

Jewish Sects

Influential Subgroups in First Century Israel

What is Spirituality?



Discuss these questions in your small group:

- **What makes a person godly?**
- **Is it internal (being) or external (doing)?**
- **How? Why?**

Muslim doctors urged to start R & D work on *halal* medicine

KUALA LUMPUR — Muslim doctors in Malaysia have been urged to spearhead research and development work on the production of *halal* medicine for the community.

Utusan Malaysia on Friday quoted the deputy president of the Malaysian Islamic Medical Society, Dr Mohd Hatta Md Ramli, as saying that Western medicine was produced without bearing in mind the religious taboos of the Muslims.

"If the medicine was produced by Muslims, surely this problem would not arise as they would manufacture it according to the rules of Islam," said Dr Mohd Hatta, a lecturer in Public Health at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

He said the lack of Muslim involvement in this field had caused the community to be exposed to medication which might not be *halal* or permissible.

Dr Mohd Hatta cited the case of a diabetic patient who had to take insulin jabs regularly.

The medicine, he added, could contain animal derivatives such as pigs and cows. Pigs are taboo to Muslims.

He said that today's medicine came in the form of capsules where the basic ingredient used was gelatin.

"If the gelatin is from cows, we have to make sure that the animal had been slaughtered according to Islamic rites," Dr Mohd Hatta said.

He said that while waiting for Muslim scientists to come forward and develop the technology to produce medicine, Muslims would have to continue taking Western medicine.

"In this matter, we can fall back on the religious concession that we are now under an emergency situation that makes it possible for us to take non-halal medication," he said.

A lecturer in Islamic studies at Universiti Malaya, Professor Mohd Kamil Abdul Majid, told Utusan Malaysia that such a situation was not satisfactory "if one wants to be spiritually pure". 57 July 95

Other Religions Debate Spirituality Too

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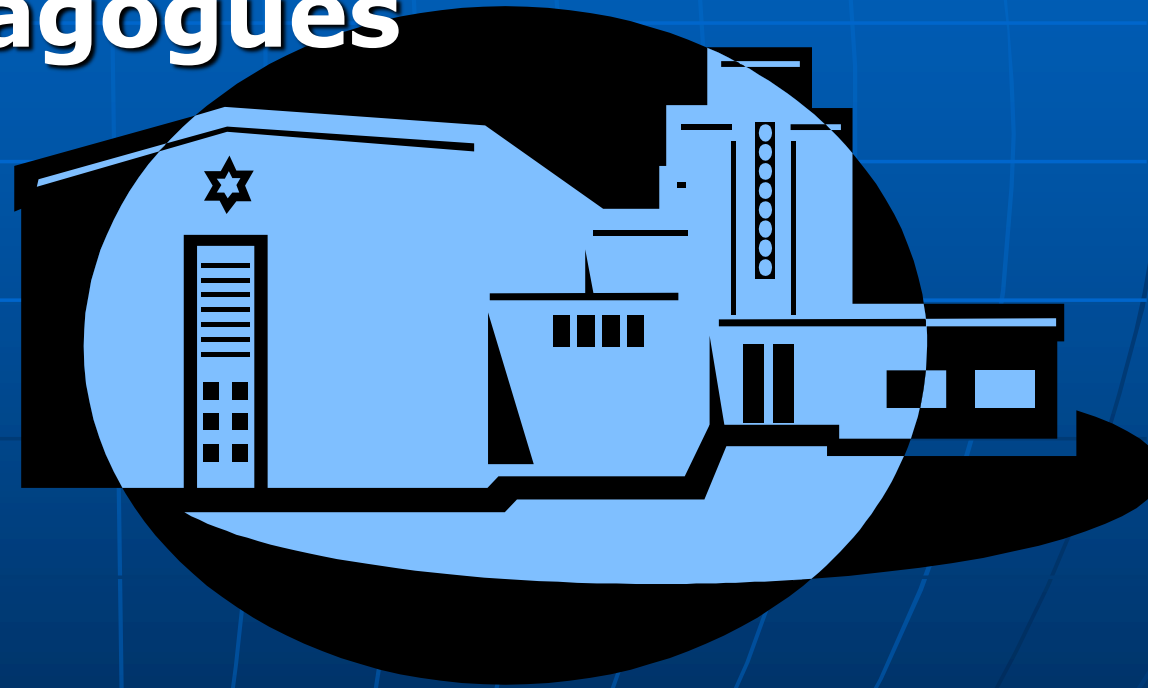
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Religious Life in Israel

- **Very diverse due to 70-year exile**
- **Many interpretations of the Law**
- **Different synagogues**



Samaritans stood outside of mainstream Judaism



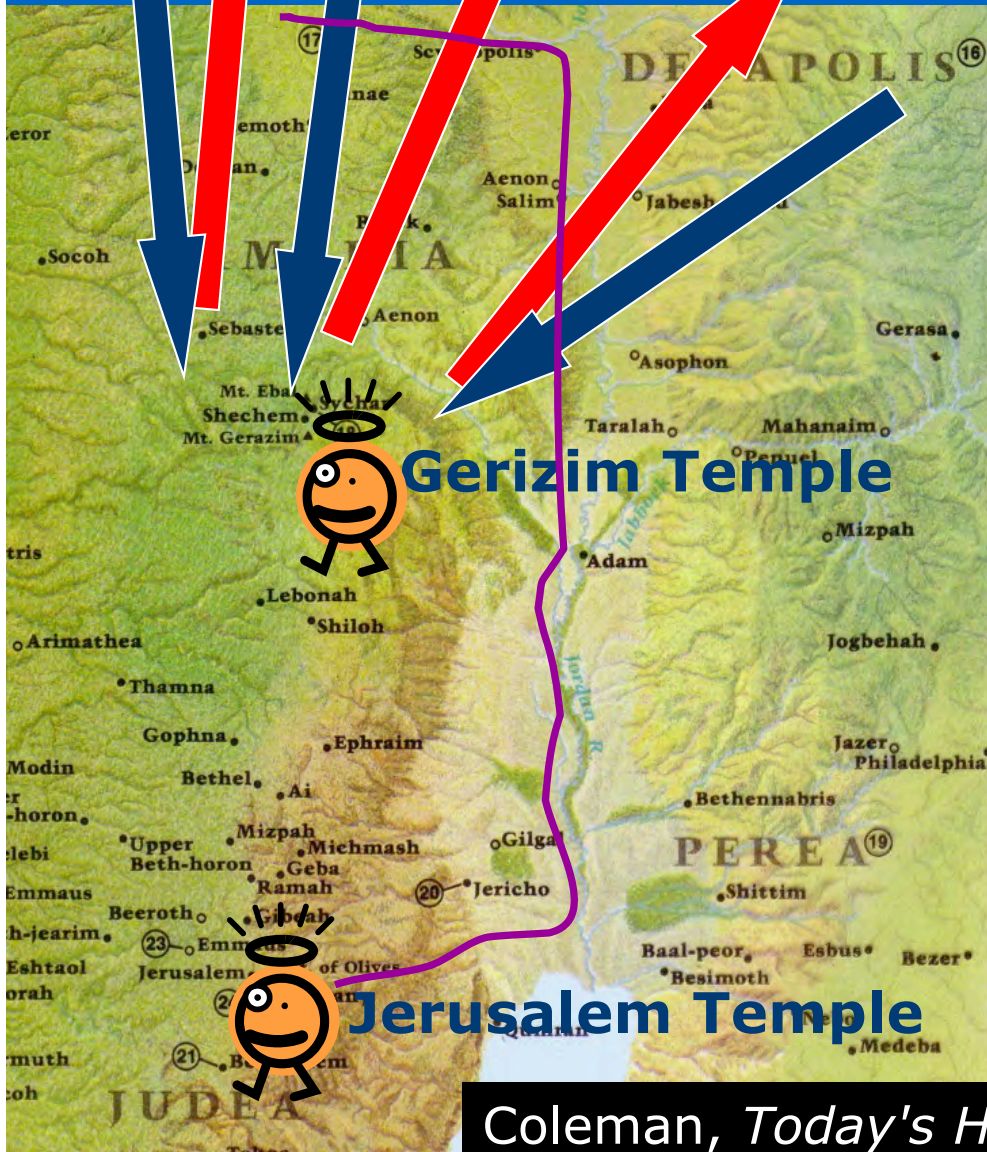
- Today 400 Samaritans live in Israel

Reasons Jews hated Samaritans

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115

See 2 Kings 17:24-33

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- Idolatry
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- Held only the five books of Moses as Scripture



Prejudice Against Proselytes

- Pharisees **made life difficult** for proselytes (Matt. 23:15).

- Proselytes were rejected and treated as **backaro**...

- Matthew 23:15 NIV “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.”

The Jewish Sects

Small Groups: Identify the major trait of the sect assigned to your group and the closest contemporary church parallel

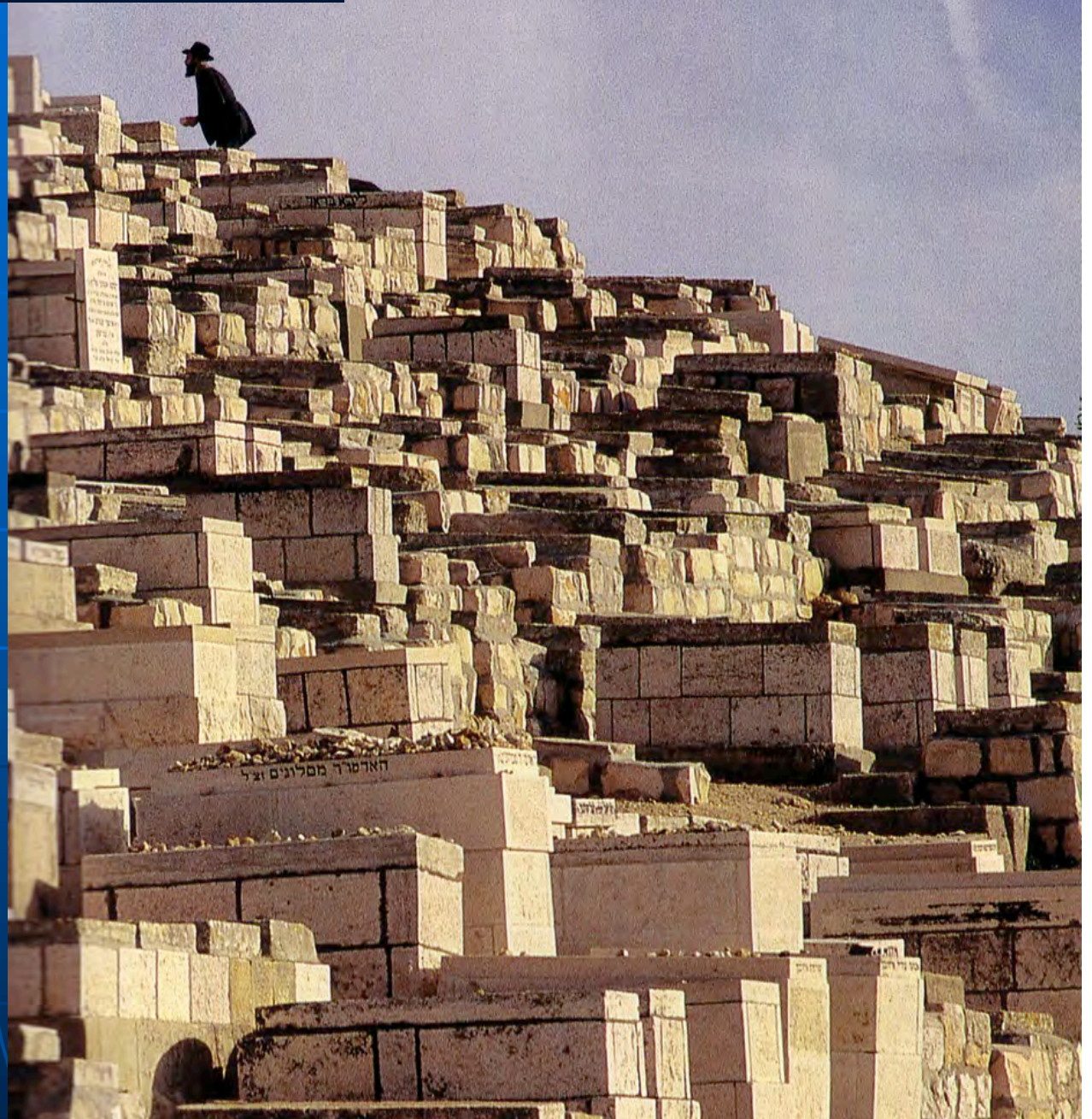
	<i>Key Traits</i>	<i>Modern Christian Parallels</i>
a. Pharisees		
b. Sadducees		
c. Essenes		
d. Zealots		

The Pharisees

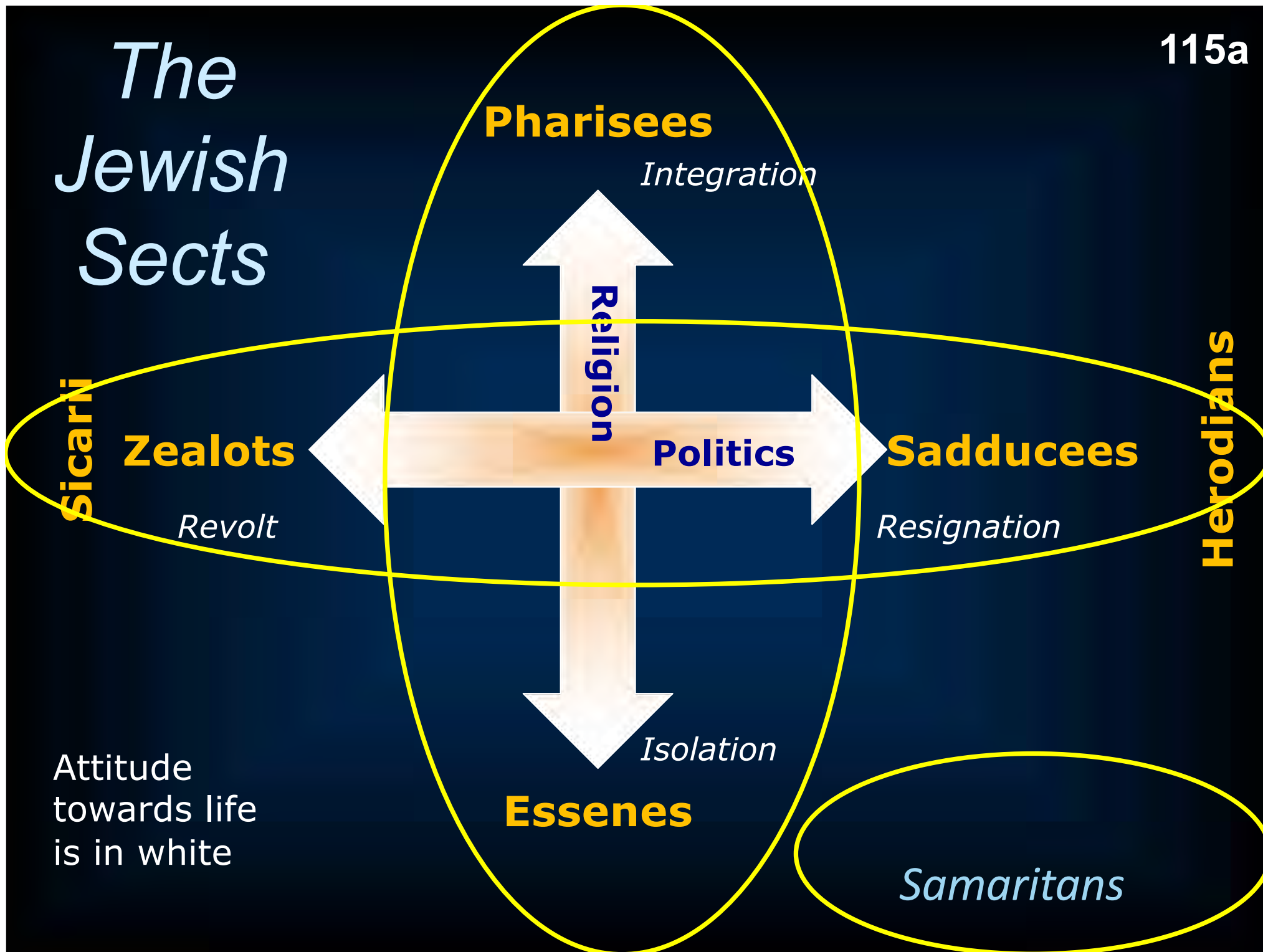
- What were the Key Traits of the Pharisees?
- Who are the Pharisees today?

Be Close to the LORD

- Jews buried here on the Mount of Olives hope to be the first to be resurrected and the first to join Messiah as He enters the Eastern Gate



The Jewish Sects



The Jewish Sects

Sicarii

Zealots

Revolt

Pharisees

Integration

Religion

Politics

Sadducees

Resignation

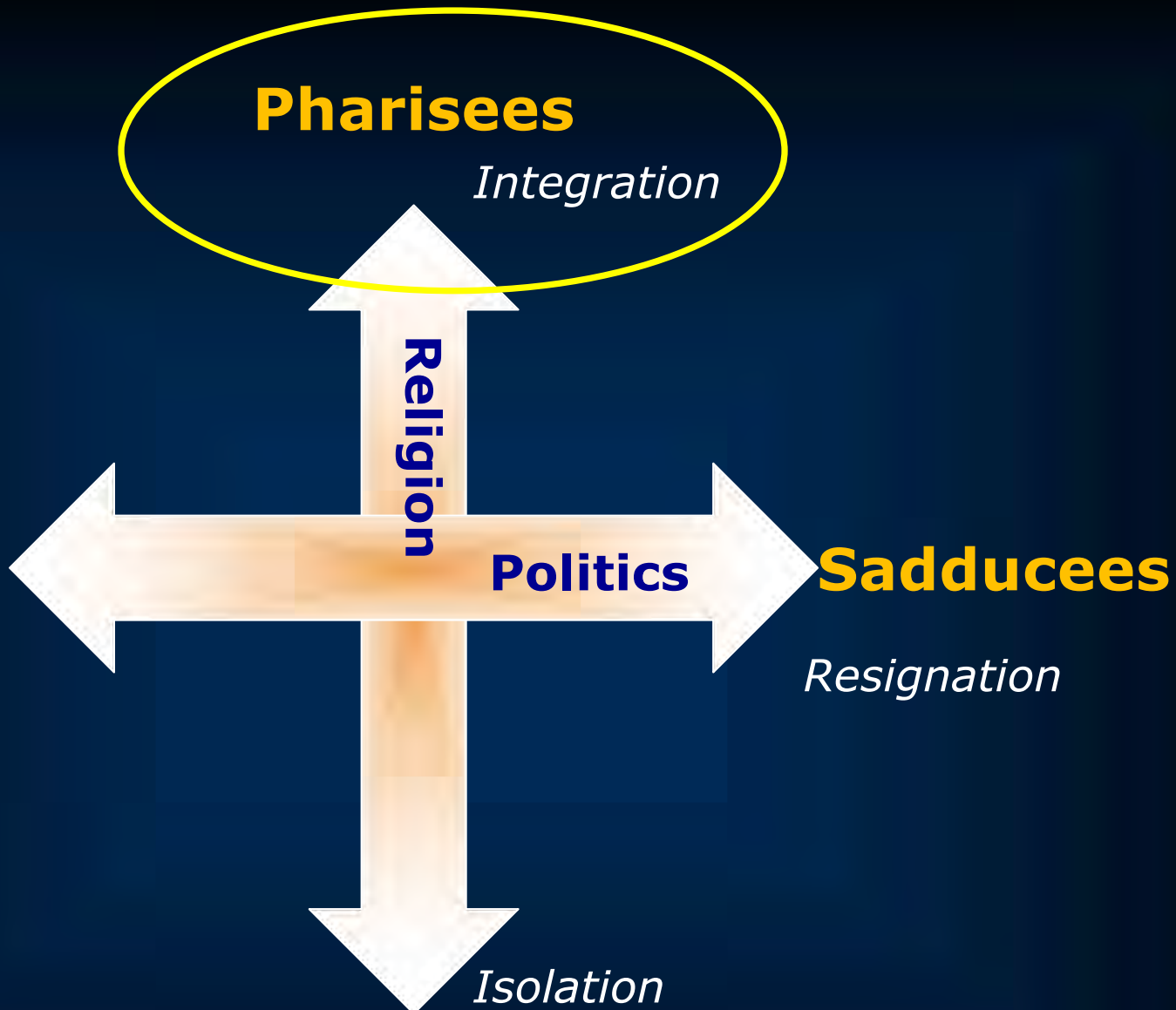
Herodians

Isolation

Essenes

Attitude towards life is in white

Samaritans



Pharisees

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Roots: Hasidim (2nd cent. BC)

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1. They accepted as equally inspired and authoritative all 39 OT books and the oral tradition.
2. They held to a mediating view that made it impossible for either free will or the sovereignty of God to cancel out the other.
3. They accepted a rather developed hierarchy of angels and demons.

Pharisees & Phylacteries

4. They taught that there was a future for the dead.

5. They believed in the immortality of the soul and in reward and retribution after death.



Pharisee Characteristics (cont'd)

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6. They were champions of human equality.

7. The emphasis of their teaching was ethical rather than theological.

Jesus never questioned the theology of the Pharisees. Yet in Matthew 23 he exposed their hypocrisy in not practicing what they preached.



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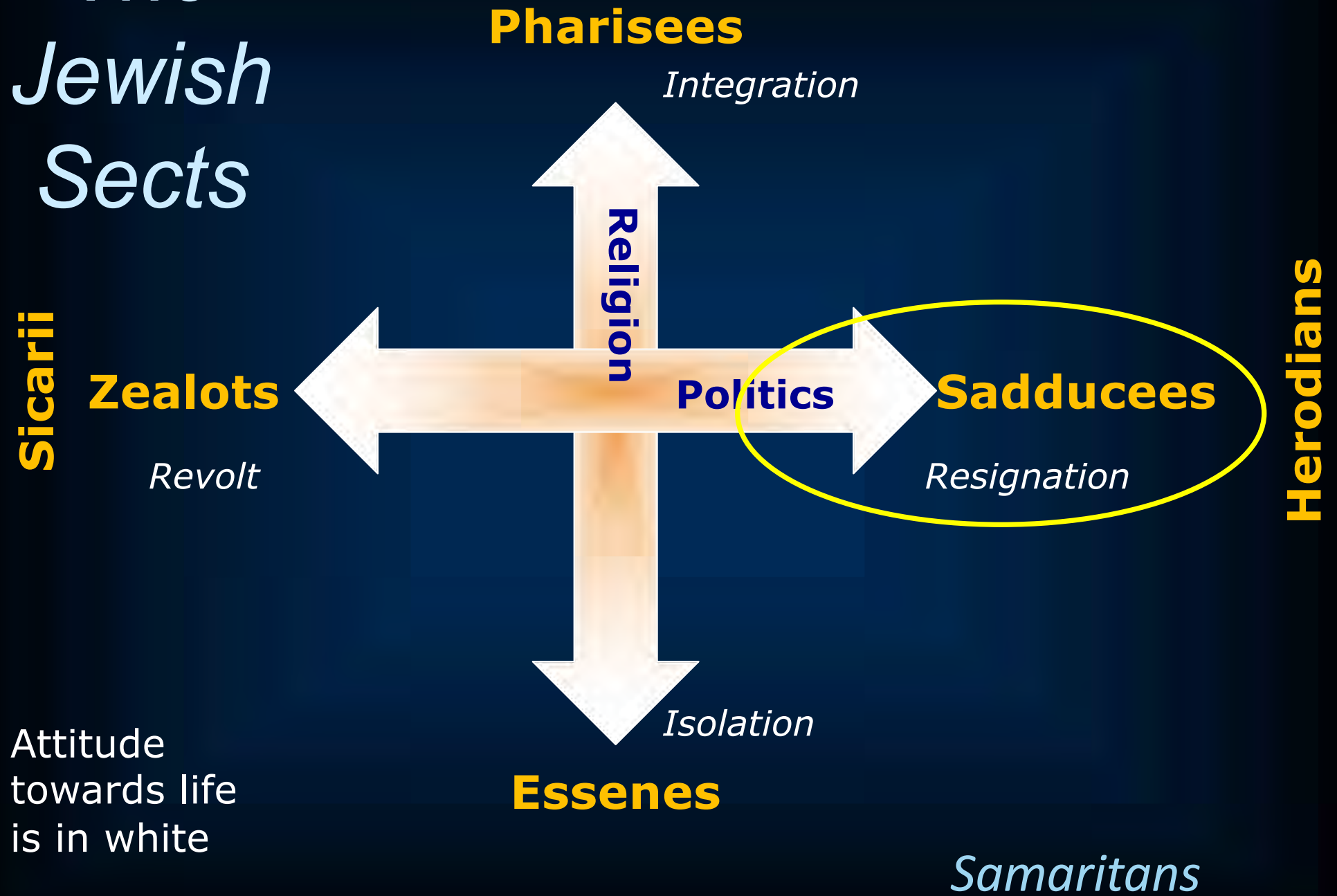
Chinese Pharisees?

假扮	jiǎ bàn	disguise oneself	假设	jiǎ shè	suppose
假充	jiǎ chōng	pretend to be	假面具	jiǎ miàn jù	mask; false front
假定	jiǎ dìng	suppose	假惺惺	jiǎ xīng · xīng	hypocritically; unctuously
假想	jiǎ xiǎng	imagination	假公济私	jiǎ gōng jì sī	use public office for private gain
假如	jiǎ rú	if	假仁假义	jiǎ rén jiǎ yì	hypocrisy

The Sadducees

- What were the Key Traits of the Sadducees?
- Who are the Sadducees today?

The Jewish Sects

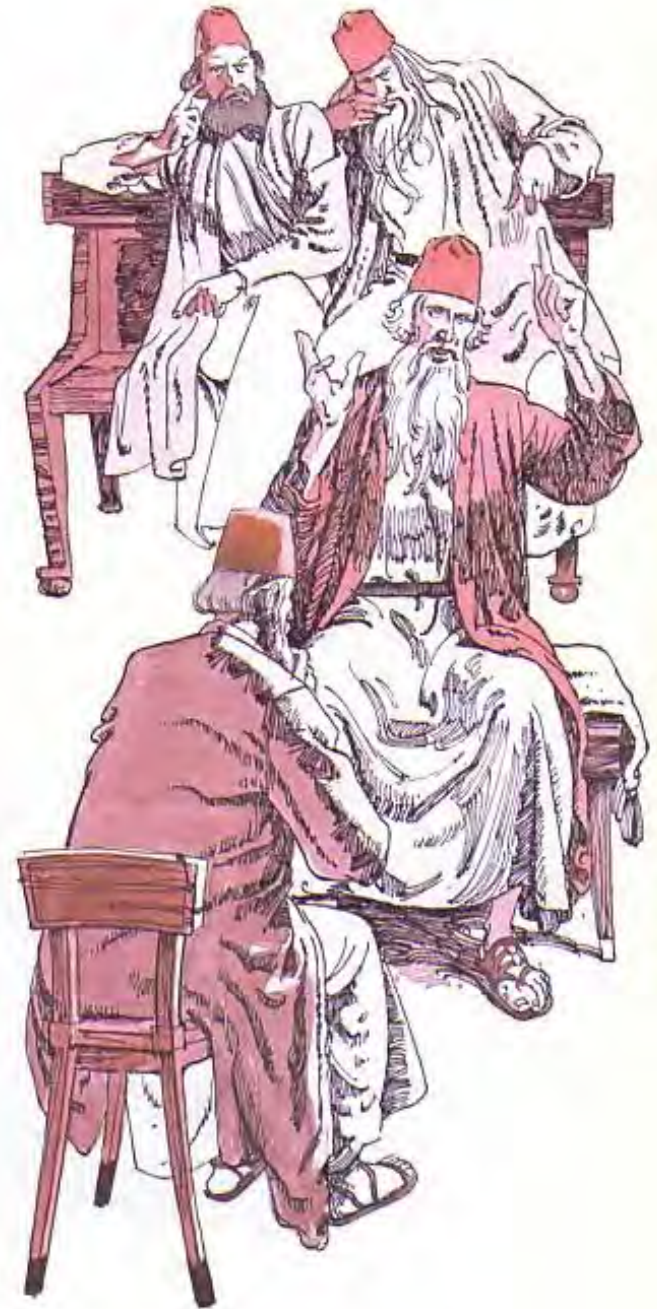


Sadducees

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They probably began during the Hasmonean period (166 – 63 BC). They ended c. A.D. 70 with the fall of Jerusalem.

1. They denied that the oral law was authoritative and binding.
2. They interpreted Mosaic law more literally than did the Pharisees.
3. They were very exacting in Levitical purity.
4. They attributed all to free will.

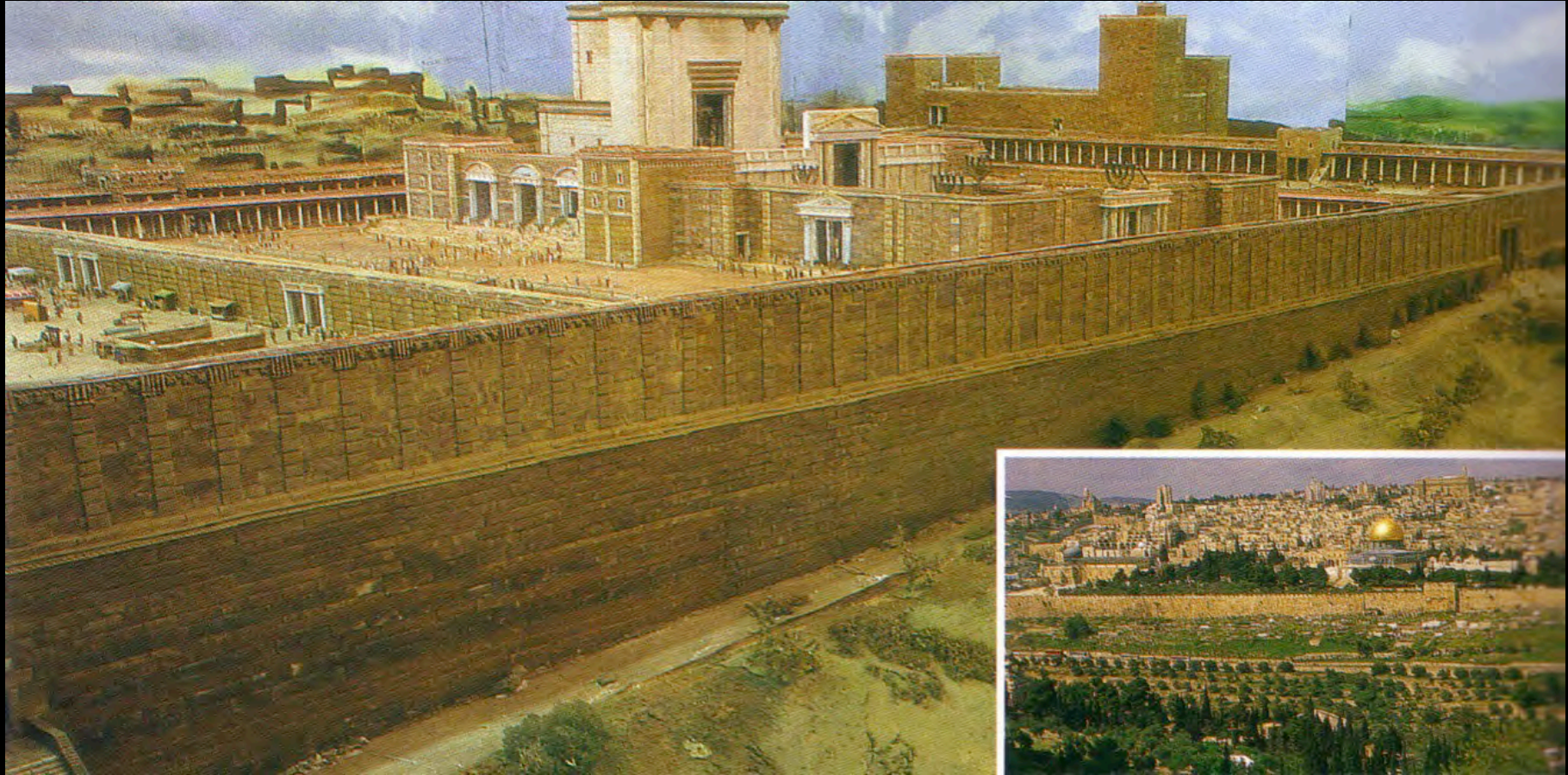


Sadducees went through any door into Jerusalem!

5. They argued there is neither resurrection of the dead nor a future life.
6. They rejected a belief in angels and demons.
7. They rejected the idea of a spiritual world.
8. Only the books of Moses were canonical.

Southwest Corner of Temple Mount

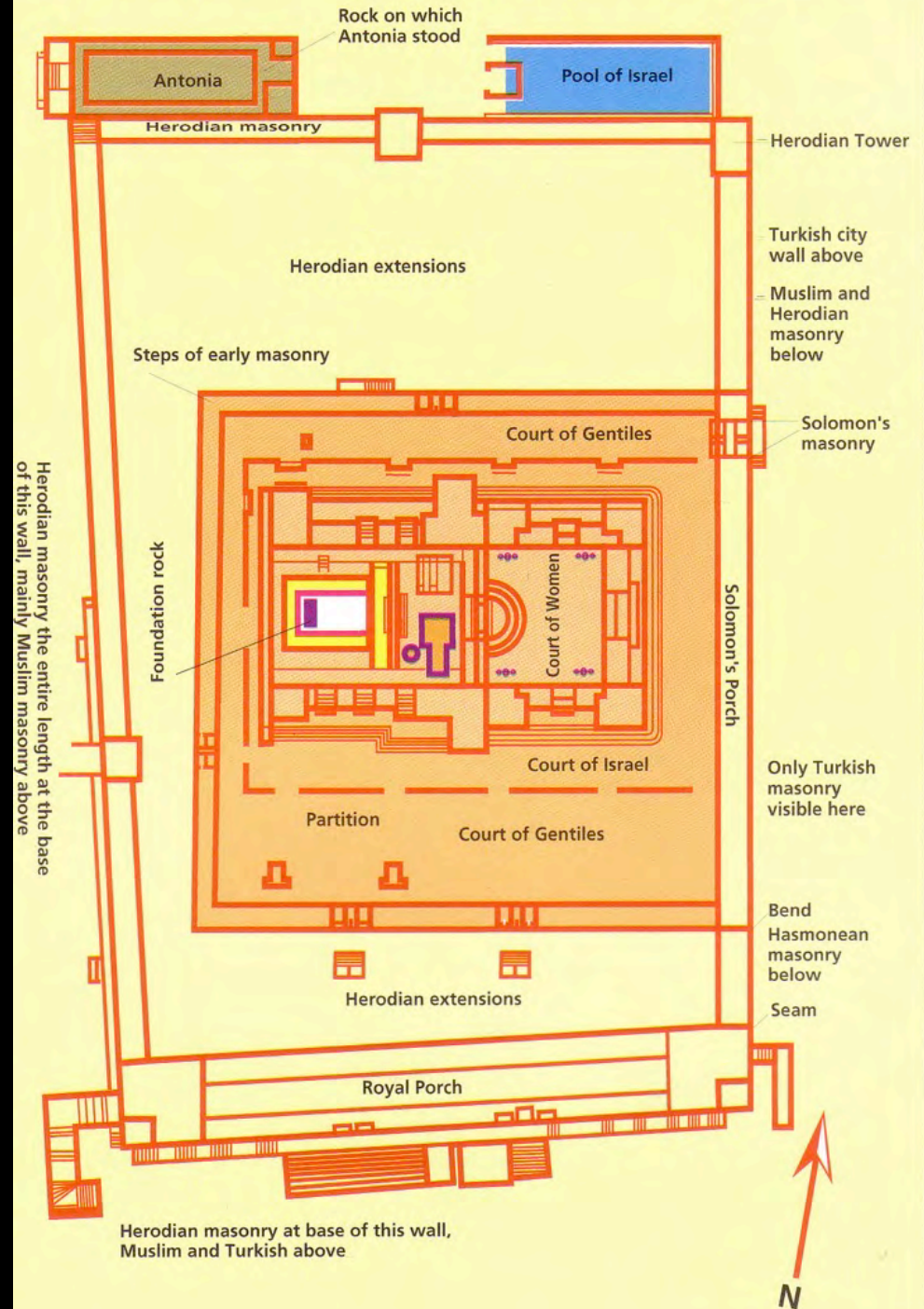




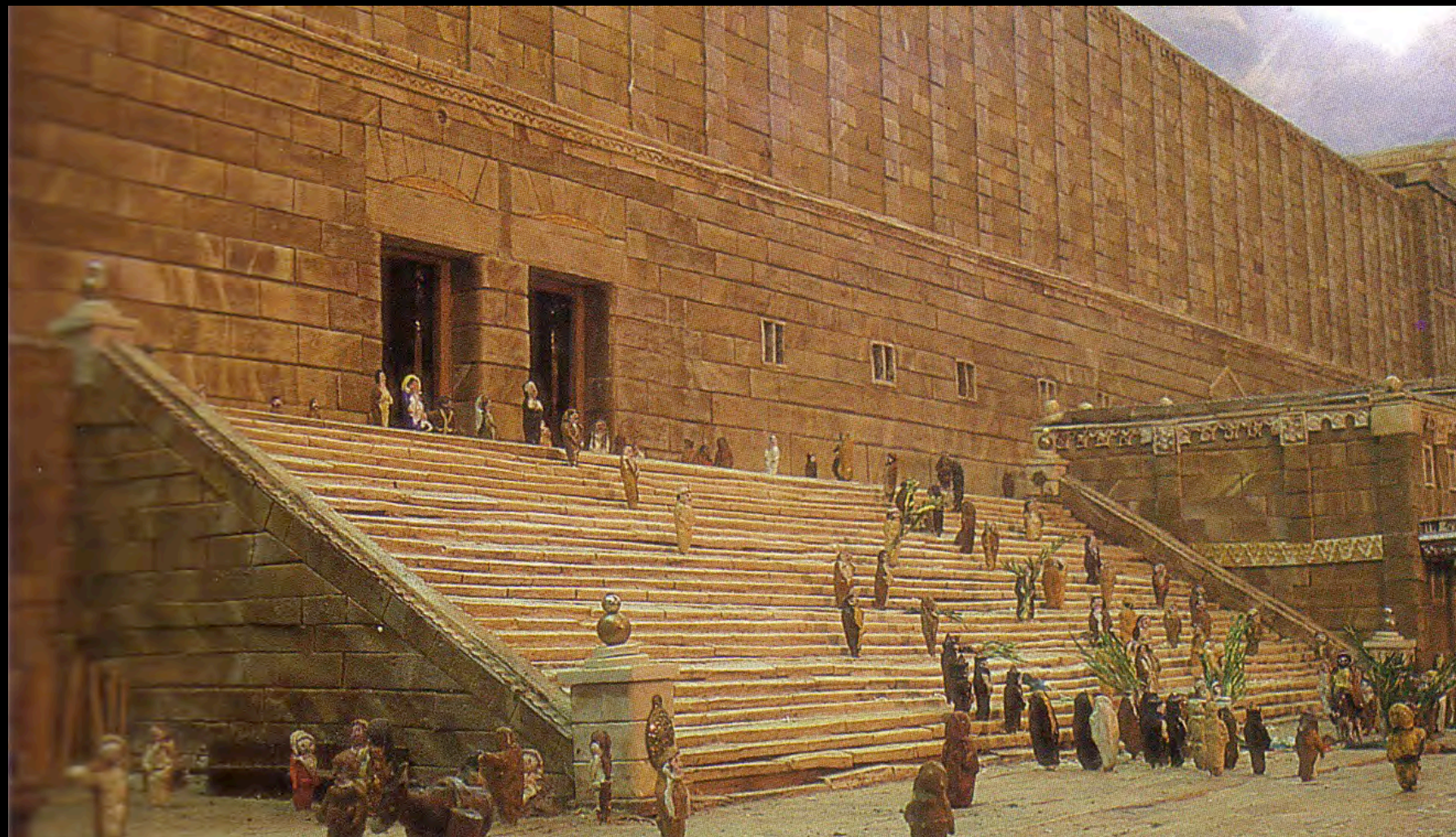
The East Wall of the Temple

Types of Masonry of the Temple Site

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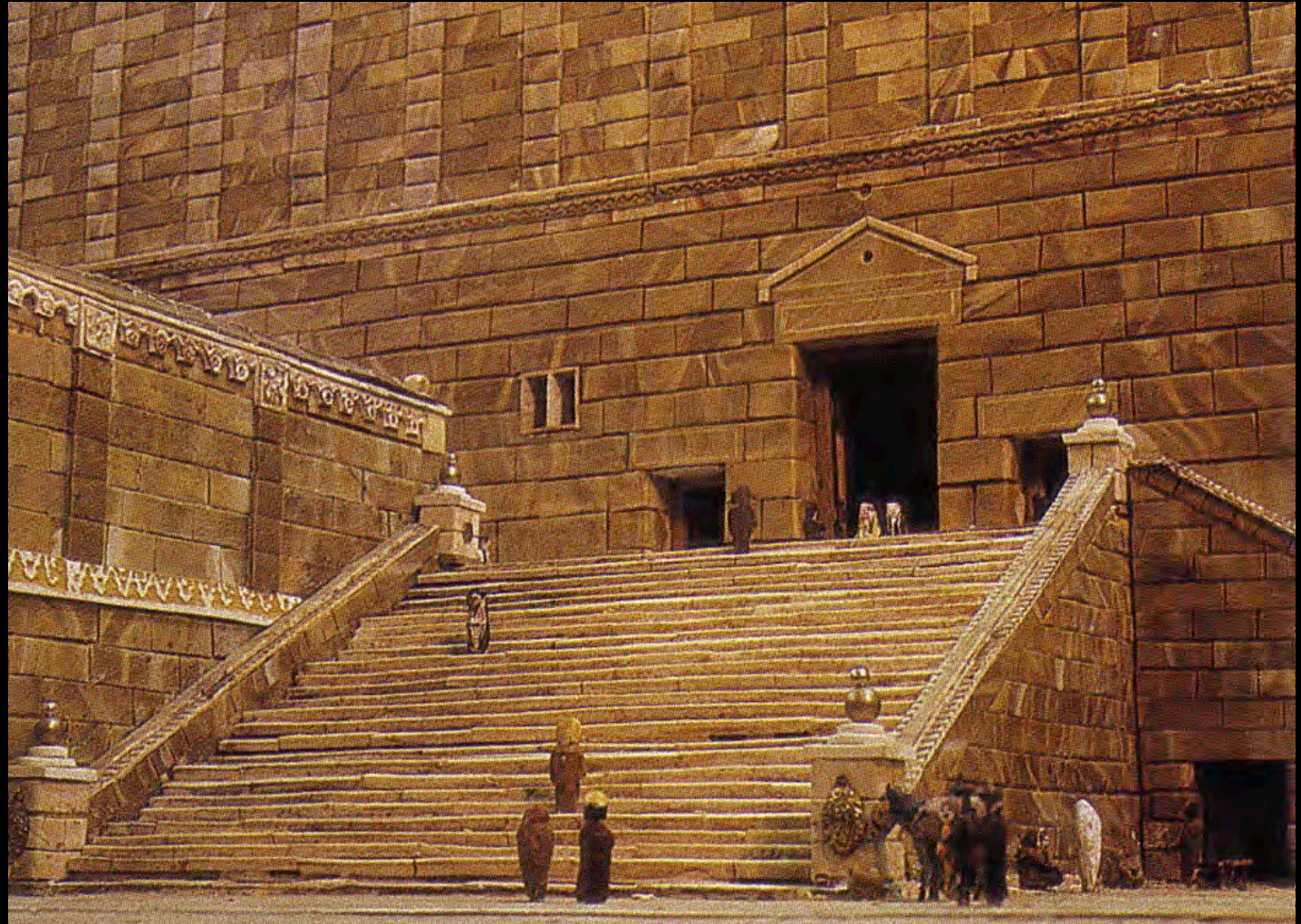
The Double Gate in the Southern Wall.
People entered by the right hand gate
and departed from the left.





The domed passageway leading from the Double Gate into the outer courts.

The Triple Gate, used by the priests of the temple.



The Royal Porch (Stoa)



- The Sanhedrin met in the Royal Portico at the south end of Temple Mount
- The stairways led down to the Hulda Gates



Interior of the Royal Portico

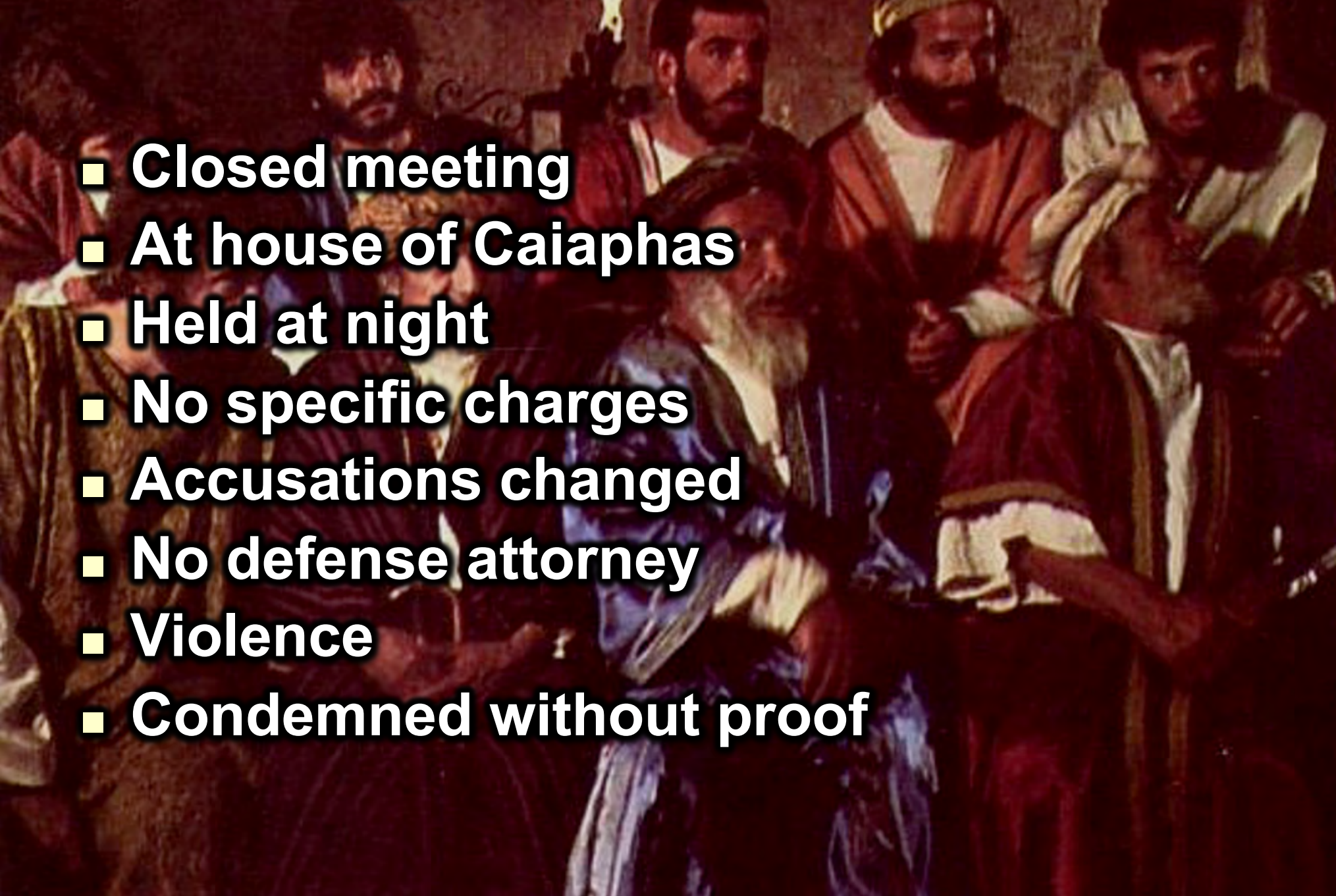


Meeting Place of the Sanhedrin

- Semicircular hall at the east end of the Royal Portico
- The 71-member Sanhedrin judged here from AD 30
- Meetings public (except Christ's!) while Roman trials were closed

The Illegal Trial of Jesus

NTS 65

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- Closed meeting
 - At house of Caiaphas
 - Held at night
 - No specific charges
 - Accusations changed
 - No defense attorney
 - Violence
 - Condemned without proof

Who were the Jewish elders?

- Lawyers?
- Sadducees?
- Pharisees?
- Herodians?
- Levites?
- Scribes?
- Chief Priests?
- Essenes?
- Zealots?
- None of the above?



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Both Pharisees & Sadducees Lacked
Genuineness

The Essenes

- What were the Key Traits of the Essenes?
- Who are the Essenes today?

THE DEAD SEA

JERICHO QUMRAN MASADA



**More Genuine
Judaism Was
Found in the
Desert**

- **Zealots**
- **Essenes**



■ Ibex



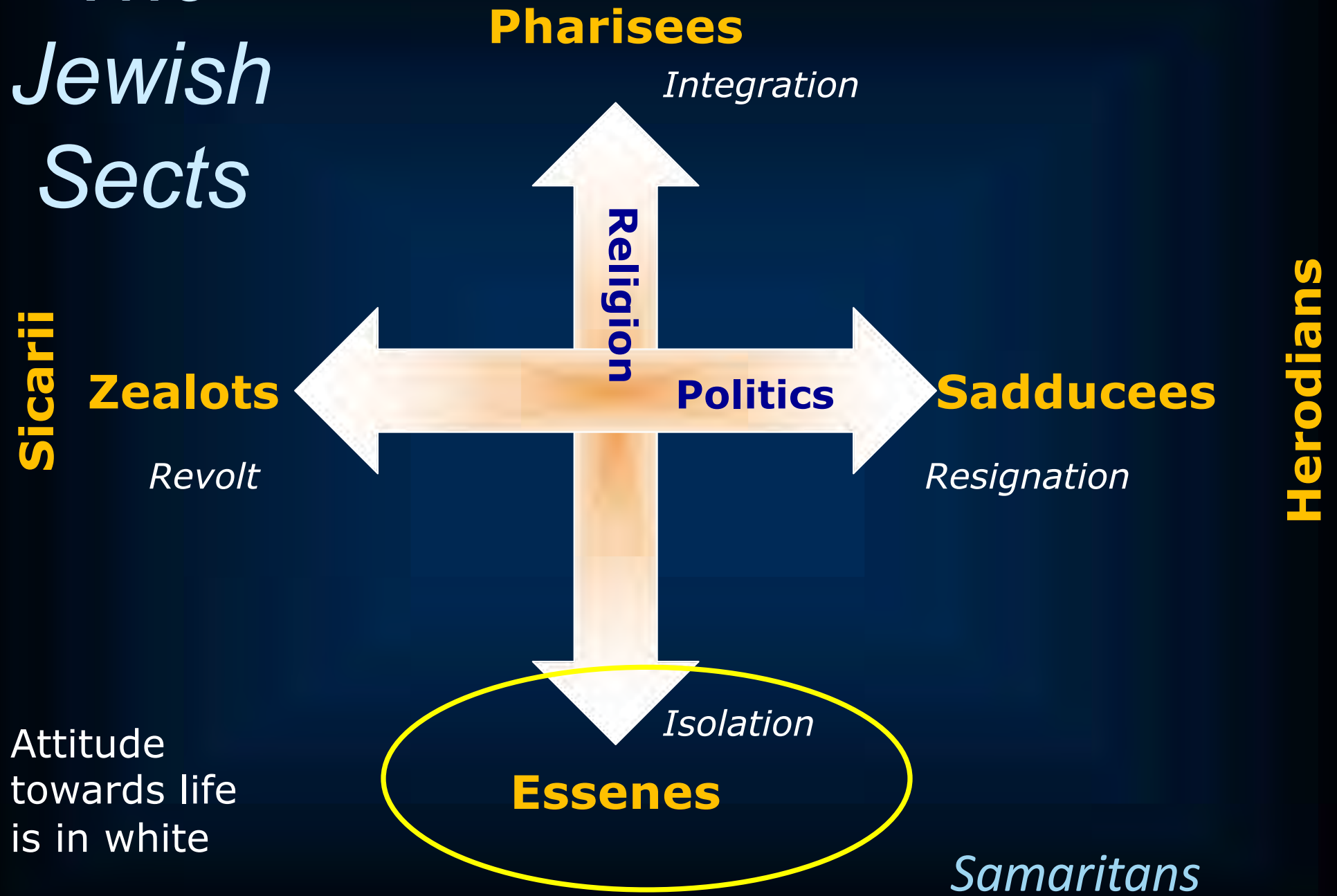
■ Gazelle



■ Ibex

Until Essenes & Zealots opposed Jerusalem, mostly only animals lived in around the Dead Sea

The Jewish Sects



Attitude towards life is in white

Pharisees

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Jewish Sects

1. **They strictly observed the purity laws of the Torah.**
2. **They were notable for their communal ownership of property.**
3. **They had a strong sense of mutual responsibility.**
4. **Daily worship was an important feature along with a daily study of their sacred scriptures.**

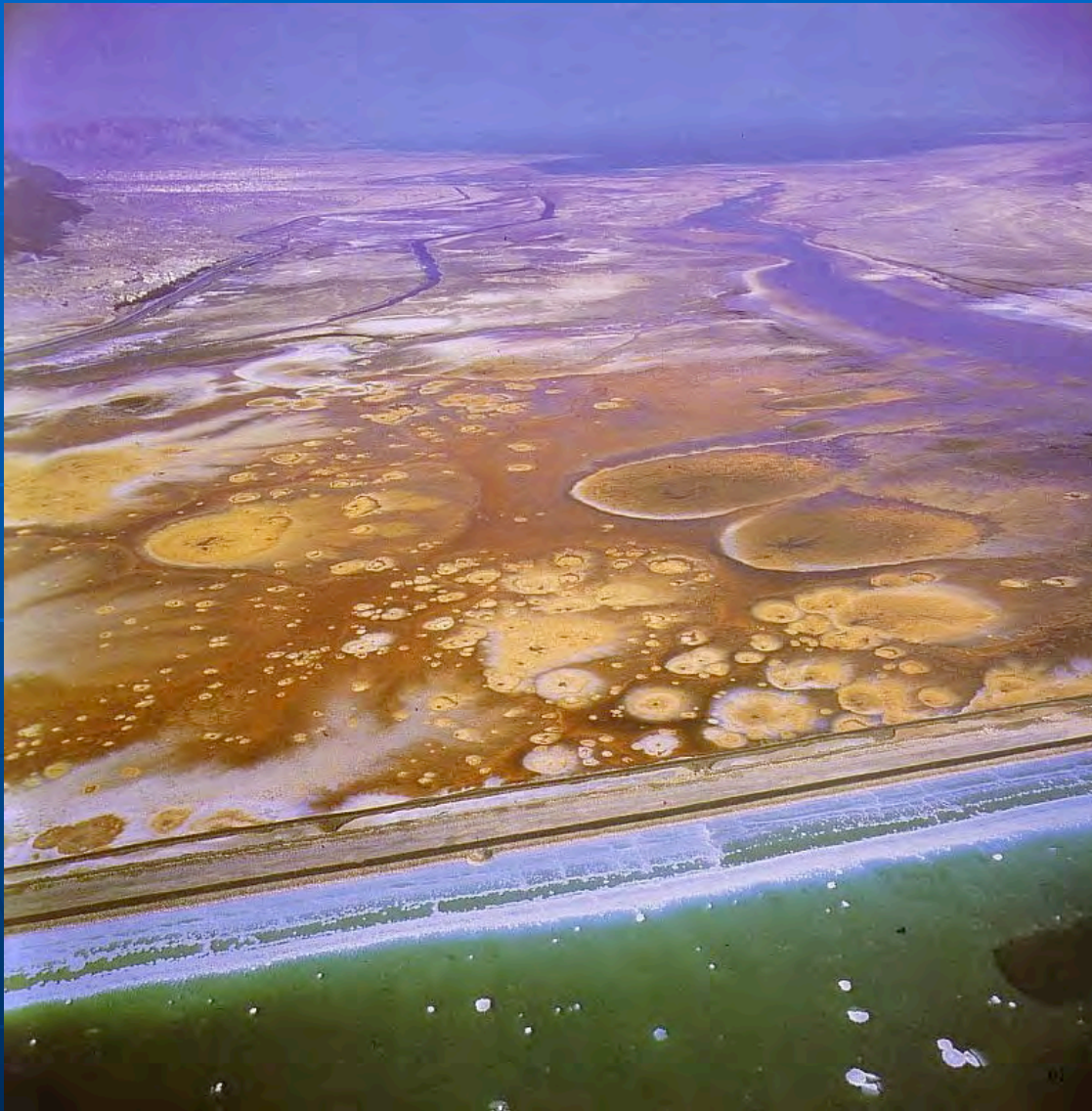
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5. They required solemn oaths of piety and obedience.
6. They sacrificed on holy days and in sacred seasons.
7. Marriage was not condemned in principle but was avoided.
8. They attributed all that happened to fate.

The Shrinking Dead Sea

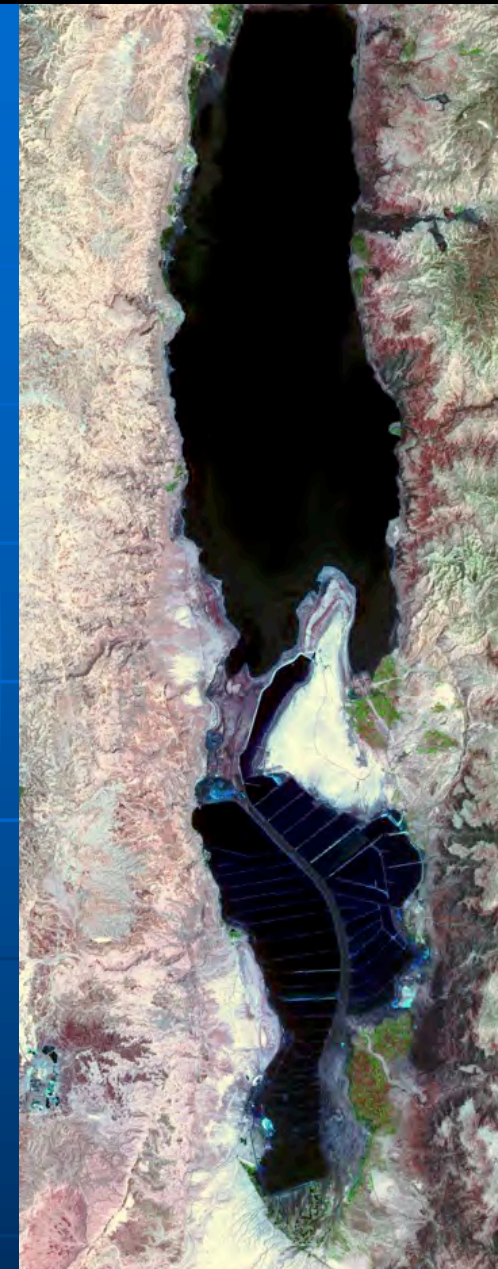


**“Moonscape”
images
appear from
water
depletion by
both Israel
and Jordan**

The Dead Sea—Then & Now

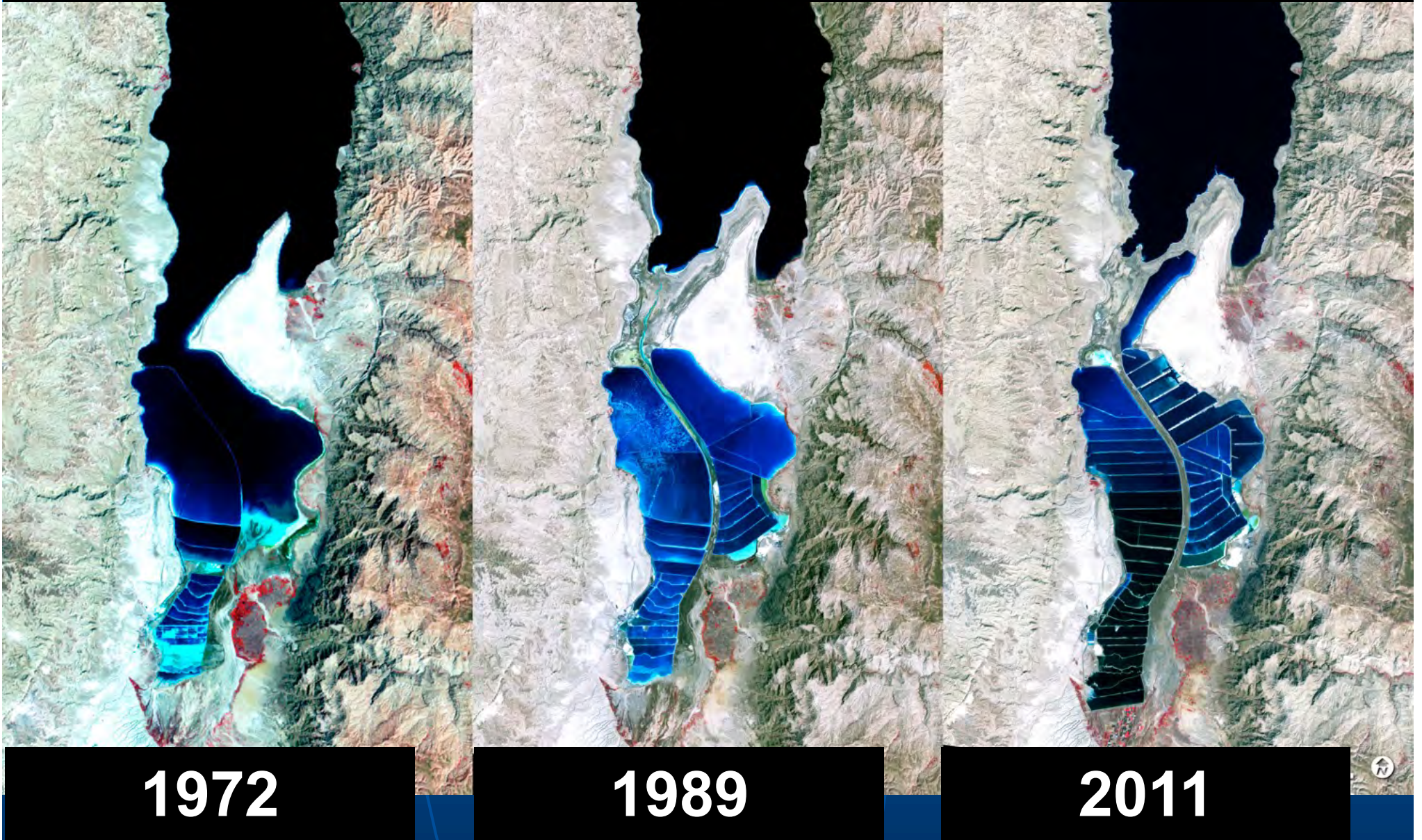


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The Dead Sea—Then & Now



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The Salt Sea

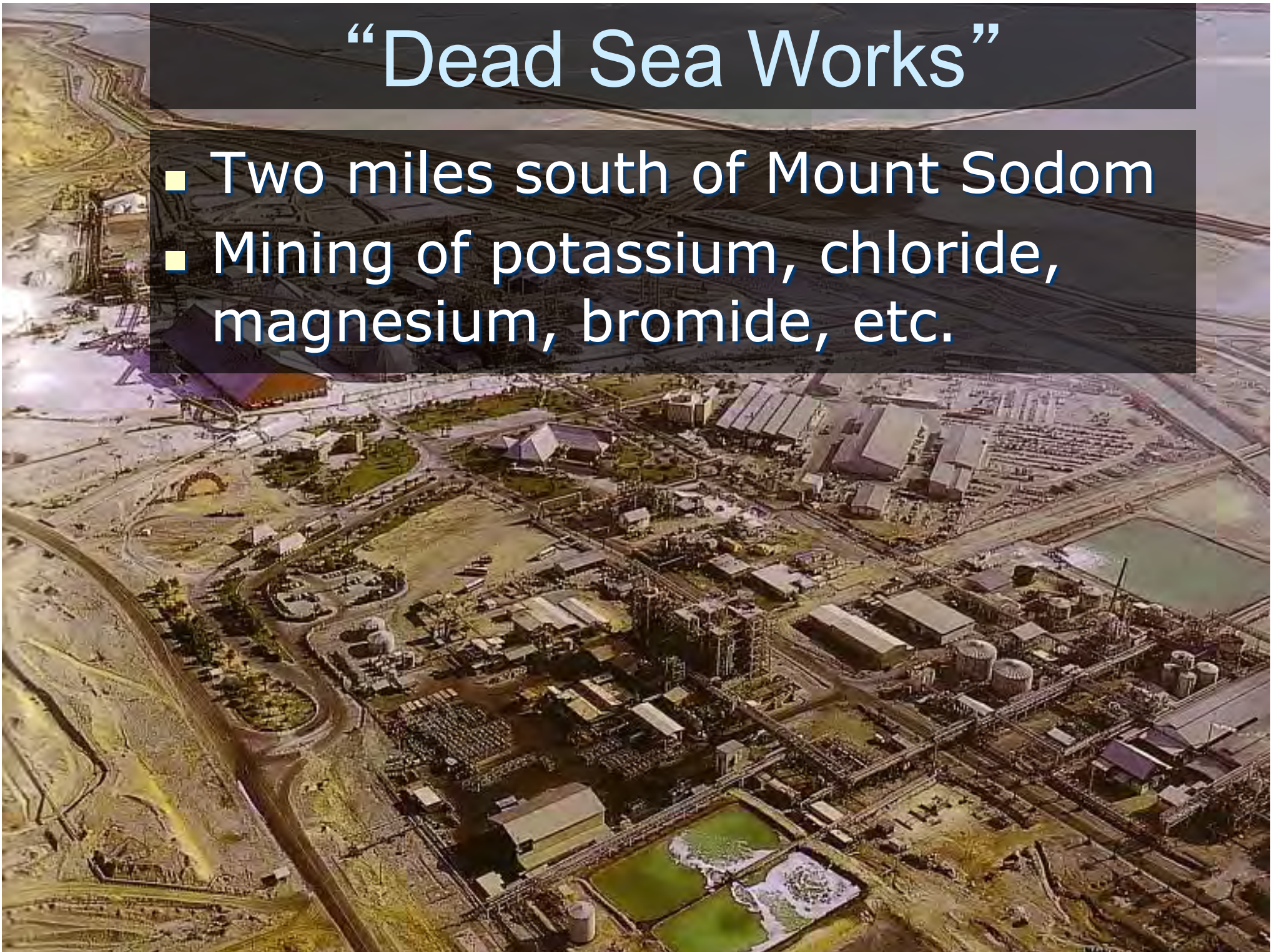


Mount Sodom



“Dead Sea Works”

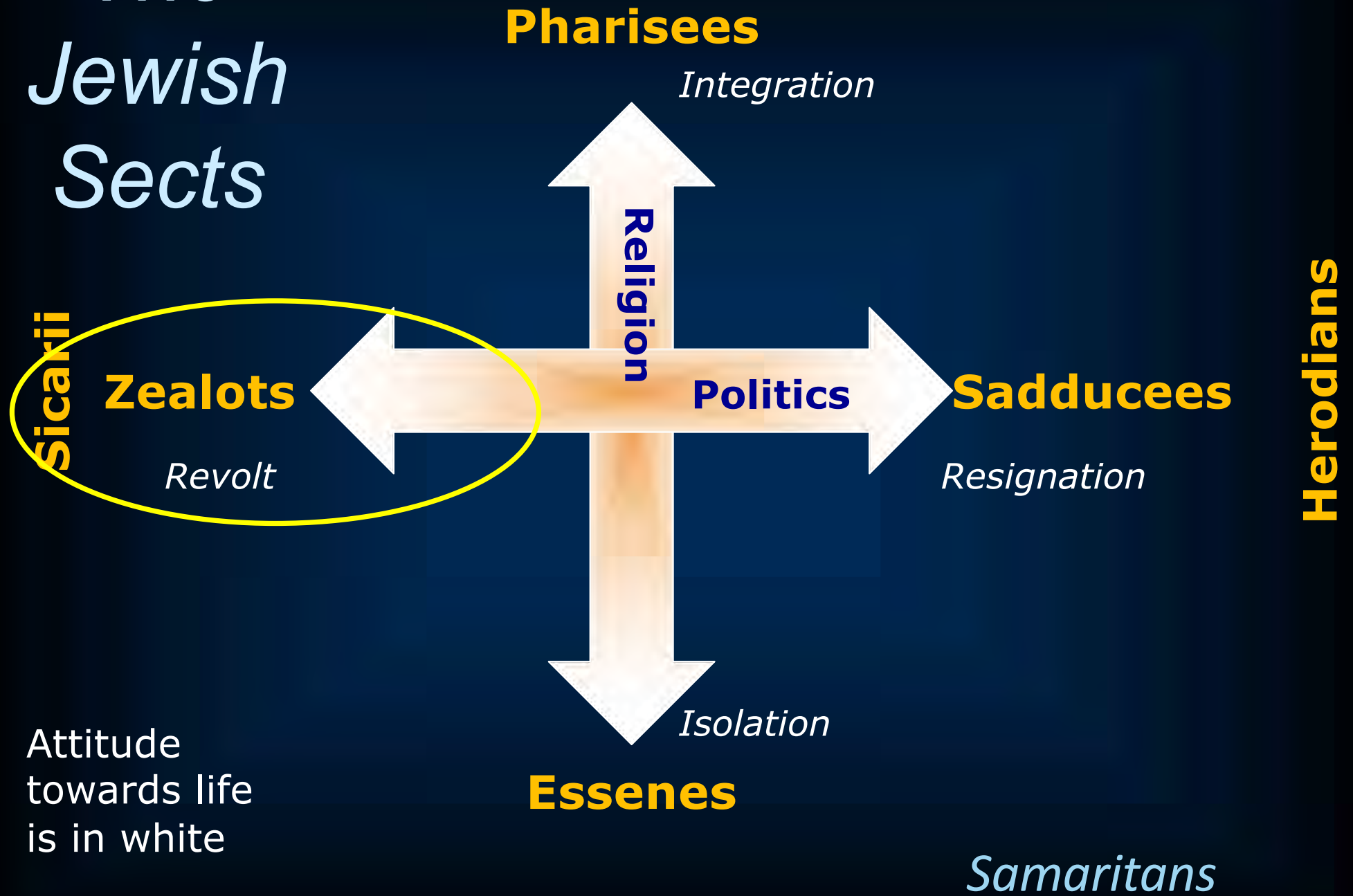
- Two miles south of Mount Sodom
- Mining of potassium, chloride, magnesium, bromide, etc.



The Zealots

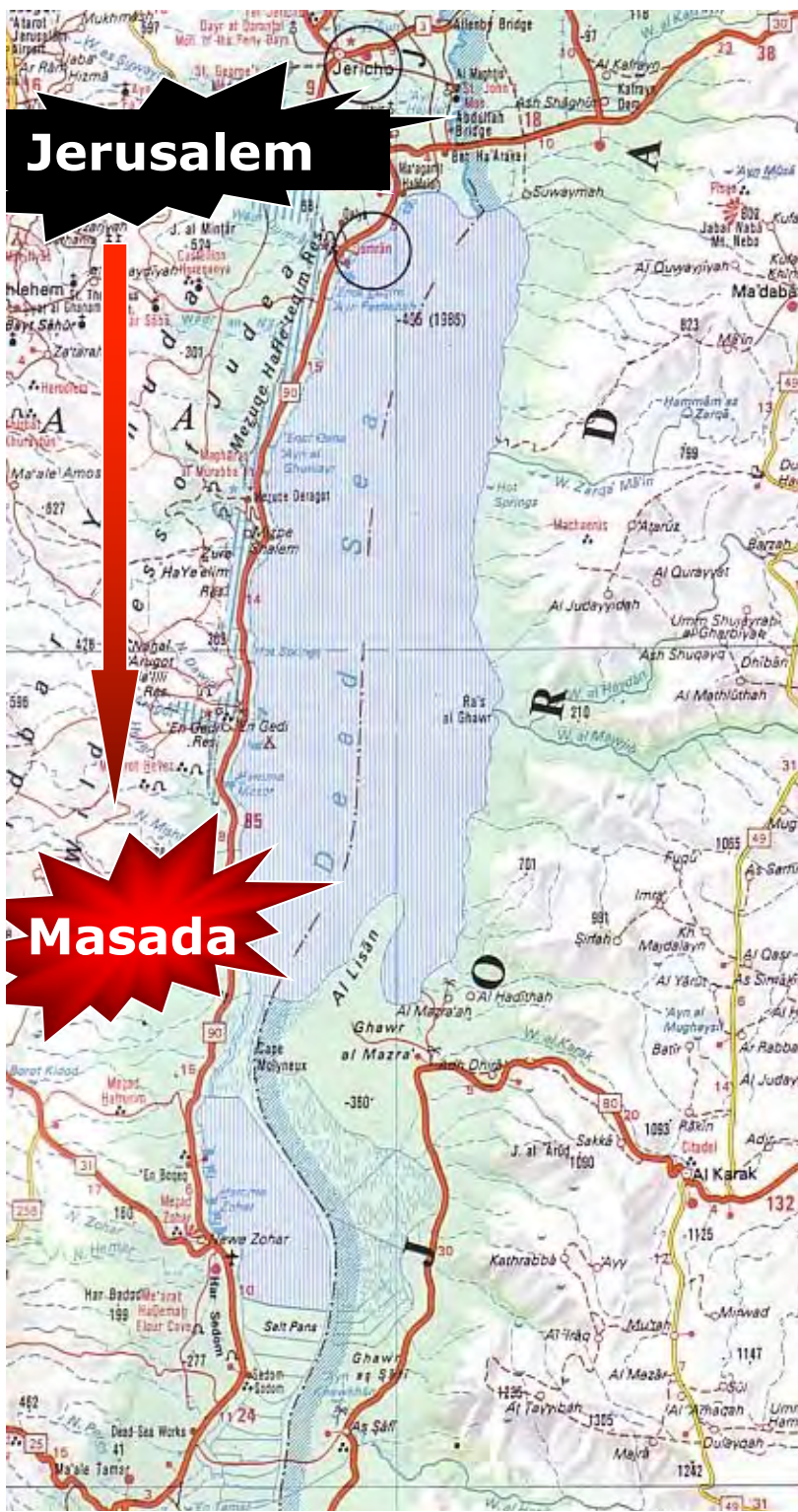
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Zealots

- They originated in the time of Herod the Great ca. 6 BC.
- They ceased to exist in AD 73 after leaving Jerusalem for their last stand at Masada.



Zealots frowned upon Roman achievements

Jewish Sects

A Roman aqueduct at Caesarea



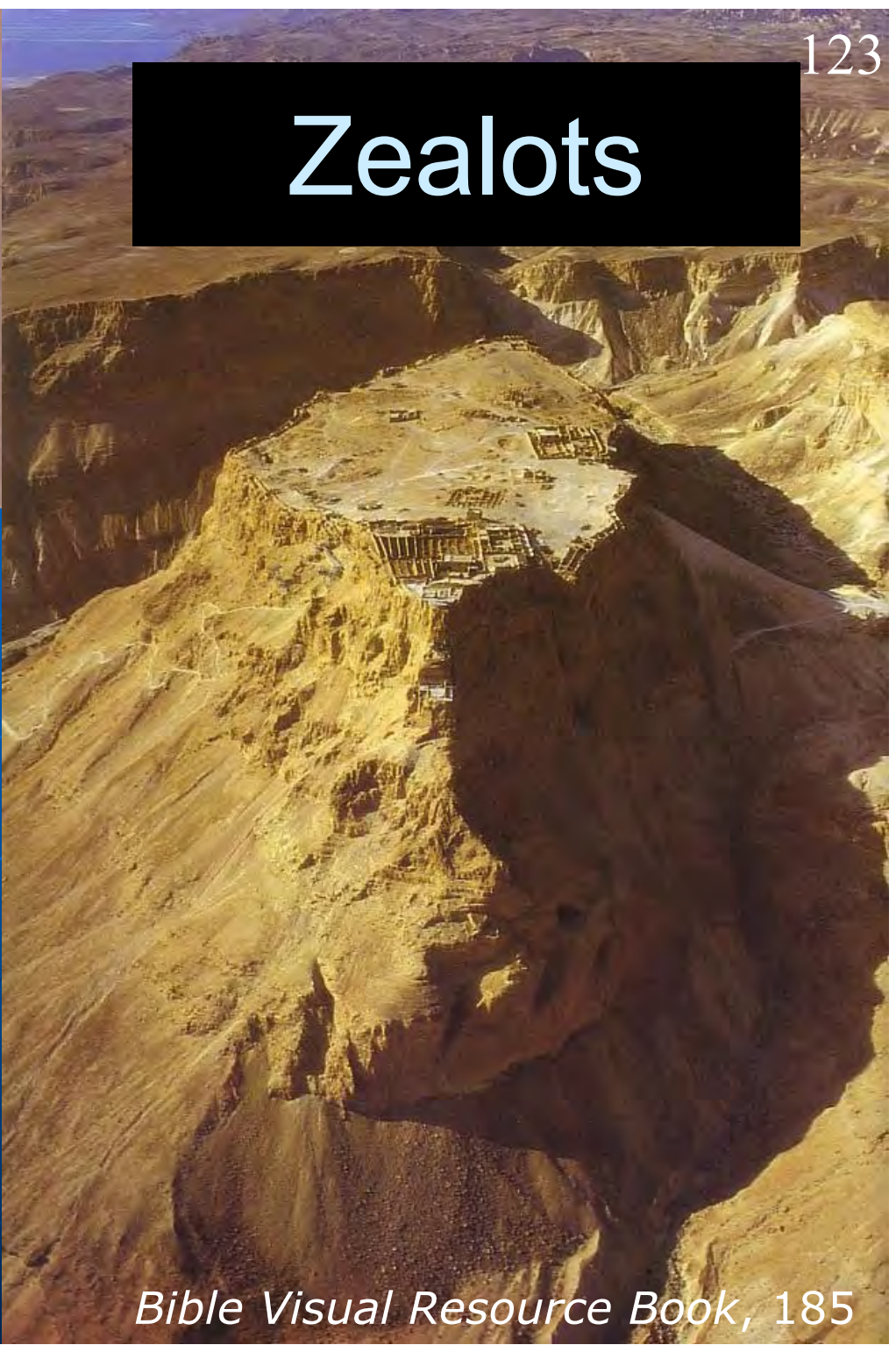
Zealots identified with the Temple




Zealots

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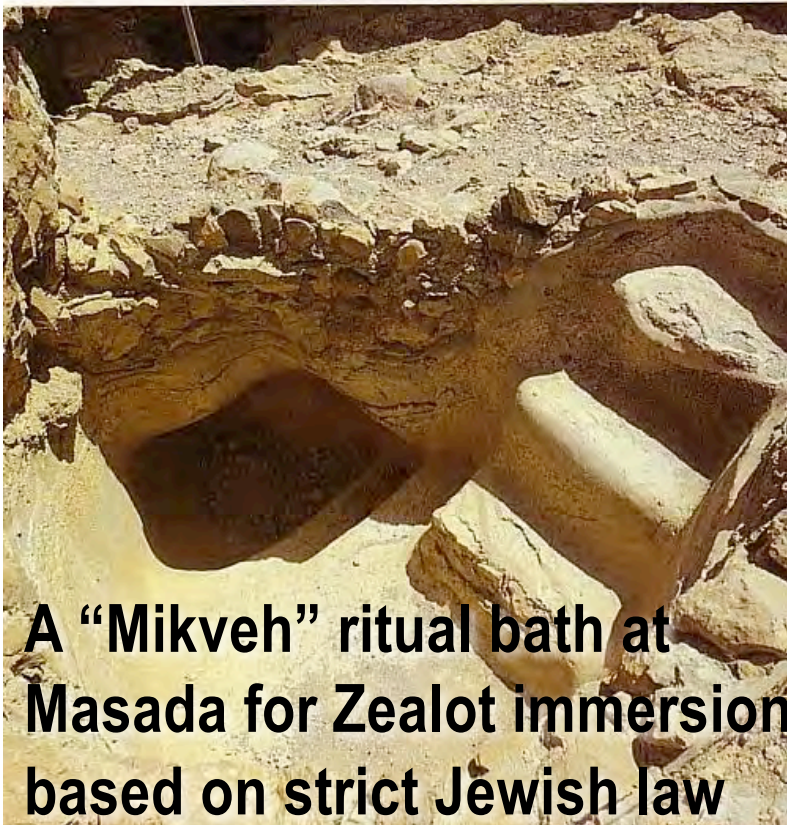
Characteristics
1. They opposed taxes for the emperor, wanting allegiance to God alone.





**Characteristics
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**2. Zealots had fierce
loyalty to the
Jewish traditions.**



**A “Mikveh” ritual bath at
Masada for Zealot immersion
based on strict Jewish law**

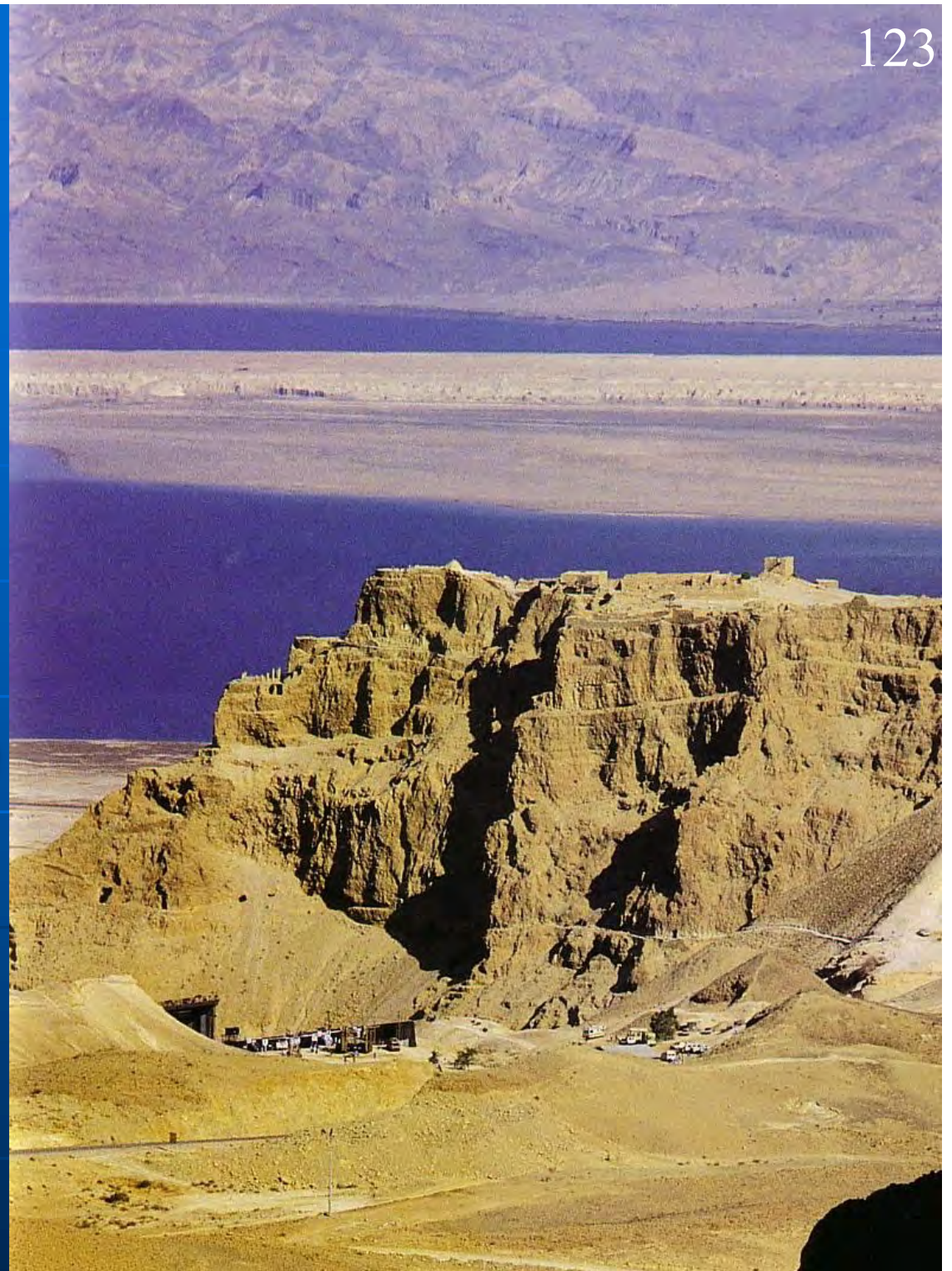


**The hated Roman camp
at the base of Masada**

Characteristics (cont'd)

3. Zealots opposed using the Greek language in Israel.
4. Zealots prophesied the coming of the time of salvation.

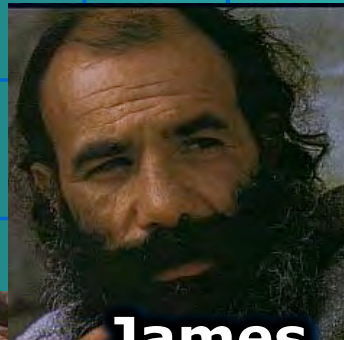
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Twelve Who Followed Jesus



Peter



James



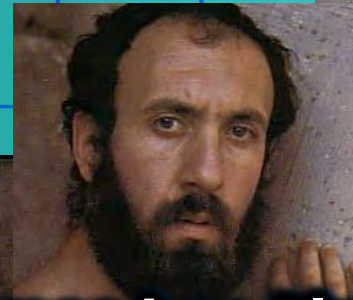
John



Bartholomew



Thaddeus



Andrew



Thomas



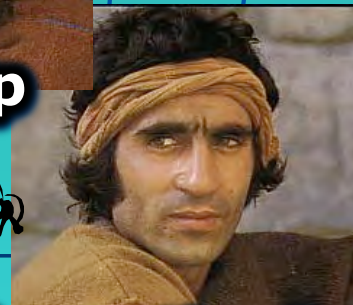
James bar Alphaeus



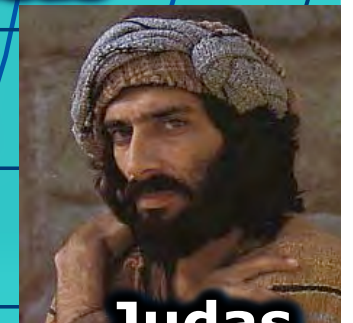
Matthew



Philip



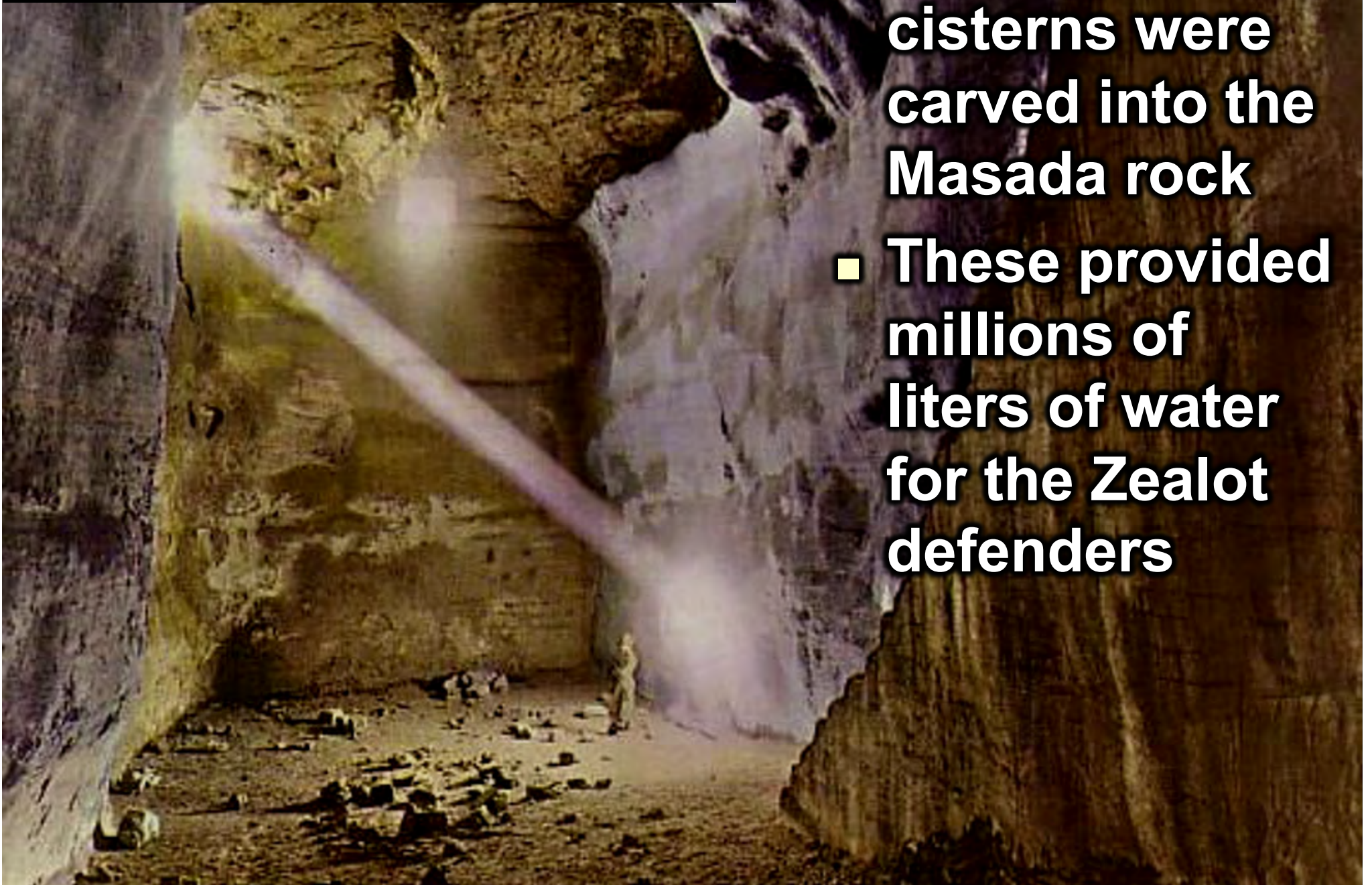
Simon the Zealot



Judas

Masada Cisterns

- Nine huge cisterns were carved into the Masada rock
- These provided millions of liters of water for the Zealot defenders





Masada Cisterns

- Stairs led to the bottom of each cistern

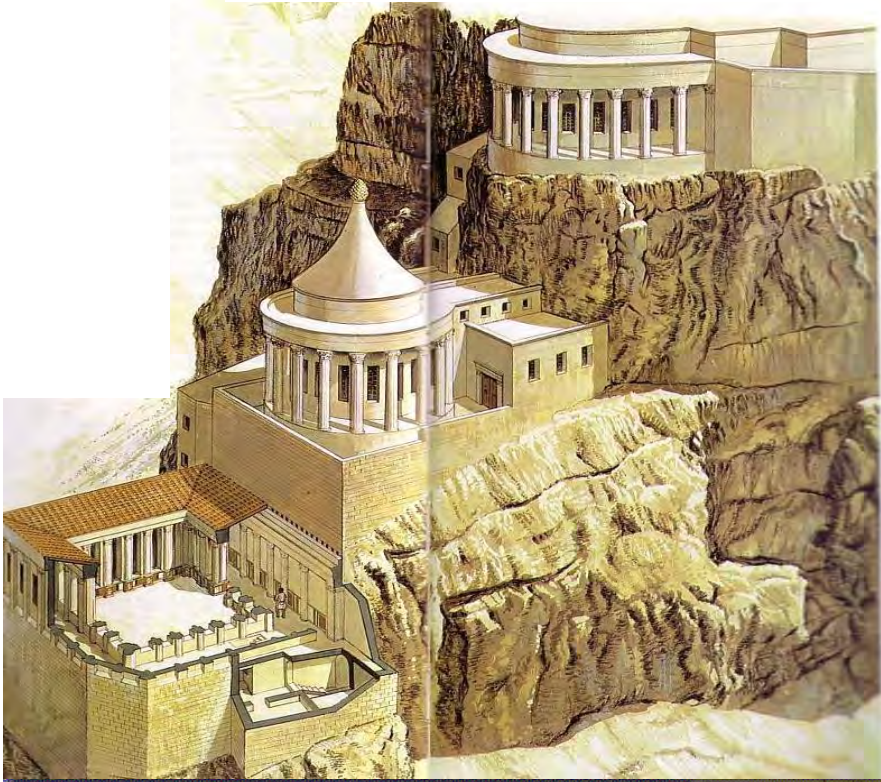


Herod's Northern Palace

- **This palace/fortress was seized by the Zealots**
- **How? A Roman soldier dropped his helmet...**

Northern Masada Palaces

Bath Houses

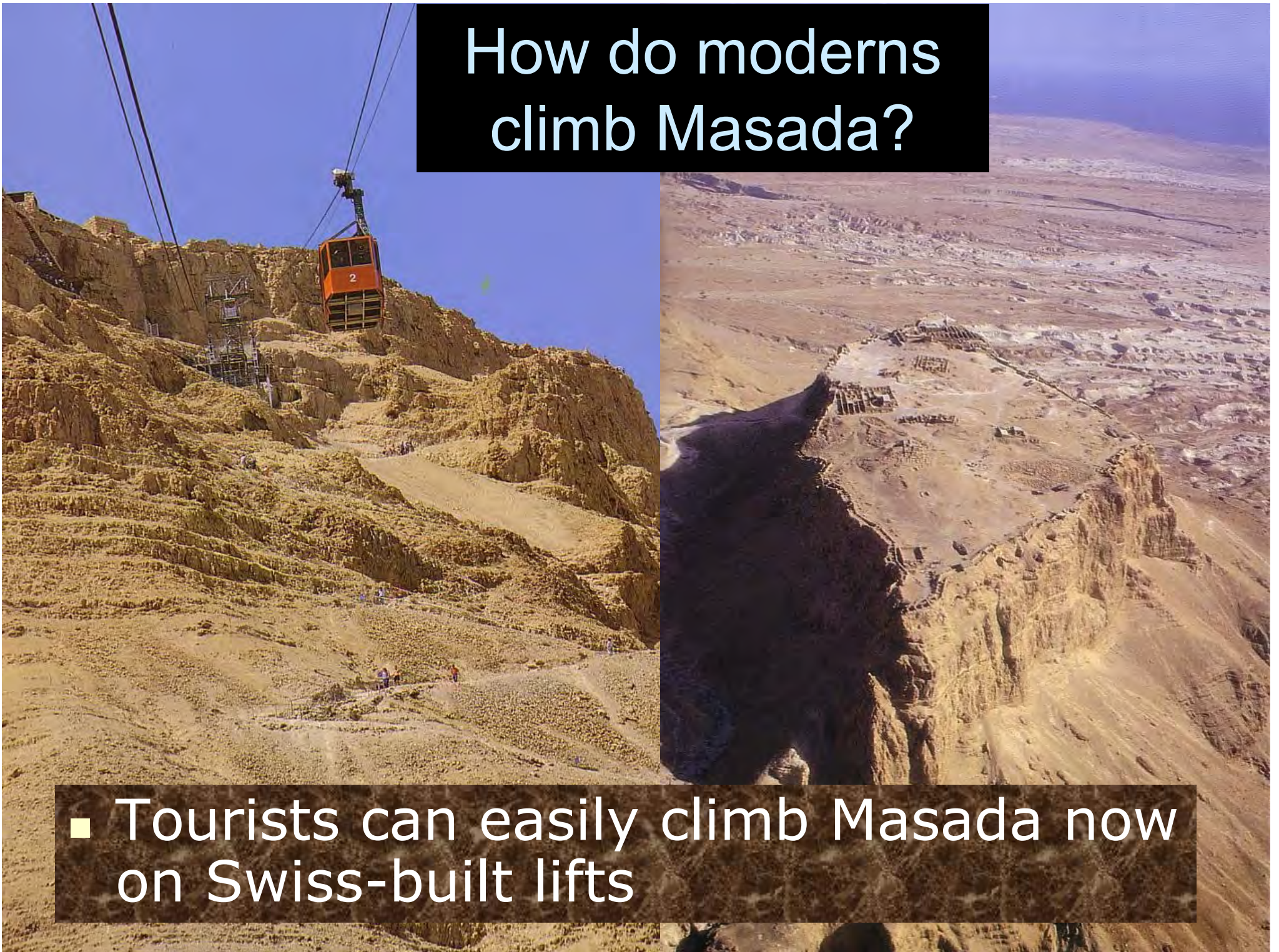


How did ancients
climb Masada?



■ The Snake Path

How do moderns climb Masada?



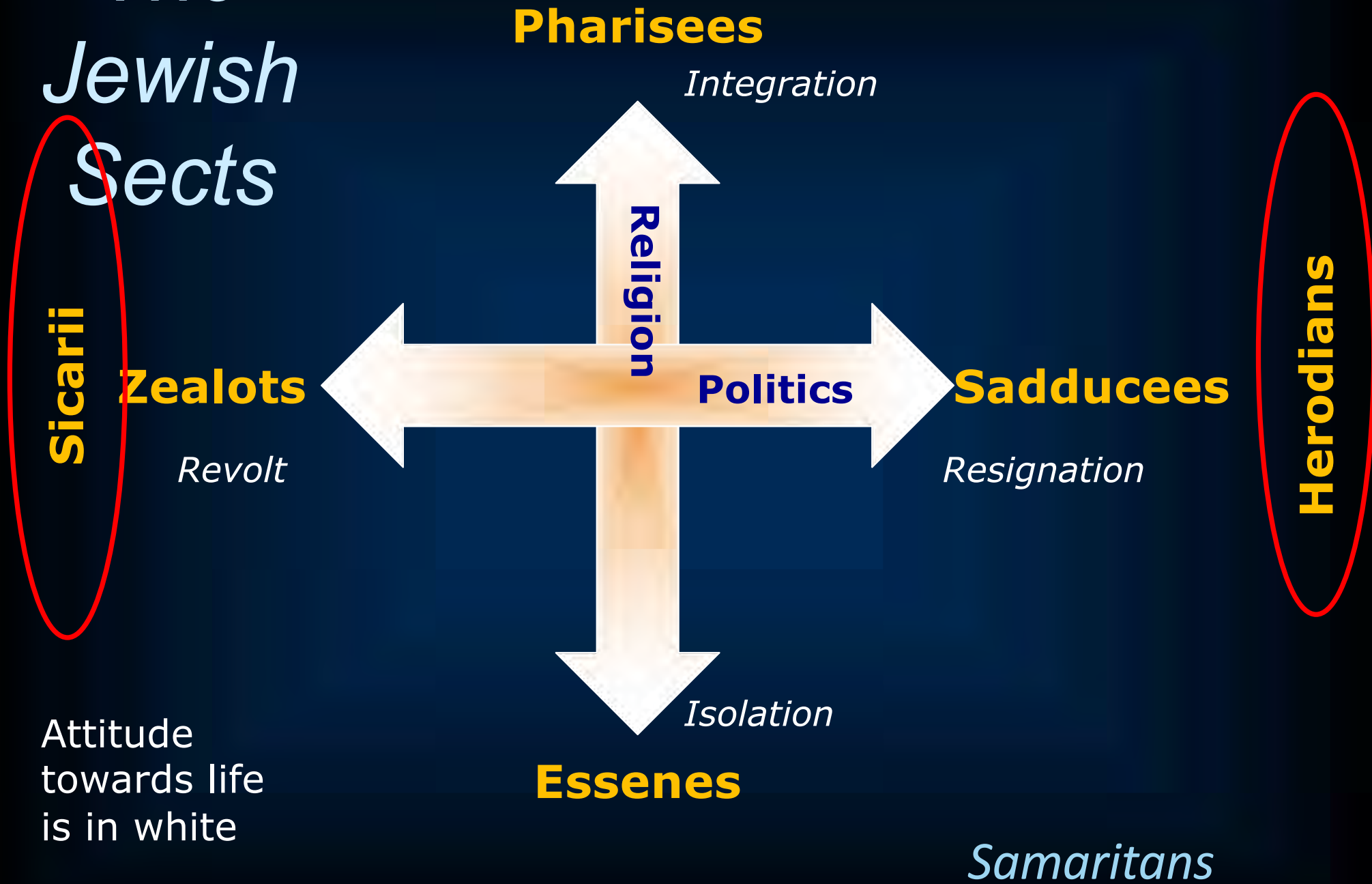
- Tourists can easily climb Masada now on Swiss-built lifts

The Roman Offensive

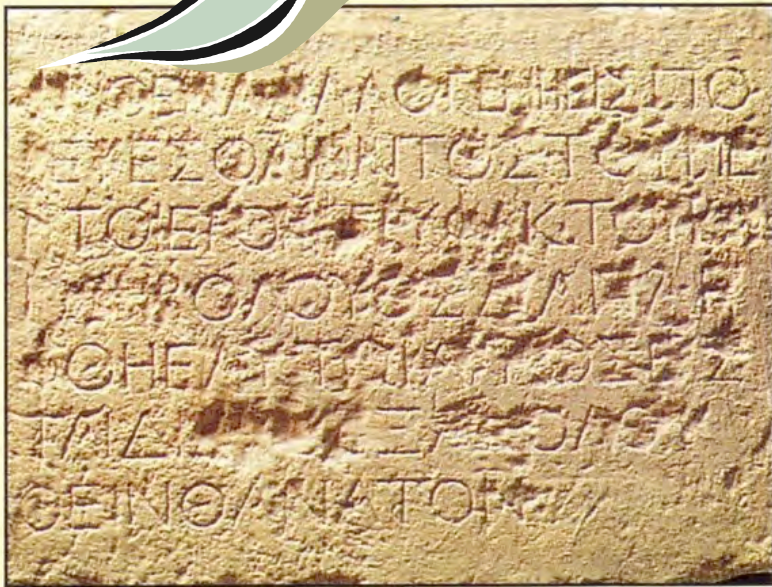


- Huge boulders pounded Masada's wall with catapults

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Sicarii vs. Herodians



Inscription barring non-Jews from the sanctified area of the Temple.



40,000 Jews in Rome alone!

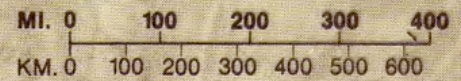


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The Jewish Diaspora

- city with Jewish population at time of Pentecost
- CRETE region attested at Pentecost (Acts 2:9f)
- CYPRUS other regions of Jewish diaspora

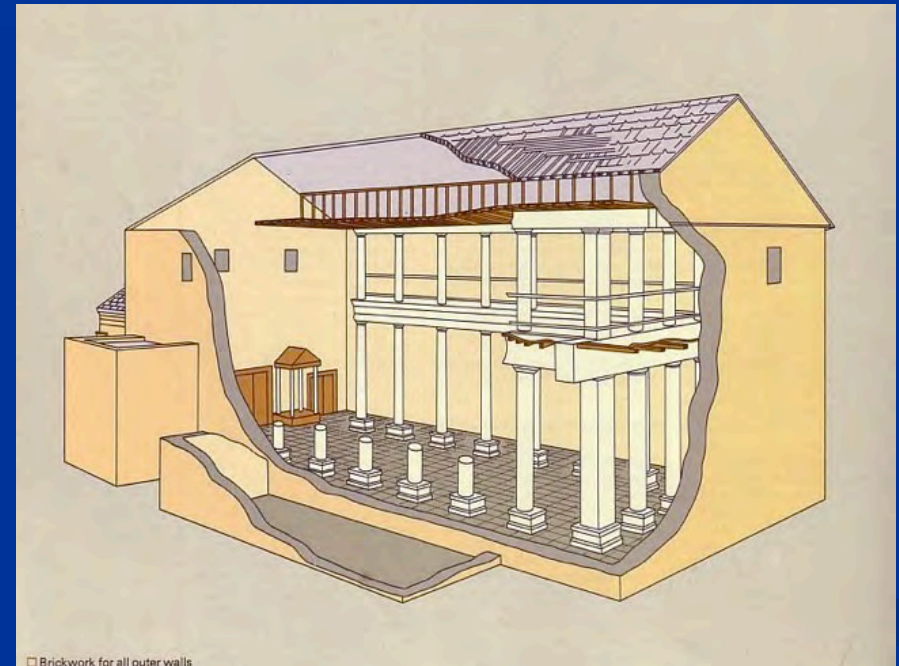
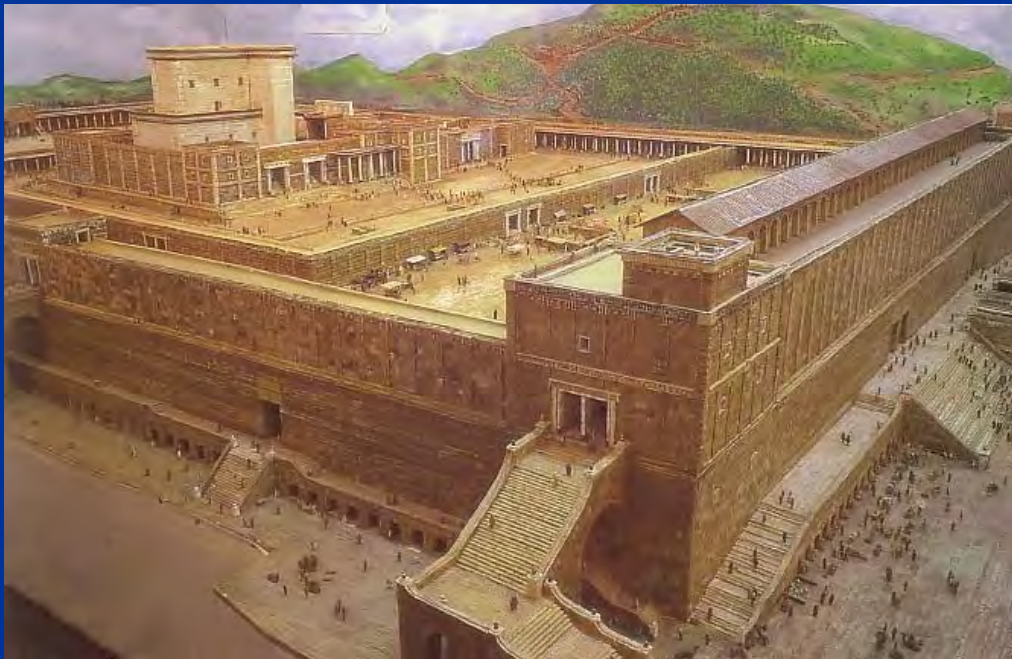


A Roman soldier in a red and gold uniform, pointing to the right. The soldier is wearing a red helmet with a red plume and a red cape. The background is a blue gradient with light rays.

Cornelius

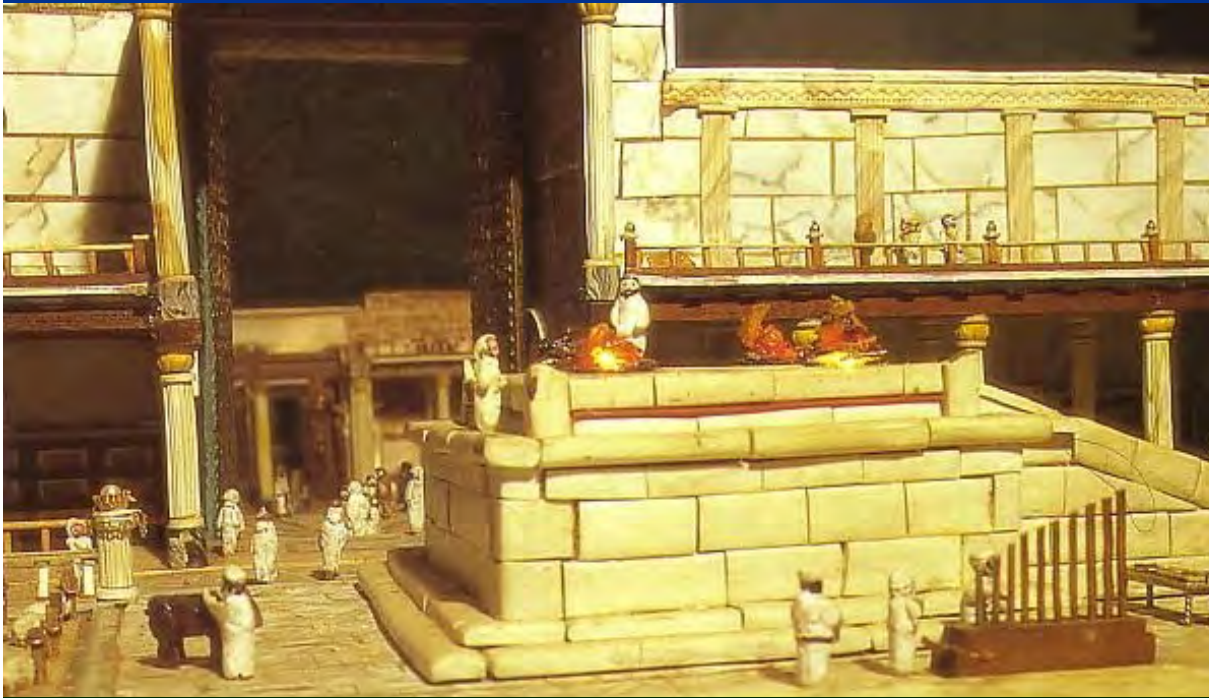
★ **A Gentile
who admired
Jewish ways
(Acts 10)**

Diaspora Judaism Alterations



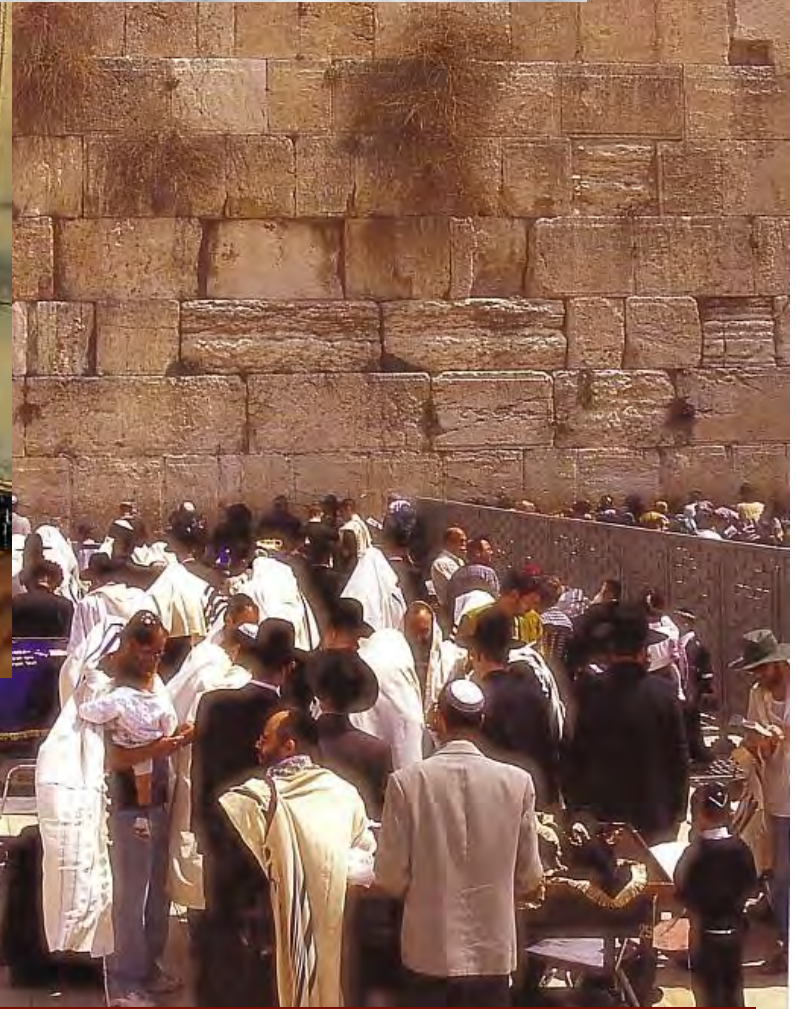
The temple was replaced by the synagogue

Diaspora Judaism Alterations



Sacrifices were replaced by instruction & observing the Law

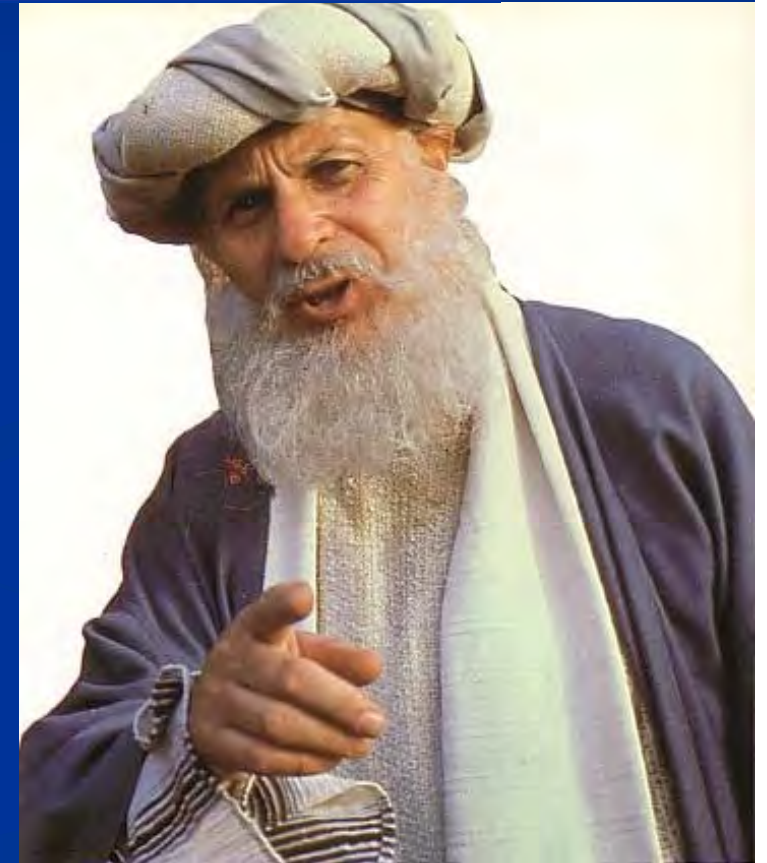
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Religious rituals were replaced by ethical rules

Diaspora Judaism Alterations

The priest was replaced by the rabbi



Rabbinic • **Discipleship** • Jesus

- Others sought them
- Law
- Quoted others
- Impressed
- Hebrew
- Impersonal
- Looked for others
- Himself
- Authority
- Inspired
- Aramaic
- Personal



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