

Copies of Bible Study Class Charts

Presented on 9/9/14

Setting the Stage for a Study of Acts and Paul

2014 - 2015

A Prayer to be recited before reading the Sacred Scriptures

- Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.
- Send forth Thy spirit and they shall be created.
- And thou shall renew the face of the earth
- *Let Us Pray*
- O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and ever to rejoice in His consolation.
- Through Christ our Lord

Administrative Information

- The Bible Study Class will be presented in the parish hall every Tuesday morning from **9:30 A.M. until 11 A.M.** from now until **May 19, 2015** except for the following Tuesdays related to a holiday:
 - Nov 11, 2014 – Veteran's Day
 - Nov 25, 2014 – Thanksgiving Week
 - Dec 23, 2014 – Christmas
 - Dec 30, 2014 - New Year
 - Mar31, 2015 – Holy Week
- The same class will be given every Tuesday evening from **7:30 until 9:00 P.M.** in the parish hall
- Contact info (703) 644-5873; email roberteward3@verizon.net
- Inclement weather decision will be based on Fairfax County Public School announcements

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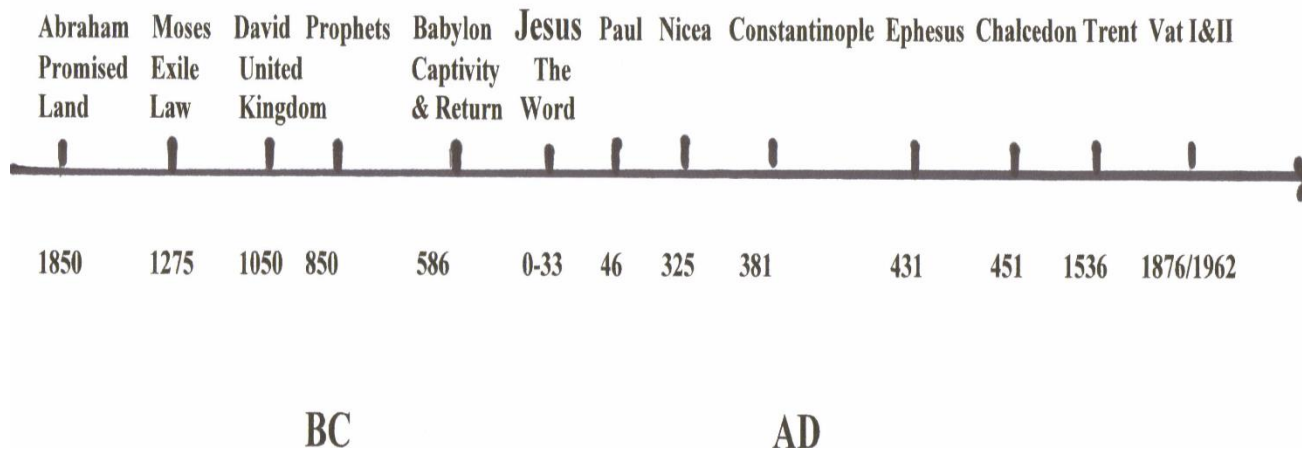
- Please sign in with your name, telephone number and e-mail if you have one
- If you would like to receive copies of presentation slides please so indicate on sign up pad
- Anyone who wishes may record the presentation
- Any version of the bible is acceptable – I will use the RSV Catholic Edition
- Although we will not follow a specific text it will be centered around Jeff Cavin's Bible Time Line
- Brief overview of my background

Why am I (and most of you) Christian today?

- Because my parents were Christians
- Because God:
 - Established a Covenant with Abraham and his descendants
 - Land, people, savior
 - Gave Moses the “Law” after calling His chosen people out of Egypt
 - Allowed Israel to become a kingdom
 - Saul, David, Solomon
 - Punished Israel for disobedience
 - 10 Tribes of Israel dispersed by the Assyrians (**The Diaspora**)
 - Judah exiled to Babylon
 - Used the four beasts of Daniel to keep Israel dispersed
 - Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome
 - Inspired the Roman Empire to accept Christianity

God's Divine Plan

God's Divine Plan of Salvation History – (*Economea*)



Jesus calls the 12

- And he called to him his **twelve** disciples and **gave them authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the **twelve apostles** are these: first, ***Simon***, who is called Peter, and ***Andrew*** his brother; ***James*** the son of Zebedee, and ***John*** his brother ***Philip*** and ***Bartholomew***; ***Thomas*** and ***Matthew*** the tax collector; ***James*** the son of Alphaeus and ***Thaddaeus***; ***Simon*** the Cananaean and ***Judas*** Iscariot, who betrayed him. (Mt 10:1-4)

Who Were the Apostles

- The 12 who were called and sent by Jesus to preach the Gospel to the whole world
- **All were Jews** who spent approximately 3 years living with Jesus
- Most were from Galilee
- Many were fishermen
- Some were married
- Some were related to each other

What Did the Apostles Experience?

- Miraculous birth of Jesus
- His Baptism by John the Baptist (S)
- Wedding feast at Cana (S)
- Sermon on the Mount
- Mighty deeds
 - Healing the sick and infirmed (S)
 - Raising the dead
 - Feeding the 5000
 - Walking on water
 - Forgiveness of sins (S)

What Did the Apostles Experience? (Cont)

- Proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God
- The Transfiguration
- The Last Supper
 - Institution of the priesthood (S)
 - Institution of the Eucharist (S)
- Trial, Crucifixion, Death, Resurrection of Jesus
- The commissioning of the Apostles and disciples
- The Ascension of Jesus
- The descent of the Holy Spirit (S)

The Calling of the 12 Apostles Mt 10:1-4 & Lk 6:12-16

- **Simon:** Peter – Son of Jonah; leader of the 12, a married fisherman, member of the inner circle, always listed first, lived in Bethsaida & Capernaum
- **Andrew:** Peter's brother, Son of Jonah, a fisherman, lived in Bethsaida and Capernaum, original disciple of John the Baptist, brought his brother to Jesus
- **James:** The greater (the elder), son of Zebedee and Salome, *Boanerges*, brother of John, a fisherman who lived in Bethsaida, Capernaum & Jerusalem, member of the inner circle
- **John:** Son of Zebedee and Salome, brother of James, the beloved disciple, a fisherman who lived in Bethsaida, Capernaum & Jerusalem, member of the inner circle, wrote gospel of John, letters and Revelations, given the Blessed Mother by Jesus

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- **James:** The lesser, younger, just, son of Alphaeus and Mary, brother of Jude, and Matthew, Bishop of Jerusalem, wrote Epistle of James, lived in Galilee
- **Thaddaeus:** Judas (Jude) son of Alpheus & Mary, brother of James the younger, and Matthew, lived in Galilee
- **Simon:** The Cananaean, the Zealot, lived in Galilee
- **Judas Iscariot:** Traitor who betrayed Jesus, son of Simon, a Judean, a violent Jewish nationalist, from city near Jericho in Judea

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- **Philip:** Friend of Andrew, a fisherman, lived in Bethsaida
- **Bartholomew:** Nathanael, Son of Talmai, lived in Cana of Galilee
- **Thomas:** Didymus, doubting Thomas, lived in Galilee
- **Matthew:** Levi, Son of Alpheus, a tax collector, author of 1st Gospel, brother of James and Jude, lived in Capernaum, b

Books of the New Testament

- 3 Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke
- 1 Gospel of John
- **1 The Book of Acts**
- **14 Epistles of Paul**
 - 9 To churches
 - 4 To individuals
 - 1 To the Hebrew people
- **7 Catholic Epistles (Universal)**
- **1 Book of Revelation**
- ***27 Books***

Transition

- Next we will look at what the Apostle's, and the rest of the 1st Century Jews, believed in and lived through

What Was Important to a 1st Century Jew?

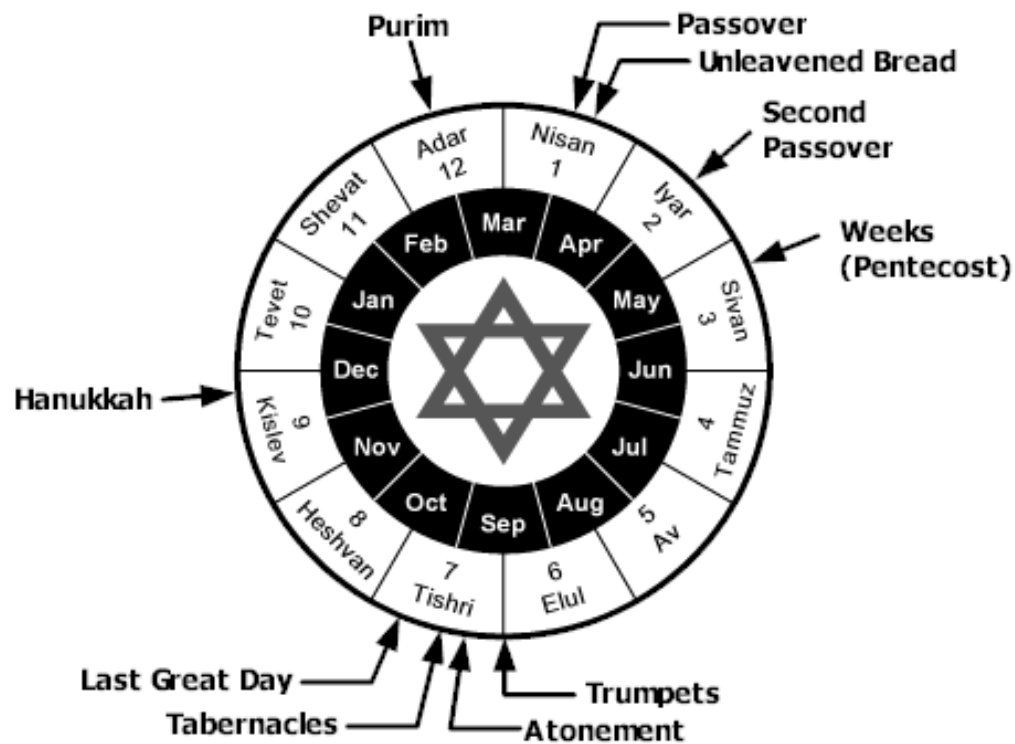
- Jerusalem – the City of David – capital of Israel
- Temple – Political and religious center of Judaism
- Sanhedrin – governing body of the Jews
- The Scriptures - Word of God (our Old Testament)
 - Law
 - Prophets
- Synagogue

1st Century Worldview

- **What was important about Jerusalem ?**
 - City of David
 - Capital of Israel
 - Political and religious center of Israel
 - Surrounded the Temple

1st Century Worldview (Cont)

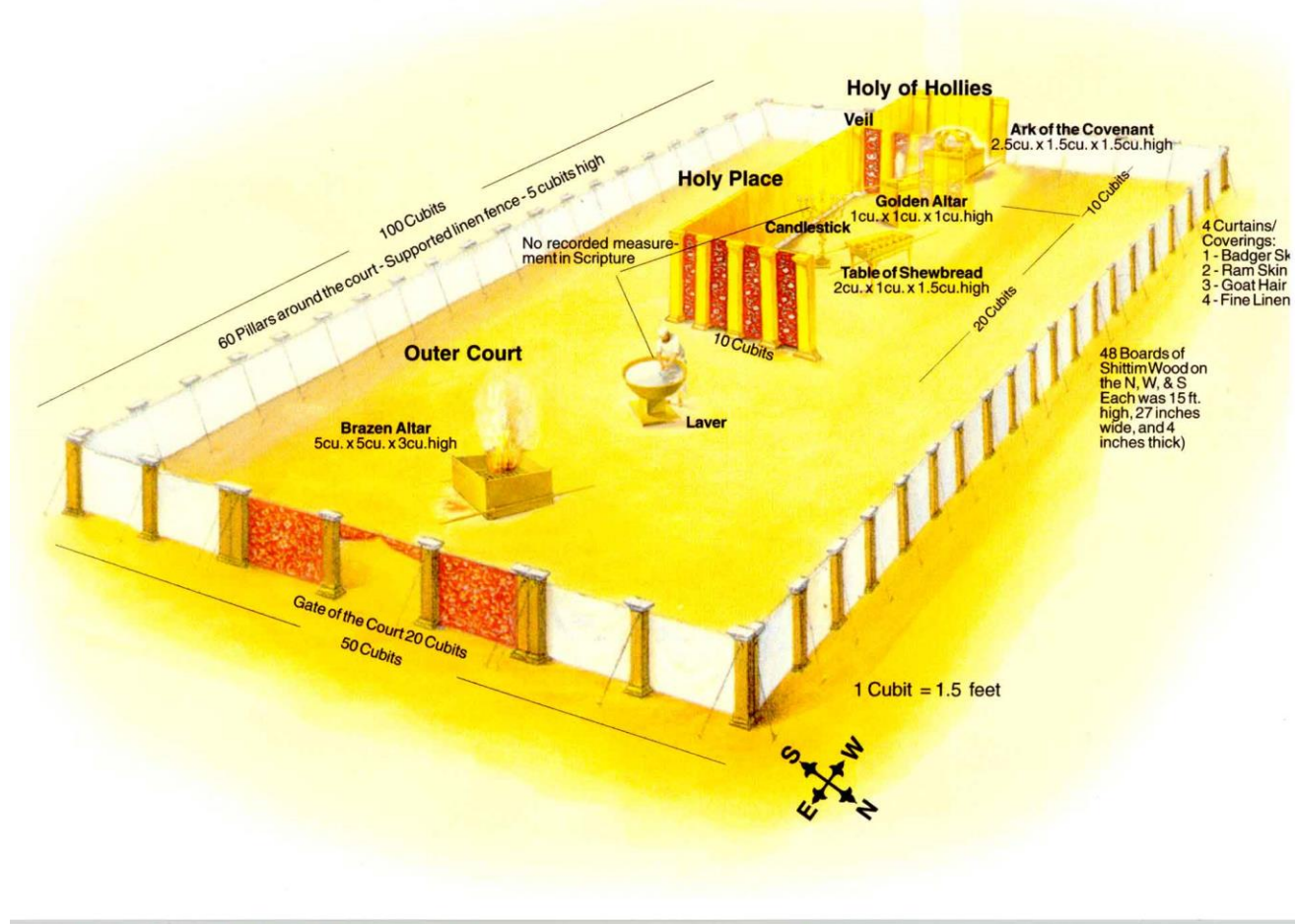
- Religious
 - Temple
 - Daily animal sacrifice
 - Feasts
 - Passover
 - Pentecost
 - Booths/Succoth
 - Yom Kippur/ Day of Atonement
 - The Synagogue



1st Century Worldview (Cont)

- **What was the role of the Temple ?**
 - Political and religious center of Judaism
 - Home of the Sanhedrin
 - 71 member council
 - Under the leadership of the High Priest
 - Under construction by Herod the Great for 46 years

The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle

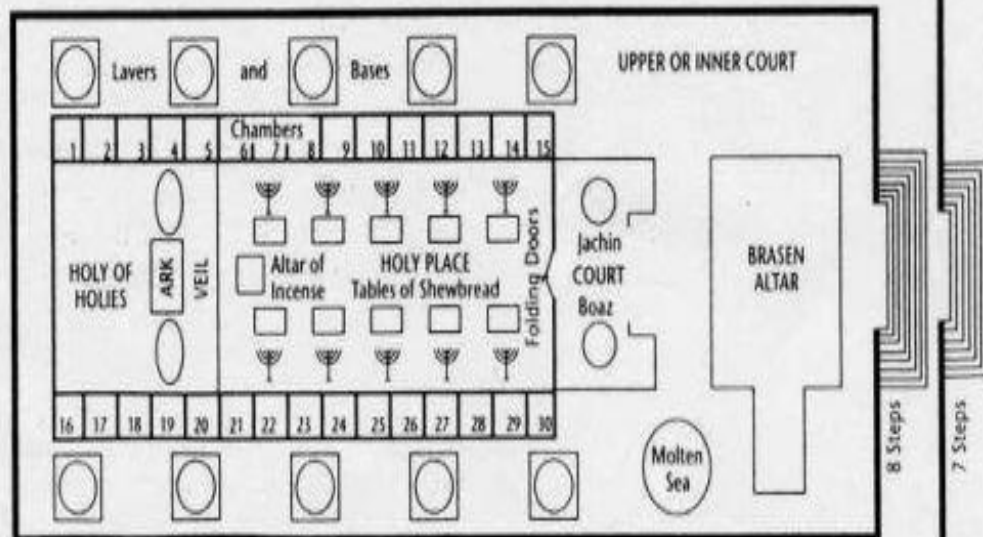


Solomon's Temple



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

GREAT COURT OR OUTER COURT



THE HOLY TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM



Worship in Herod's Temple

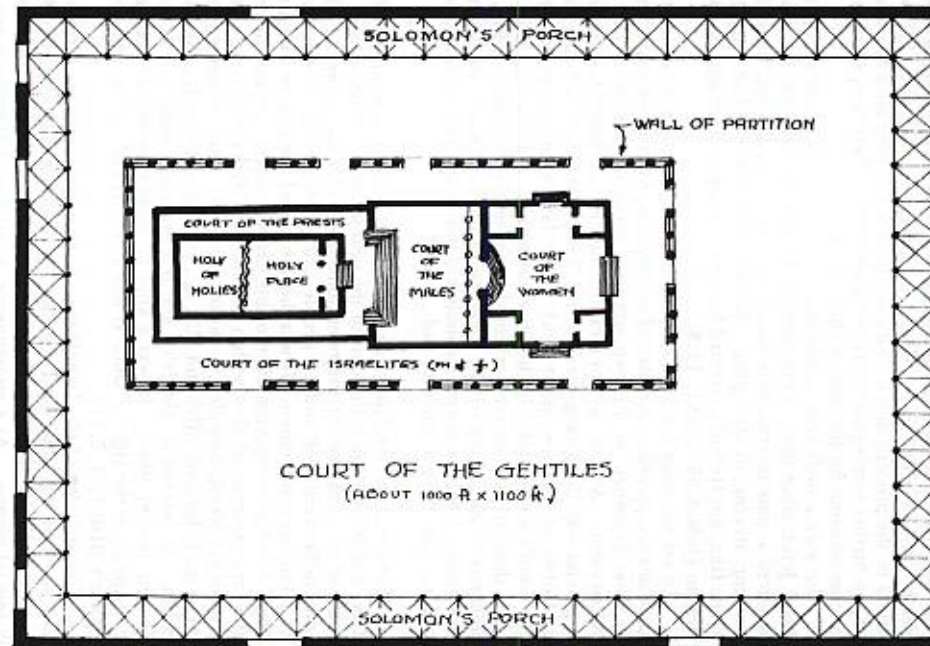


Figure 21 Basic Layout of the Temple Area.



Worship Inside the Temple

- Every morning and evening a priest enters the **holy place** to burn incense (*Zachariah*)
- Every day a priest enters the **holy place** to trim the wicks on the oil lamps (*Menorah*)
- Once a week a priest enters the **holy place** to change the holy show bread
- Once a year the High Priest enters the **holy of holies** to speak the name of God