

Backgrounds to the New Testament



Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

KINGDOM Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

Mosaic Law replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

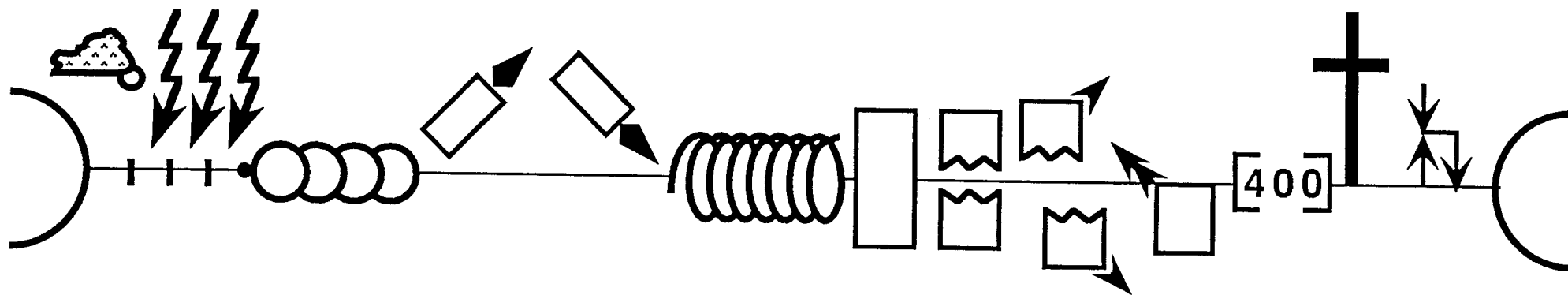
Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

Stages of God's Plan In History



Beginnings

Patriarchs

Exodus

Conquests

Judges

United Kingdom

Divided Kingdom

Captivity

Restoration

Silent Years

Church

Kingdom

The Intertestamental Era (425 BC—5 BC)

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<i>Issue / Time Period</i>	Malachi (close of OT)	Intertestamental Era	Advent of Christ
<i>Rulers Over Israel</i>	Persia (208 yrs.)	Greeks (188 yrs.) Hasmoneans (80 yrs.)	Rome (58 yrs.)
<i>Political Stability</i>	Peace / autonomy	Many wars (Dan. 11:1-35)	Peace (but via Rome!)
<i>Expectation of Messiah & Kingdom</i>	Moderate	Increasing “Two Messiahs”	High
<i>Language in Palestine</i>	Hebrew / Aramaic	Greek (Septuagint)	Aramaic / Greek / Latin

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<i>Ability to Evangelize</i>	Limited	Increased	Extensive
<i>Road System</i>	Very Limited	Expanded	Extensive
<i>Places of Worship</i>	Temple only	Rise of Synagogues	Synagogues / Temple
<i>Religious Leaders</i>	Priests/Levite s	Rise of Jewish Sects	Pharisees / Sadducees

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<i>Priesthood achieved by . . .</i>	Genealogy	Fighting illegitimate high priest	Bribes / Executions
<i>Extent of Power</i>	Local Jurisdiction	Rise of Sanhedrin	Corrupt Sanhedrin
<i>Hermeneutic</i>	Literal	Instable + Apocalyptic	Letterism
<i>Authority</i>	OT Law	Rise of Oral Law	Pharisees

The “Kingdom Stage” is Set!

The time was right:

Galatians 4:4 NIV
**“But when the time had fully come,
God sent his Son, born of a
woman, born under law, to redeem
those under law, that we might
receive the full rights of sons.”**

■ Transportationally

The Gospel of Matthew

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(probably written in the 40s)

answers the two questions *all* Jews were asking:

Q: Non-Christian Jews asked, “How do we know *Jesus is the Messiah?*” (Matthew 1–10)

Answer:

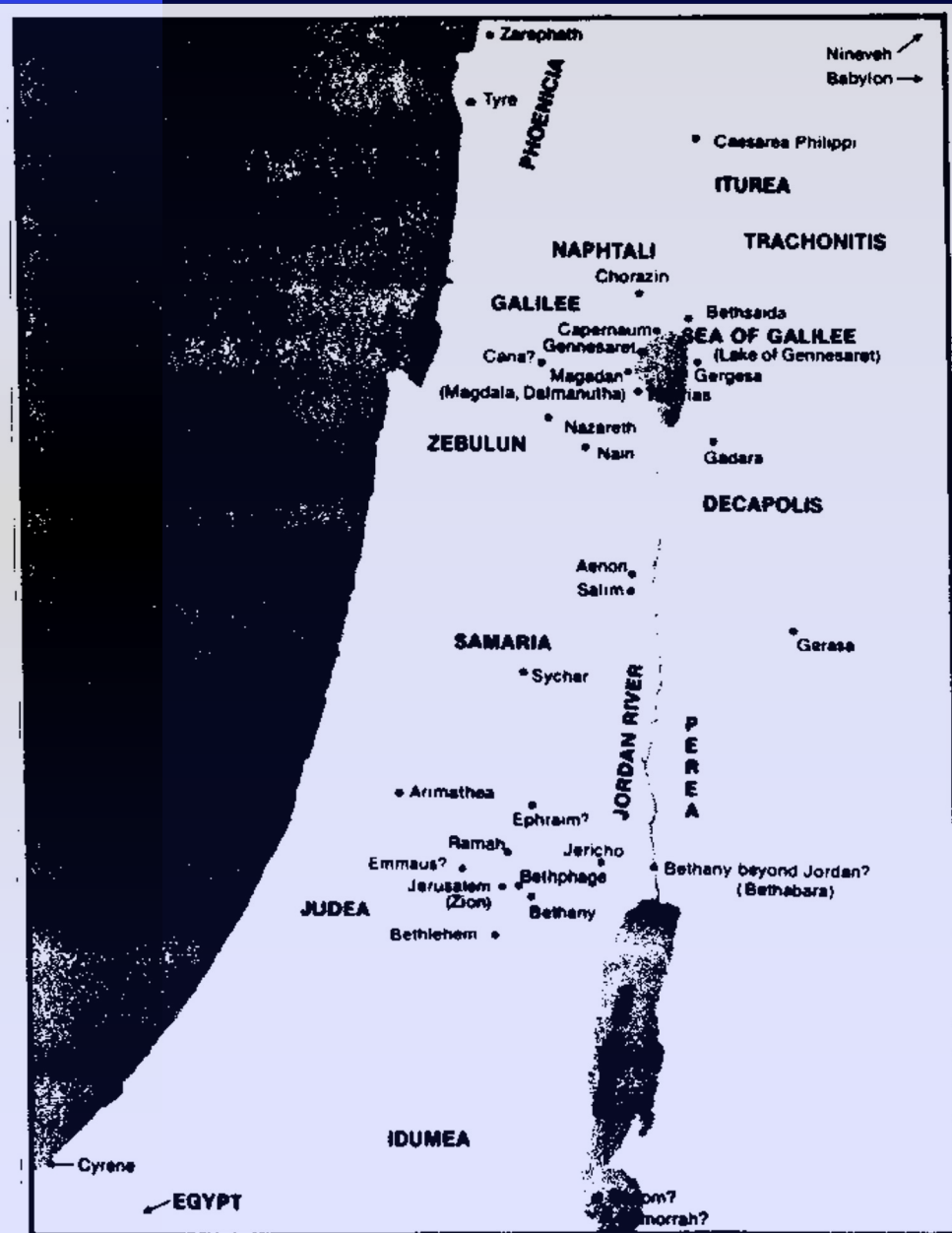
- His advent (1-2) and approvals (3:1–4:11) show Jesus **fulfilled OT** Messianic prophecies
- His early ministry (4:12-25) and Sermon on Mount (5–7) reveal that he **has the prophetic office**
- He **shows messianic power** by healing (8:1–9:34) and authority by delegation (9:35-10:35)

Q: Christian Jews asked, “Yes, He's Messiah, but *where's the promised kingdom?*” (Matthew 11–28)

Answer:

- **Israel rejected the kingdom** Jesus offered as Messiah so he now has authority over the church (11–16)
- **Jesus prepared the disciples for church issues** since the political kingdom is delayed (17–20)
- **Israel rejected Him as Messiah** but God sovereignly used this to pay for man's sin (21–27)
- **Christ defeated death** to show his messianic authority & ability to bring in the kingdom (28)

Every Geographical Location in the Gospels



<u>From Jerusalem:</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Bethany	2
Bethlehem	6
Caesarea Philippi	105
Cana	69
Capernaum	85
Emmaus	7
Jericho	15
Jordan	21
Mediterranean	40
Sidon	130
Sychar	31
Tyre	106
Zarephath	118

<u>From Capernaum:</u>	
Bethsaida	6
Caesarea Philippi	27
Cana	16
Nain	22
Mediterranean	32
Nazareth	23
Zarephath	45
Tyre	37

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Authors of the New Testament

Name	Nationality	Home Town	Occupation	Relationships	Chapters Written	Verses Written	Books Written
Matthew	Jew	Capernaum	Tax Collector	Apostle of Jesus Christ	28	1,071	Gospel of Matthew
Mark	Jew / Roman	Jerusalem	Missionary	Disciple of Peter	16	678	Gospel of Mark
Luke	Greek	Antioch	Physician	Disciple of Paul	52	2,158	Gospel of Luke Acts
John	Jew	Bethsaida or Capernaum	Fisherman	Apostle of Jesus Christ	50	1,414	Gospel of John 1 John 2 John 3 John Revelation

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Paul	Jew	Tarsus	Tentmaker	Apostle of Jesus Christ	87 (100)*	2,033 (2,336)*	Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians Philemon 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus (Hebrews?)

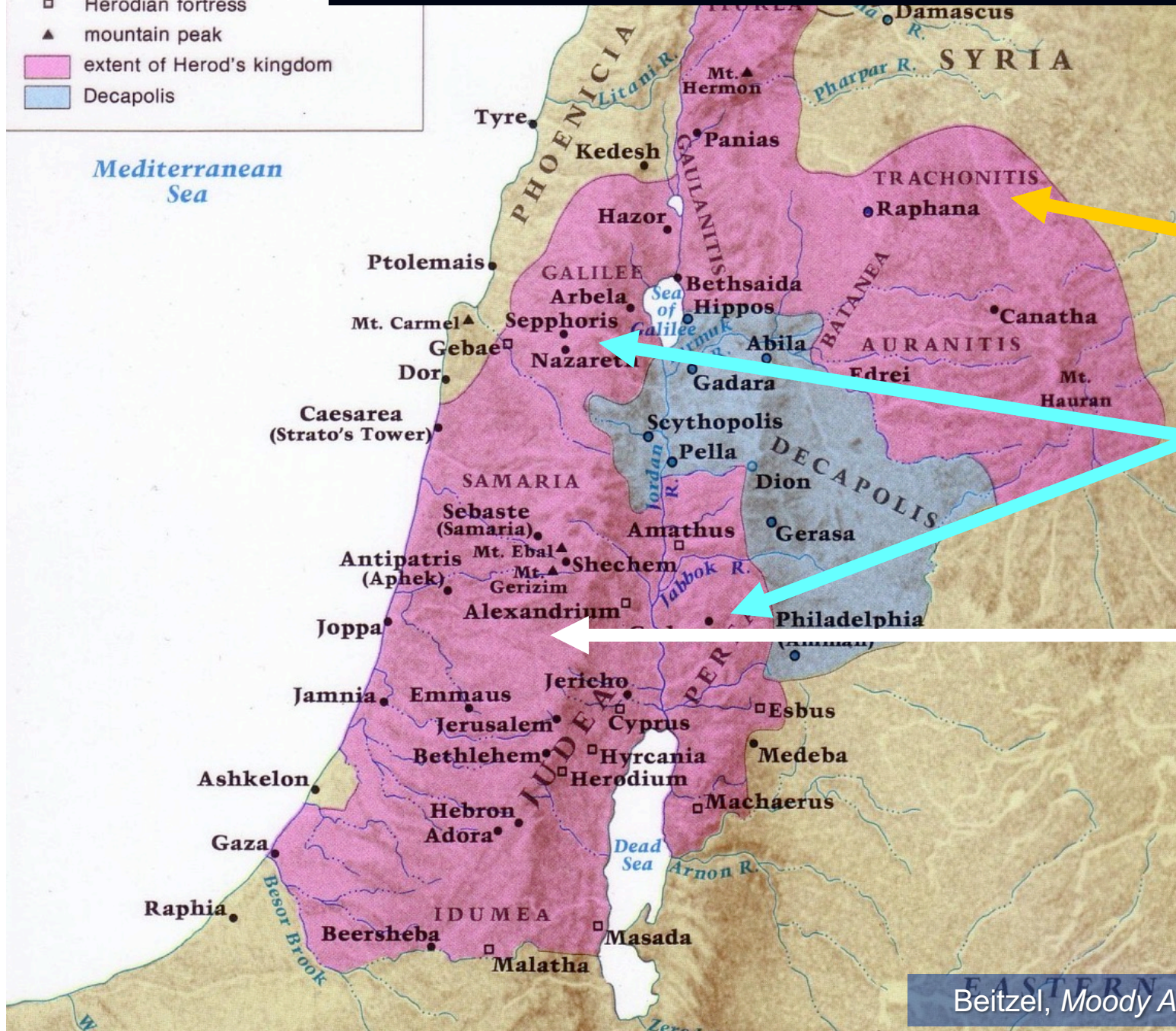
*Indicates total if Hebrews is assigned to Paul.

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James	Jew	Nazareth	Carpenter?	Brother of Jesus Christ	5	108	James
Peter	Jew	Bethsaida	Fisherman	Apostle of Jesus Christ	8	166	1 Peter 2 Peter
Jude	Jew	Nazareth	Carpenter?	Brother of Jesus Christ	1	25	Jude

Herod's Three Ruling Sons 80 & 89

- city
- decapolis city
- decapolis city (uncertain location)
- Herodian fortress
- ▲ mountain peak
- extent of Herod's kingdom
- Decapolis



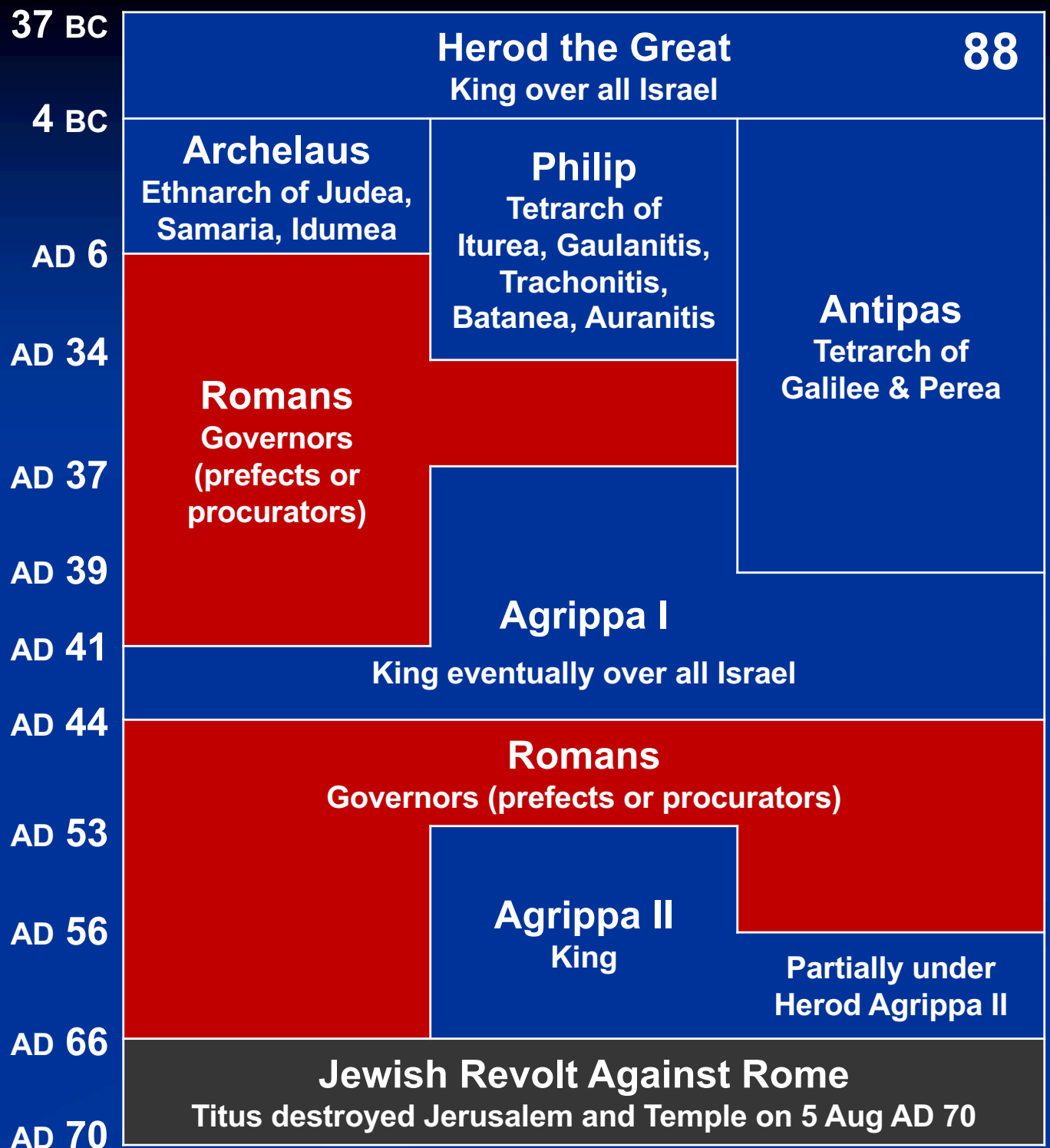
Philip

Antipas

Archelaus

Chronology of the Herodian Dynasty (37 BC—AD 70)

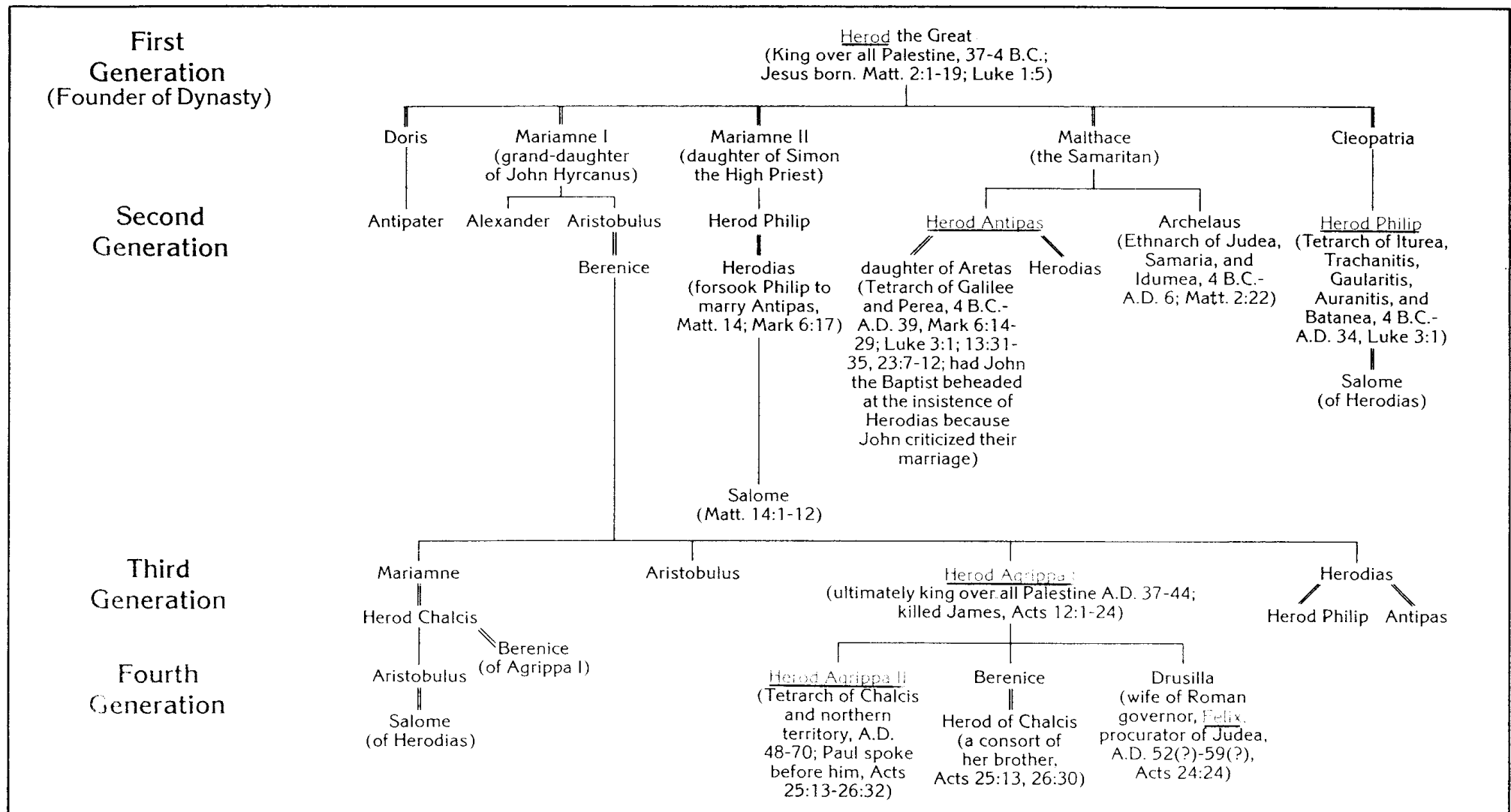
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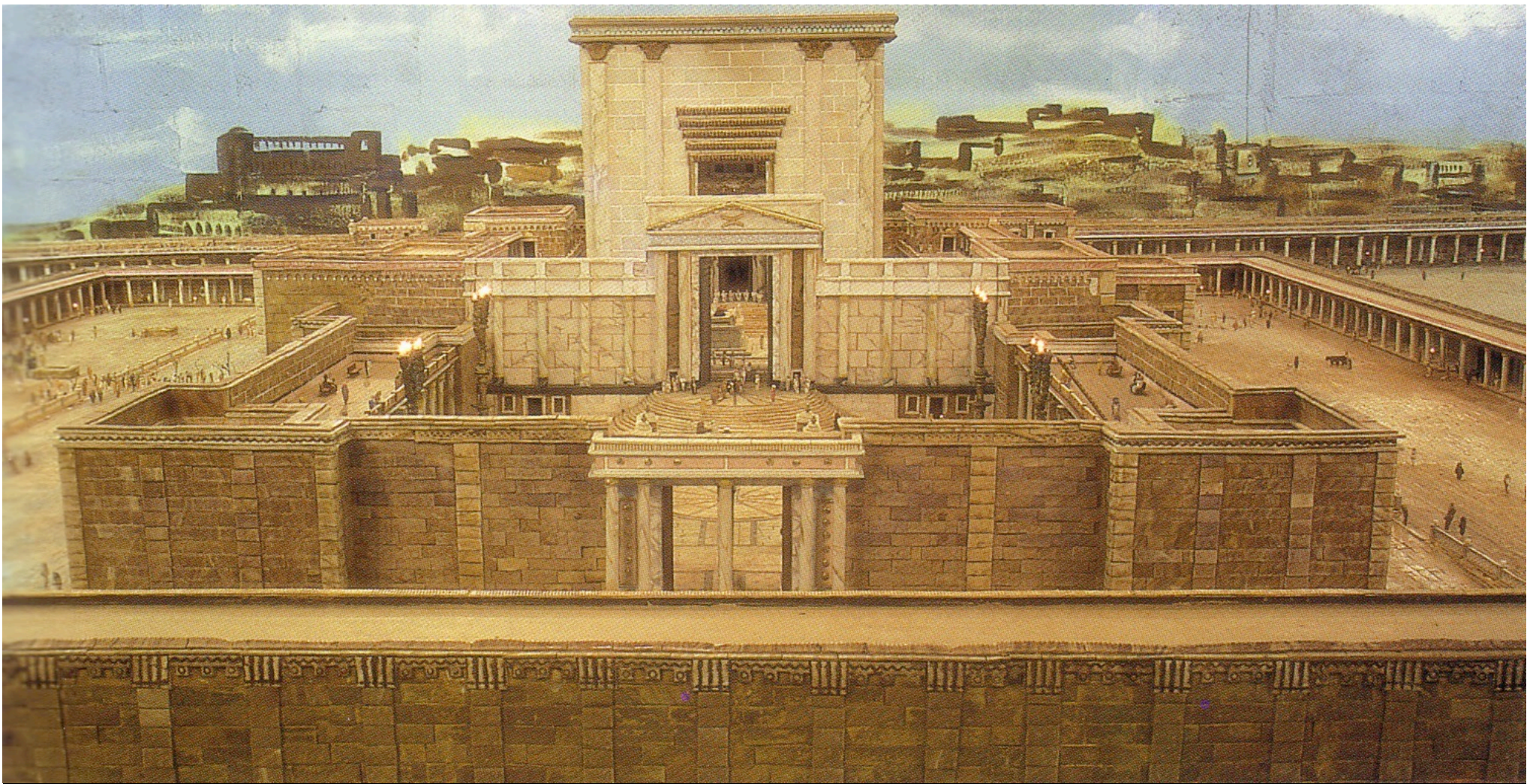


Genealogical Chart of the Herodian Dynasty

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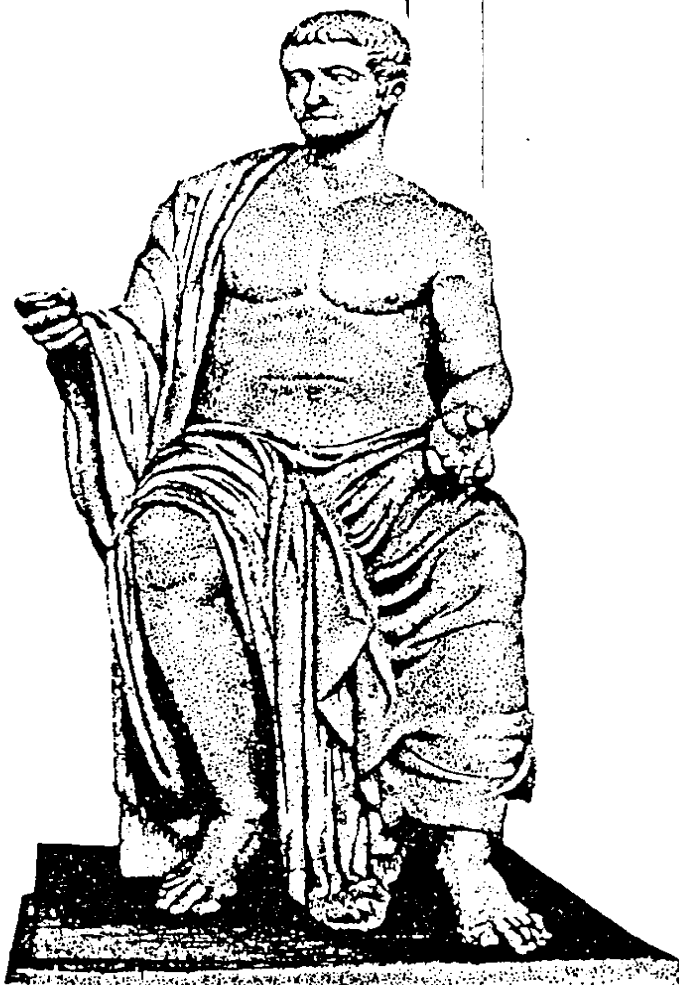
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The Temple from the East

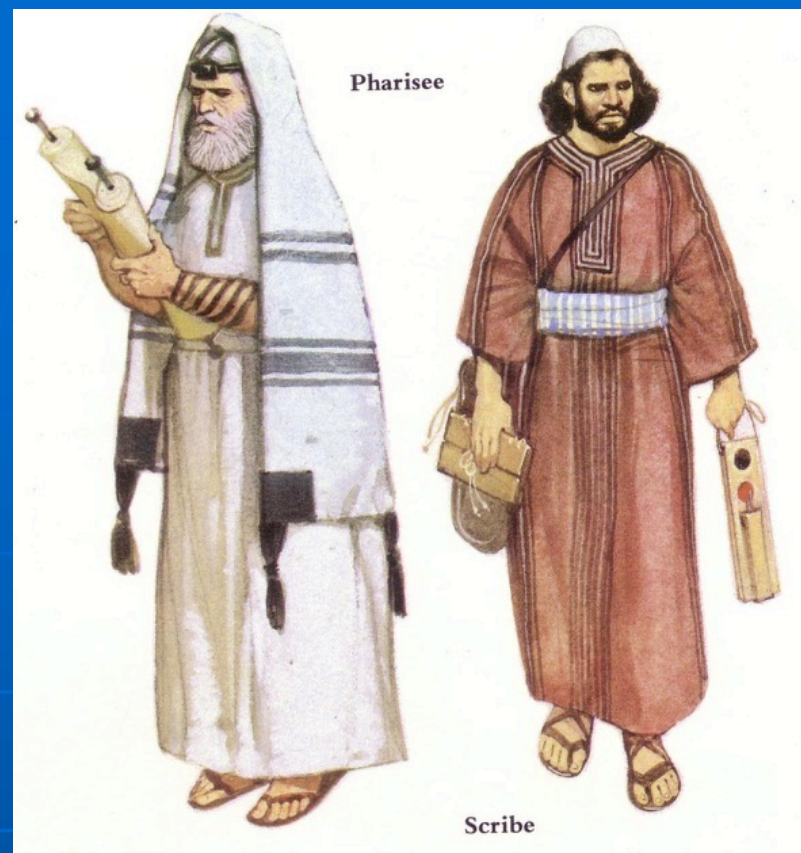
Roman and Jewish Leaders



THE EMPERORS OF ROME, THE HIGH PRIESTS OF ISRAEL, THE KINGS AND GOVERNORS OF PALESTINE, THE LEGATES OF SYRIA

Years	Emperors	Legates of Syria	Kings and Governors of Palestine	High Priests	Historical Occurrences
45					34 Death of Julius Caesar
40	The Triumvirate 43-36			Hananel	
35				Antiochus III	
30				Hananel	
25			HEROD THE GREAT 37-4	Jesus	
20				Simon	
15	OCTAVIAN AUGUSTUS - 30 to +14			Joseph	
10		Varus 6-3		Yoazar	
5			ARCHELAUS - 4 to +6	Eleazar	4 Revolt
0				Jesus	6 Census
5		Quirinius 6-11	Coponius 6-9	Annas 6-15	
10			Ambibulus 9-12		
15			Rufus 12-15		
20			V. Gratus 15-26		
25	TIBERIUS 14-37			Caiaphas 18-36	
30			P. Pilate 26-37?		33 Crucifixion of Jesus
35			HEROD ANTIPAS - 4 to +19	Jonathan 16-17	
40	CALIGULA 37-41	Vitellius 35-39	Marcellus 38-37	Theophilus 37-41	42 Martyrdom of James
45		Petronius 39-42	Marullus 37-41	Simeon 41-44	45 Theudas
50	CLAUDIUS 41-54	Marsus 42-44	AGRIPPA I 41-44	Matthias	46 Famine
55		Longinus 44-50	C. Fadus 44-48	Elionarios	
60		Quadratus 50-60	T. Alexander 46-48	Ananias 48-58	
65	NERO 54-68		V. Cumanus 48-52		
70		Corbulo 60-63	A. Felix 52-60	Ishmael	66 Jewish Revolt
		Gallus 63-66	P. Festus 60-61	Joseph	
			L. Albinus 61-64	Annas II	
			G. Florus 64-66	Jesus	
			Titus	Joshua	
				Matthias	
				Pinhas	70 Fall of Jerusalem

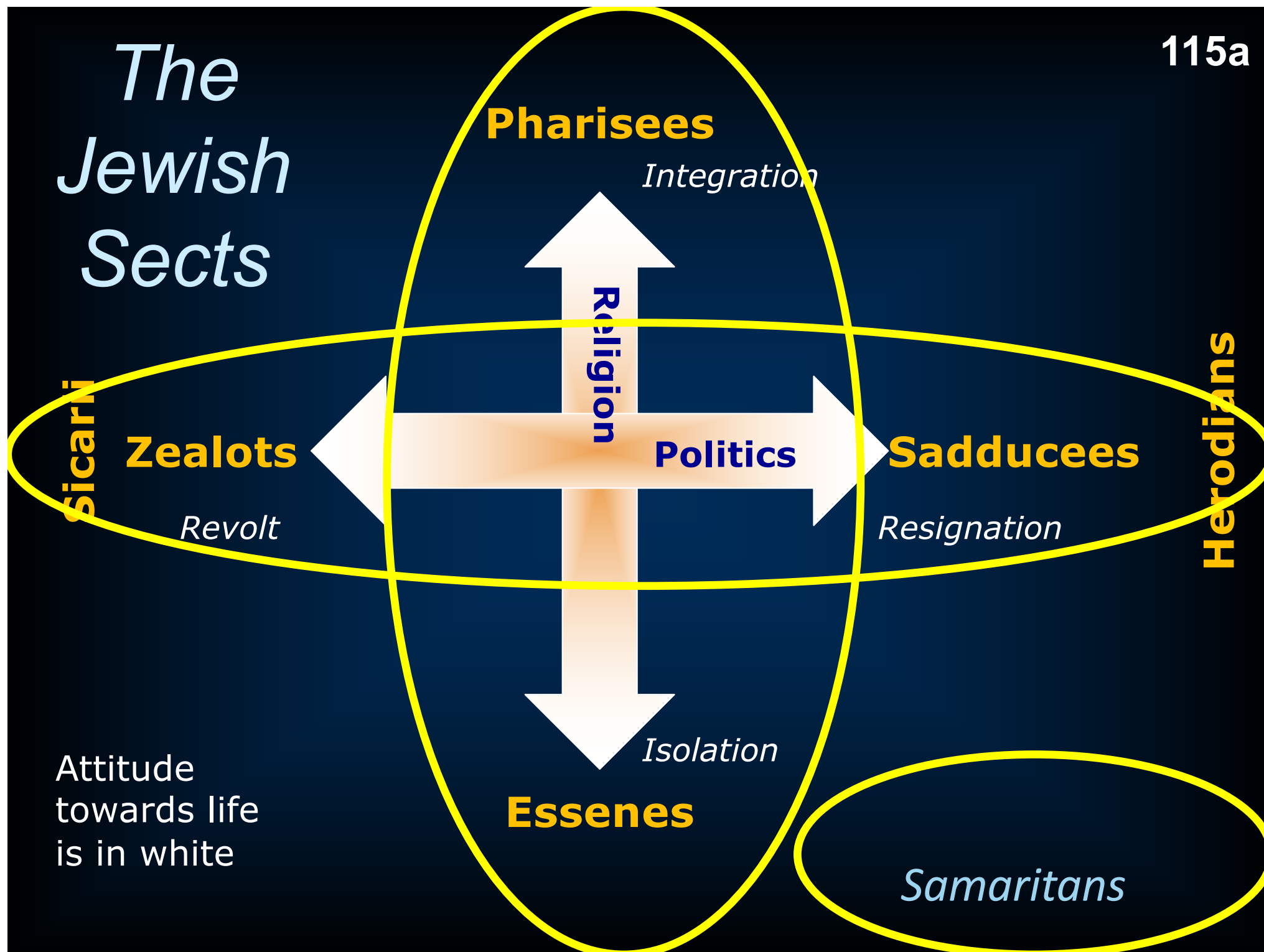
—X. Léon-Dufour, *Dictionary of NT*, p. 31



Jewish Sects

**Influential Subgroups
in First Century Israel**

The Jewish Sects



The Jewish Sects

Sicarii

Zealots

Revolt

Attitude
towards life
is in white

Pharisees

Integration

Religion

Politics

Sadducees

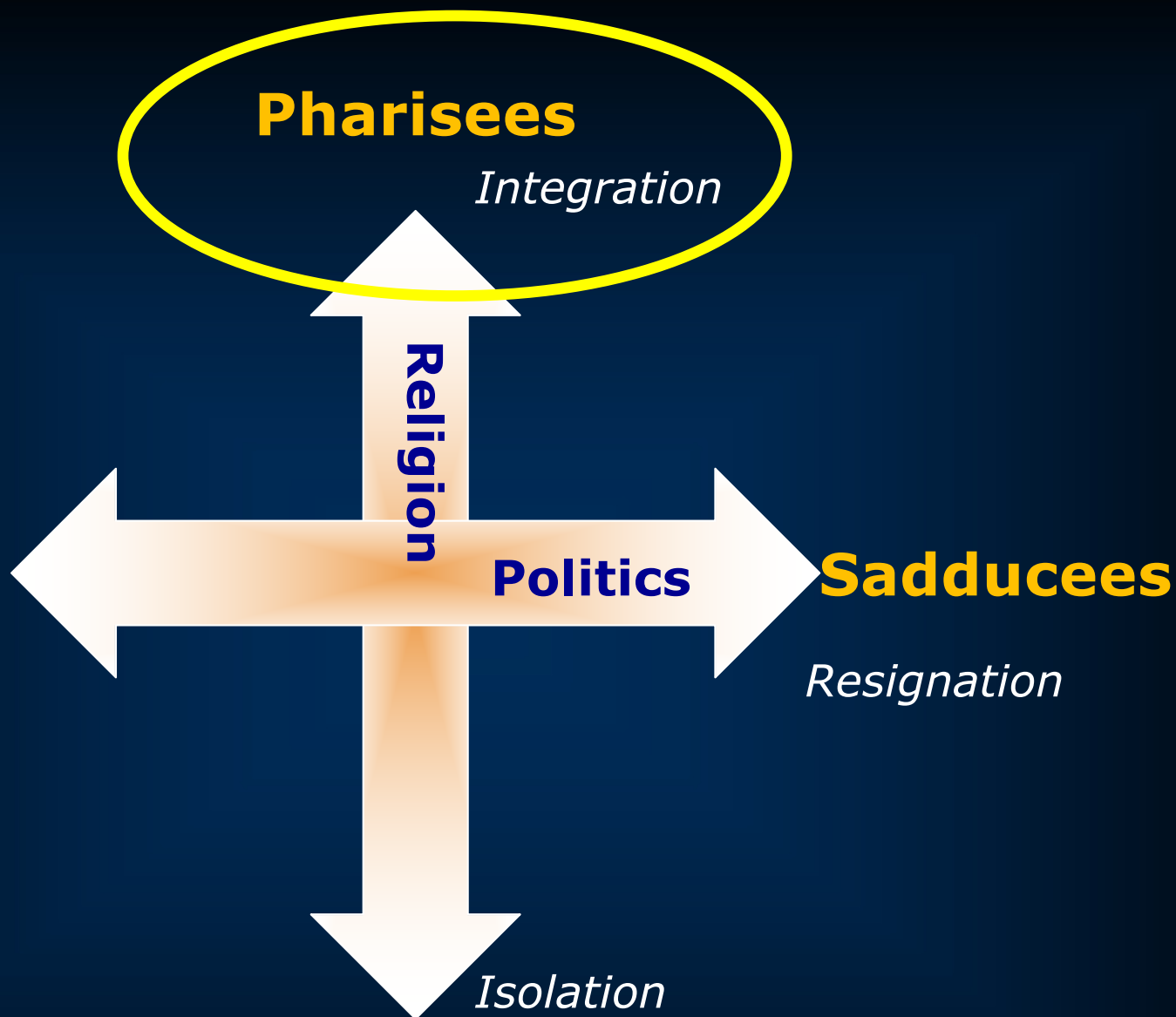
Resignation

Herodians

Isolation

Essenes

Samaritans



Pharisees

Roots: Hasidim (2nd cent. BC)



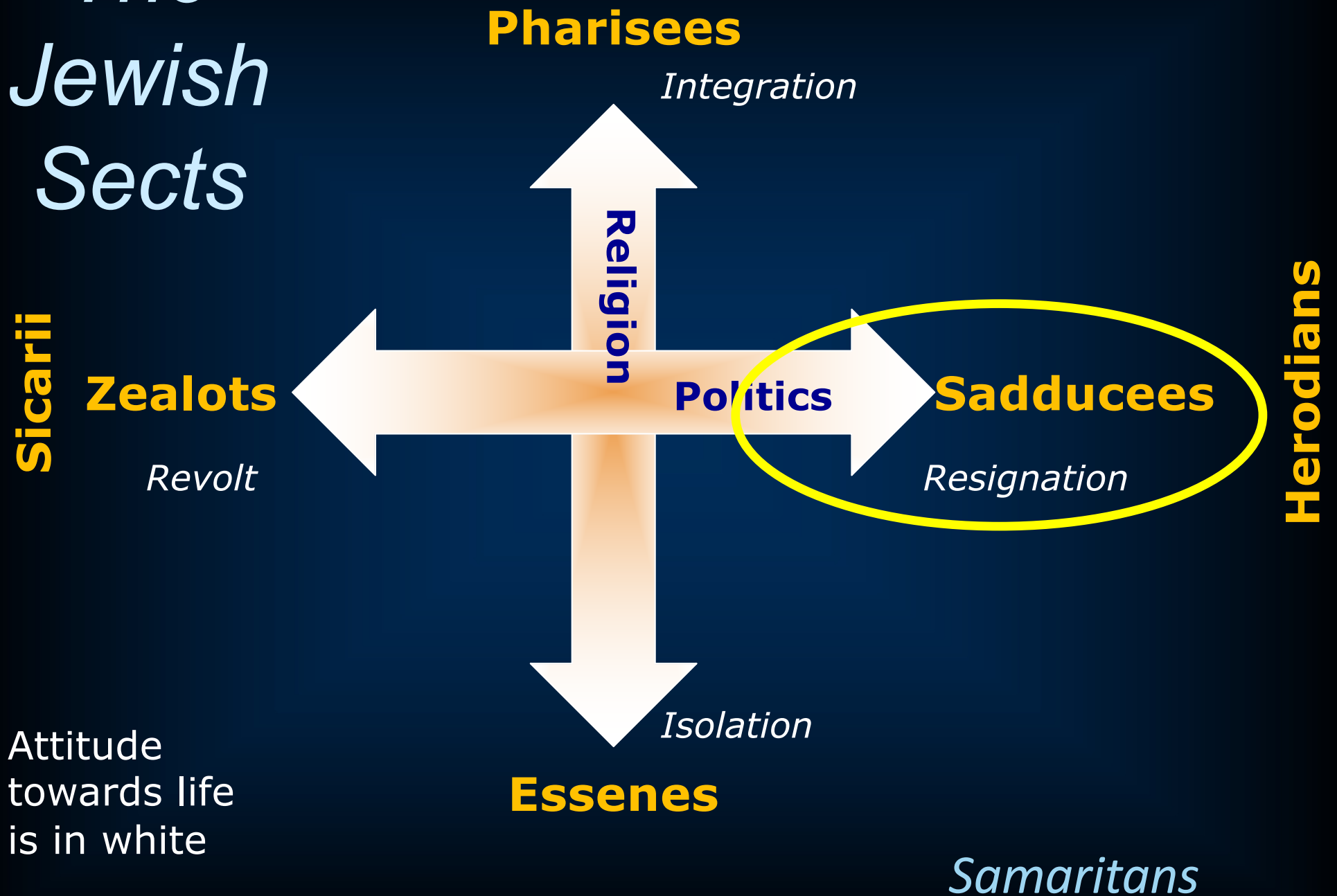
1. They accepted as equally inspired and authoritative all 39 OT books and the oral tradition.
2. They held to a mediating view that made it impossible for either free will or the sovereignty of God to cancel out the other.
3. They accepted a rather developed hierarchy of angels and demons.

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.
6. They were champions of human equality.
7. The emphasis of their teaching was ethical rather than theological.



The Jewish Sects

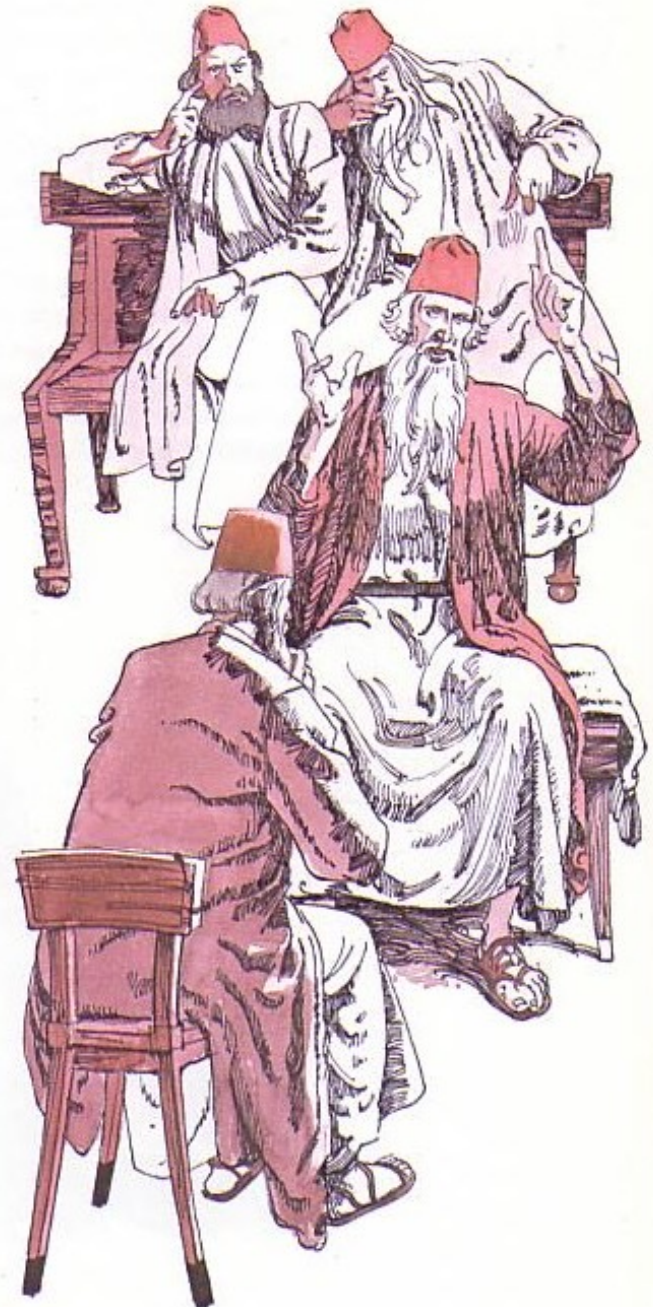


Sadducees

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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.

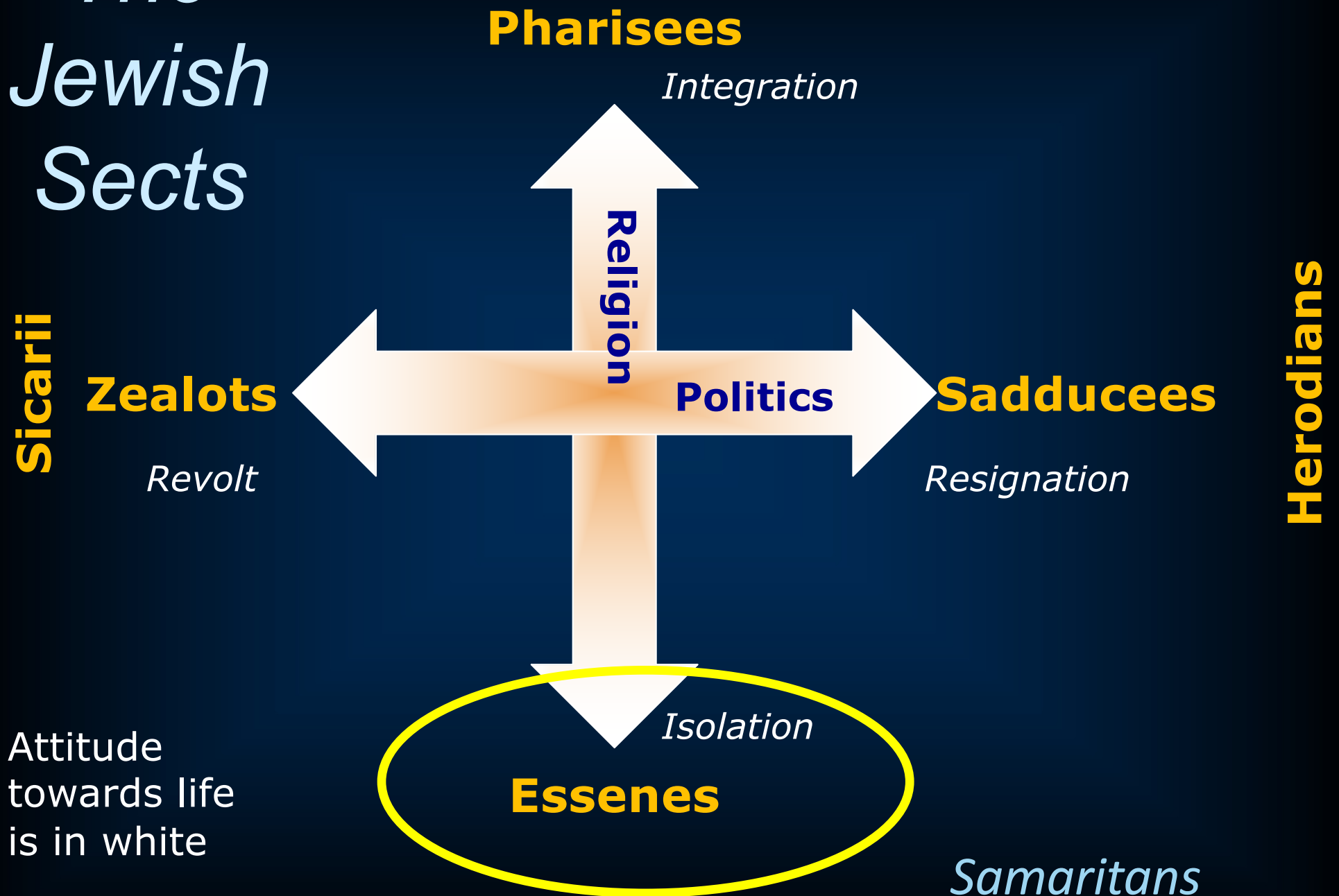
1. They denied that the oral law was authoritative and binding.
2. They interpreted Mosaic law more literally than did the Pharisees.
3. They were very exacting in Levitical purity.
4. They attributed all to free will.



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.

The Jewish Sects



Essenes

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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.**

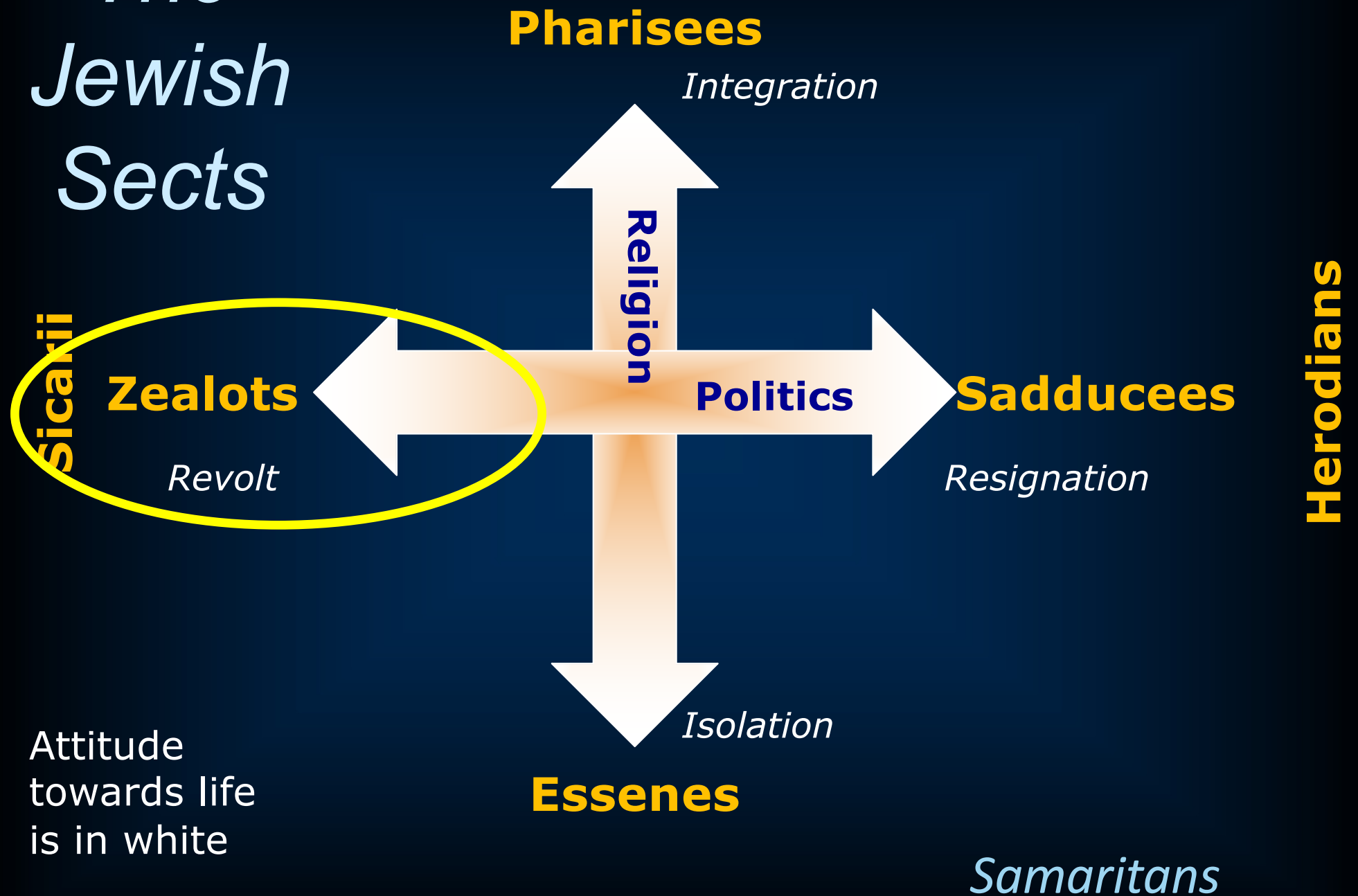
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Jewish Sects

- 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 Jewish Sects



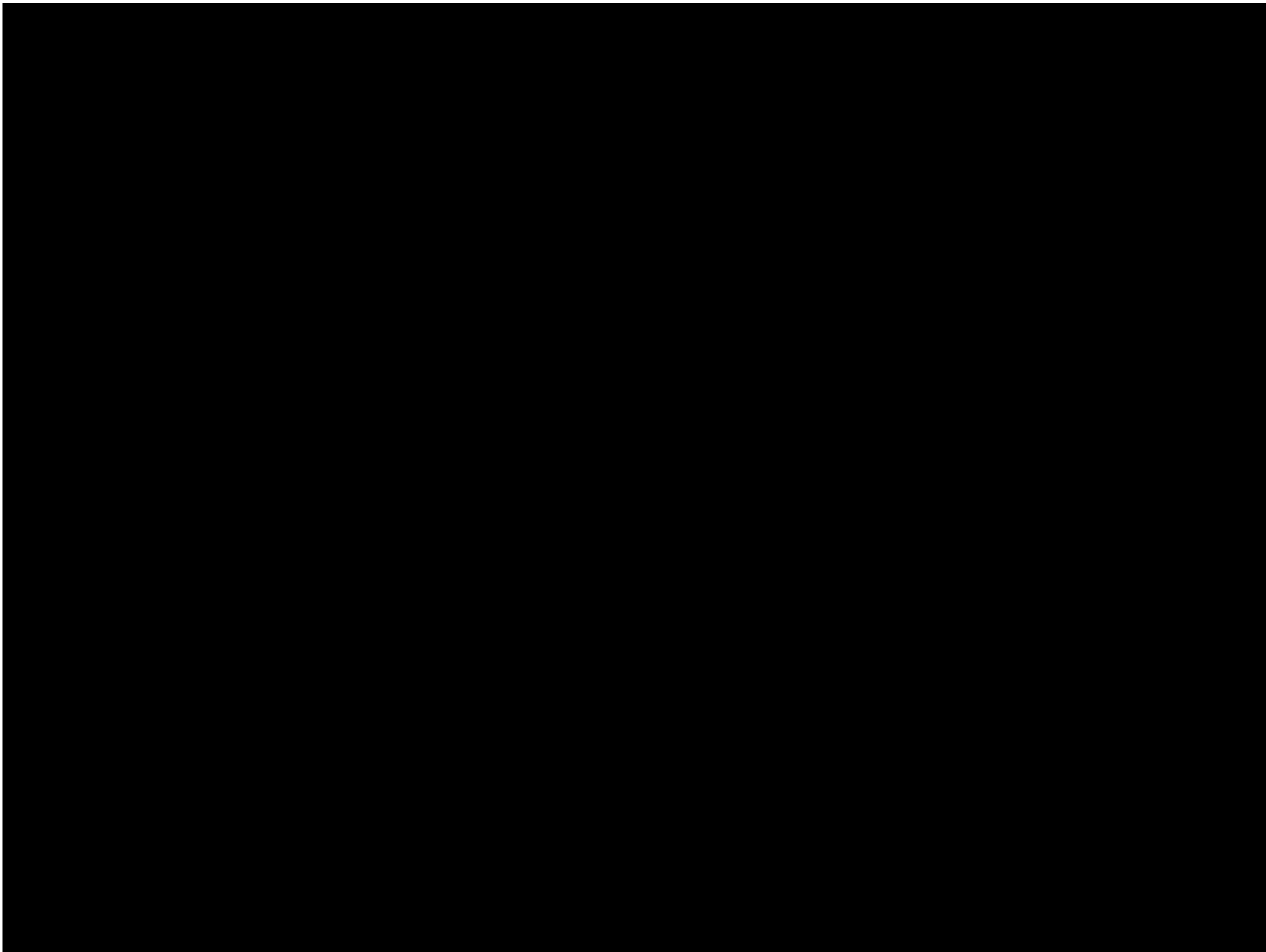
Zealots

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

1. They opposed payment of tribute for taxes to a pagan emperor, saying that allegiance was due only to God.
2. They held a fierce loyalty to the Jewish traditions.
3. They were opposed to the use of the Greek language in Palestine.
4. They prophesied the coming of the time of salvation.



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