestine in the Time of Jesus

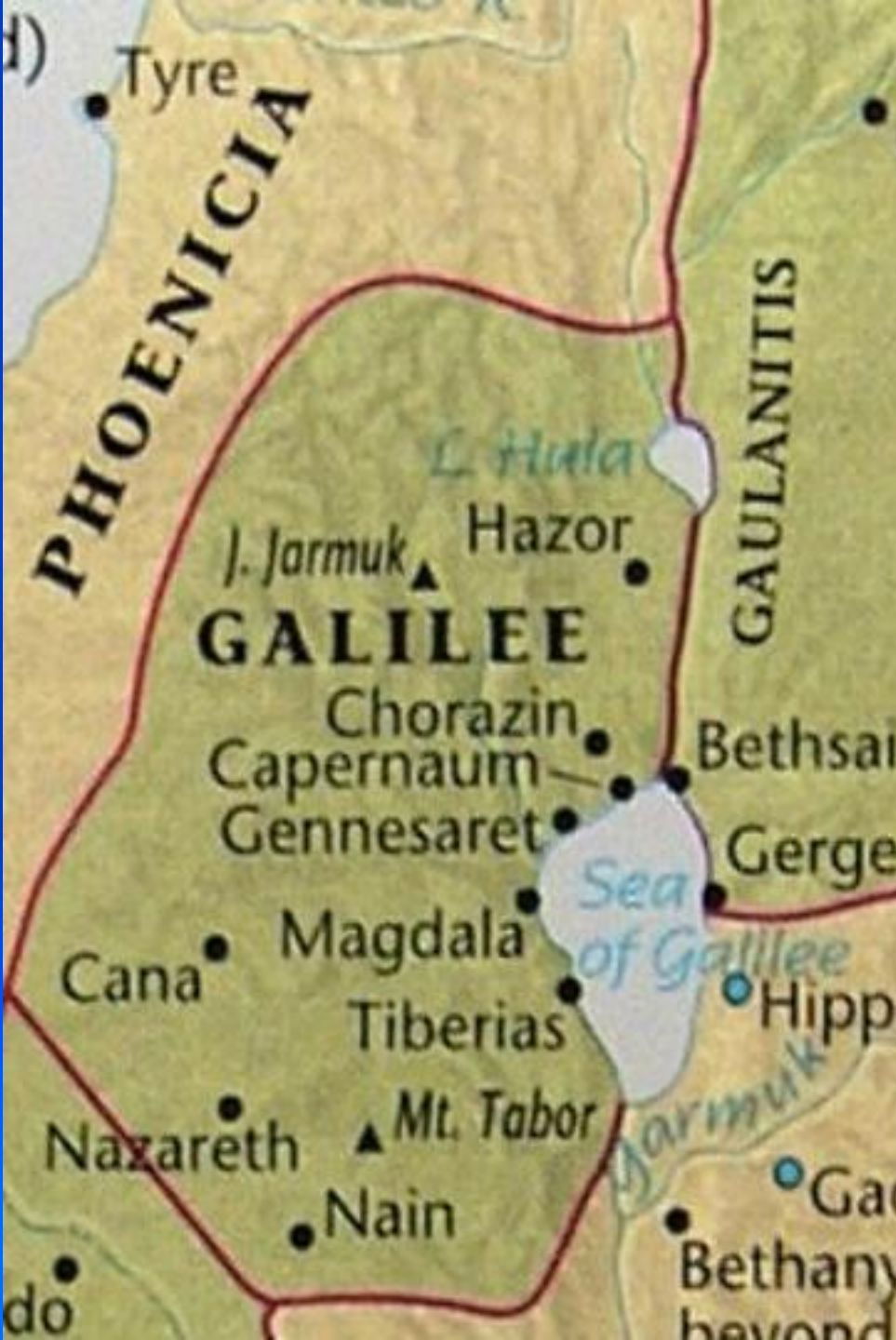
- Extent of Herod's kingdom
- Herodian fortress city
- Decapolis city (time of Herod)
- Other city



HOLY LAND DIVIDED

- 4 main districts
- Each had it's own Roman Governor
- Most Jews either in Judea or the Galilee

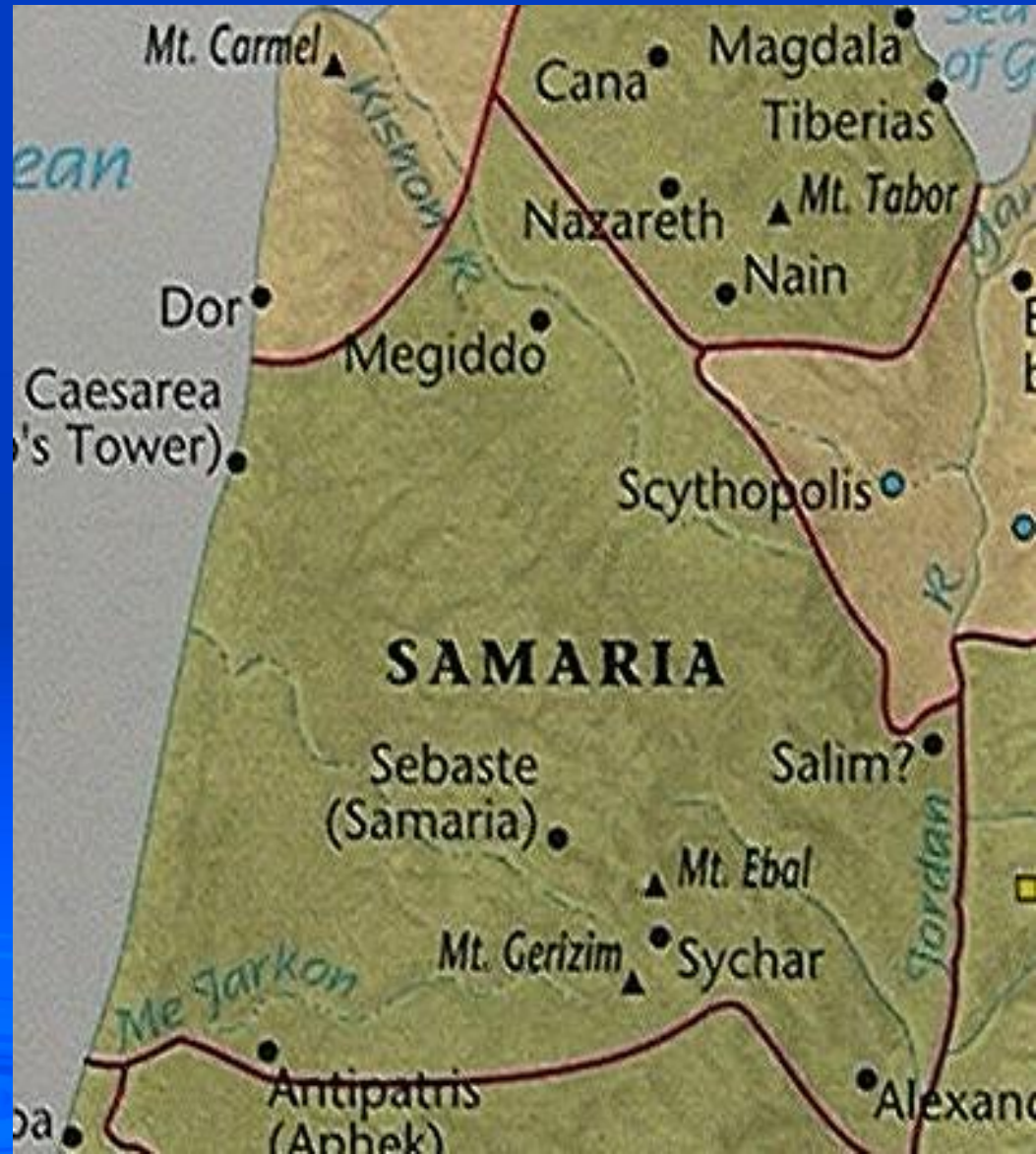
GALILEE, COMMERCIAL CENTER



- *Natzeret* = Nazareth
- *Galil* = Galilee
- Nazareth a trade route crossroads
- Galileans were considered hot tempered
- A Blue-collar province
- Since they were far away from Jerusalem, they practiced a simpler Judaism

SAMARIA: TRAITORS TO JUDAISM

- Population thoroughly Hellenized
- Built their own Temple in Shechem
- Set up an independent “Judaism”
- Mixed Roman gods with Yehoveh worship



SAMARIA WAS HATED

- Judeans and Galileans despised Samaritans
- Would not travel through Samaria, instead went through Perea
- Yet, Samaritan Jews still considered “family”



MIRYAM AND Y'OSEF

- The social, religious and political conditions of the day made it outrageous that a Galilean would bear the Messiah!!
- **Miryam** (Mary) a teenage country girl
- **Y'hosef** (Joseph) a craftsman, needed a vision to satisfy him that Mary's pregnancy was of God



5 B.C. YESHUA IS BORN



- Province of Judea (same as Judah)
- Beit-Lechem (Bethlehem)
- Rabbis and Priests never claimed he didn't fulfill the OT prophecies
- Jesus didn't fit the mental picture they had drawn of a Messiah
- They expected and wanted a Warrior-King
- Jews thought themselves already "right with God"

CHRIST'S MISSION BEGINS



- Yeshua was 30 years old when baptized by *Yochanon* (John)
- The Holy Spirit descended upon him
- His was a grassroots movement
- He claimed to be God's son and Messiah
- Openly critical of legalistic approach to the Law
- He personally obeyed the Torah
- Matthew 5:17 - 19

JESUS CHOSE 12 FOLLOWERS

- Included 3 Fishermen, 1 Tax Collector



YESHUA GOES TO JERUSALEM FOR PASSOVER (PESACH)



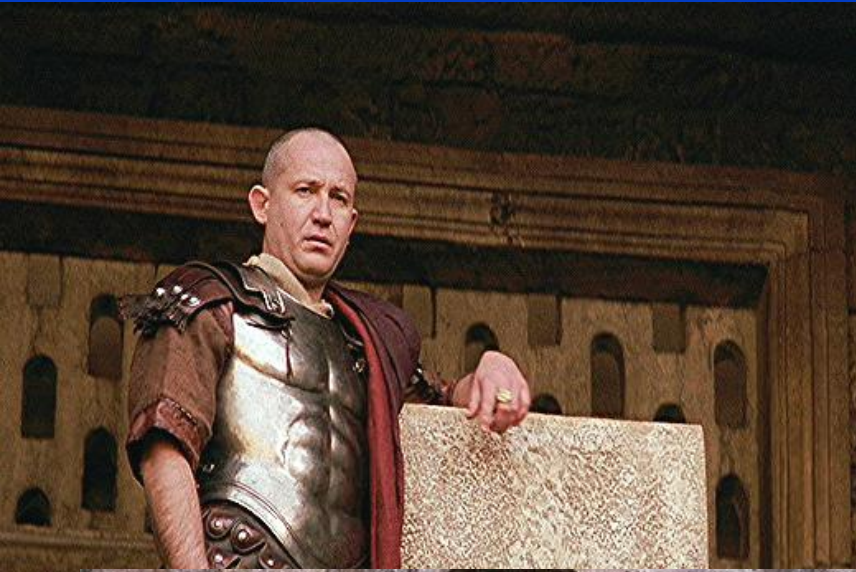
- Jerusalem swelled with pilgrims
- Jesus share traditional Galilean pre-Passover meal with His disciples
- This was NOT the Passover Seder when the Lamb was eaten

JEWISH RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY HAD YESHUA ARRESTED

- It was the Temple Guard (Jews) who arrested Jesus, no doubt accompanied by Roman soldiers
- High Priest and Sanhedrin wanted Christ done away with



ROMANS EXECUTE JESUS



THE BEGINNINGS OF CHRISTIANITY



THE LAST GOLDEN AGE OF JUDAISM



Herod Agrippa I



ST. PAUL

- Greek name Paulus
- Leader of Messianic Judaism
- Trained by *Gamaliel*
- A diaspora Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia
- A fierce hunter of Jewish “heretics”
- Encountered the risen Yeshua on his way to Damascus



The synagogue at Capernaum, the assembly-place
where people in Jesus's time met
to hear religious teachers –
and His Galilee headquarters.

