

0 Lesson 1: Overview of the NT

Unit 1: The Gospels & Acts

New Testament Survey

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1 From the OT to the NT

1. The _____ went into _____
 - A. Israel divided into _____ – _____ (Israel) & _____ (Judah)
 - B. _____ Kingdom _____ in 722 BC (2 Kings 17)
 - C. Assyria _____ in 612 BC
 - D. _____ Kingdom (Judah) _____ in 586 BC (2 Kings 25)

2. _____ to the _____ (Persia) in 539 BC (Daniel 5-6)

2 From the OT to the NT

1. The _____ Empire _____ the _____ under Alexander the Great (330 BC)
 - A. When _____ in 332 BC his _____ was _____ into 2 smaller kingdoms ruled by his generals
 - 1) Ptolemy ruled Egypt & Israel – South of Israel
 - 2) Seleucus ruled Antioch & Syria – North of Israel
 - B. The 2 _____ and Israel was always _____ them
 - C. Mostly, the Israelites were allowed to worship freely
2. Eventually, the Seleucids (North) gained control of Israel
 - A. At first, things were OK & _____ God
 - B. Then an _____ came to power called _____

- 1) Also called _____
- 2) Epiphanes = the _____
- 3) Your book says "God revealed," this catches the idea, he _____
- 4) He is the _____
discussed by Daniel (Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)

3 Antiochus Epiphanes & the Jewish Revolt

1. Antiochus tried to _____ the _____ to _____ & spirituality
 - A. He _____ and _____ the Greek god _____ in the Temple
 - B. He _____ copies of the Jewish _____
 - C. He _____ force an old priest called Matthias to _____ to Zeus on the altar.
2. Matthias _____ (167 BC)
 - A. He killed a Jew that attempted to make the sacrifice
 - B. He _____ Antiochus' _____
 - C. He _____ with his sons _____ and began a _____.
 - D. However, Matthias died shortly after starting this revolt
3. Matthias' oldest son _____ was such a _____ he was _____ Maccabeus
 - A. _____ = the _____
 - B. Judas the Hammer then _____ the _____, then his brothers after him.

4 The Maccabean or Hasmonean Period

1. Judas & his brothers eventually _____
 - A. They _____ from 166 – 63 BC
 - B. The period is called the _____ after Judas' nickname
 - C. It is also called the _____ after the _____ of Matthias and his sons.
2. During the revolt a group called the _____ (= _____) joined the Maccabees

3. The Hassidim then _____
- A. The _____
- 1) Who _____ from society and formed small, but connected societies
 - 2) _____ may have been an Essene
- B. The _____
- 1) This was the larger group
 - 2) They were _____ and eventually _____ Israel _____
 - 3) These appear often _____
4. _____ in 63 BC and eventually _____ was appointed the _____ of Israel _____.

5 **Review #1**

1. What kingdom overthrew the southern kingdom of Judah?
2. The kingdom of Israel split into which two kingdoms after Solomon's death?
3. Who overthrew Antiochus Epiphanes, the evil ruler who desecrated the Jewish Temple?
4. What two groups did the Holy Warriors split into?

6 **God's _____ the _____ of the World**

1. The _____

A. Brought the _____ on the One _____ (monotheism)

 - 1) Mono = _____
 - 2) Theism = refers to _____

B. They brought the teachings on the _____ & the _____ to the nations

2. The _____ (sep – two – a – gent) or _____

A. The Septuagint is the _____ of the Hebrew

- _____ (250-150 BC)
- B. LXX = 70, so named because 72 Jewish scholars translated it
- C. The Septuagint enabled _____ to _____
- D. The _____ living _____ who had _____ their _____ were able to continue to read and hear God's Word in a language they understood.

7 God's Preparation for the Savior of the World

3. Alexander the Great & _____
- A. Made Greek the official _____ the _____
- B. This _____ enabled the _____ of _____ throughout the Roman Empire
4. The _____
- A. _____ throughout the empire assisting the spread of the Gospel
- B. Created an empire-wide _____, enabling _____.

8 Jewish Groups in the NT

1. The _____
- A. The "descendants" of the Hasmonean revolt
- B. _____ all the _____ as from God, believed in _____, the _____, an _____, and _____
2. The _____
- A. Generally from the _____
- B. The _____ were _____
- C. They _____: the OT is _____, in angels, an after-life, or oral tradition
- D. This is why they were Sad – You See?
3. The _____
- A. These _____ the kingship of the _____
- B. They _____ taxation & Roman rule
- C. The Pharisees and Sadducees did not like them

9 **Jewish Groups in the NT**

4. The _____
 - A. The Jewish ruling body – its _____
 - B. The _____ was the _____
 - C. Made up of both _____
(Acts 23:6-10)
 - D. Chapter test - _____ the

5. The _____
 - A. Also called “_____” and “experts in the law” in the NT
 - B. They _____ and other Jewish religious material

10 **Review #2**

1. The Greeks helped prepare the world for Christ’s message by emphasizing that the Greek empire should have one:
2. Which group of people prepared the world for Christ by building roads throughout the empire?
3. Which of the following groups emphasized oral traditions and the belief in an afterlife?
4. Which of the following groups supported Roman taxation and rule?
5. The name of the highest Jewish court was the

11 **Review #2**

6. The high priest and many of the leading members of the Sanhedrin were
7. Which group did not believe in the afterlife, angels, or that the OT was God’s inspired Word?

8. Which group was an offshoot of the Hasmonean revolt and was basically a group of terrorists, robbers, and thugs?

9. Scribes were also known as which of the following?

12 Jewish Groups in the NT

6. The _____
- A. Served at the Temple
 - B. The _____ was the _____ and the only one allowed to enter the holy of holies on the Day of Atonement
 - C. The priesthood was _____
 - D. Contrary to Scripture, _____ the _____ were _____ rather than descendants of the hereditary-line of Aaron
7. The _____
- A. An _____ of the _____ from the Maccabean revolt
 - B. Freedom fighters who were really _____, robbers, and _____ in the NT
 - C. _____ the Apostle was _____ (Mt. 10:4; Mk. 3:18; Lk. 6:15).

13 The Herods in the Gospels

❖ All the _____ were _____ as kings

1. _____ (37 - 4 BC)
- A. Was brilliant, _____, and unpredictable
 - B. _____ the Temple
 - C. _____ when _____ (Mt. 2:1-12)
 - D. Ordered the _____ the _____ (Mt. 2:16-18)
 - E. Was an Idumean (= descendant of Esau) & _____
2. _____ (4 BC – 6 AD)
- A. Son of Herod the Great
 - B. _____ & _____ after Herod's death

- C. Also brutal
- D. _____ returned from Egypt and _____ under his reign (Mt. 2:19-23)

14 **The Herods in the Gospels**

3. Herod _____ (4 BC – 39 AD)
 - A. _____ & Perea
 - B. _____ & vain
 - C. _____ his brother Philip's wife _____
 - D. _____ John _____ (Mt. 14:10; Mk. 6:16, 27; Lk. 9:9)
 - E. Was the Herod that _____ stood _____ before (Lk. 23:6-8)
4. _____
 - A. Ruled north and east of Galilee (Lk. 3:1)
 - B. Built _____ – where Peter confessed Jesus was the Christ (Mt. 16:16; Mk. 8:29)
 - C. The only Herod _____ as a _____

15 **The Herods in Acts**

1. Herod _____
 - A. Eventually ruled most of Israel
 - B. _____ the Apostle _____ and put _____ (Acts 12:2-3)
 - C. Was killed by God for stealing God's glory (Acts 12:20-23)
2. Herod _____
 - A. Agrippa I's son, ruled same territory
 - B. _____ him and Felix (Acts 26)
 - C. Sided with Rome during the _____ & lived during the _____ of Jerusalem and the _____.

16 **Judea & Jerusalem**

1. _____
 - A. _____, or procurator, appointed to _____ after Archelaus (Lk. 3:1)

- B. Brutal, _____, and hostile to the Jews (Lk. 13:1 - blood; Mt. 27:16-18 - Barabbas; Jn. 19:17-22 – sign above cross)
 - C. _____ stood _____ before him (Mt. 27; Mk. 15; Lk. 23; Jn. 18-19)
2. _____
- A. The _____ was the _____ of _____
 - B. Caiaphas was _____ & leader of the Sanhedrin at the time of _____ (Mt. 26; Lk. 18:28)
 - C. _____ were _____ of _____ and biblical teaching (Mt. 4:23, etc.)
 - D. The _____ is the _____, the NT had not been written in Jesus' time (Lk. 4:17, etc.)

17 **The Books of the New Testament**

1. The _____
- A. Tell of _____ and _____
 - B. Are a type of _____
 - C. Include 4 books
 - 1) _____ – Jewish audience; focus - Jesus King of the Jews
 - 2) _____ – Roman audience; focus - Jesus is the Servant of the Lord
 - 3) _____ – Gentile audience; focus - Jesus is the Son of Man
 - 4) _____ – Focus on Belief; Jesus is the Son of God
2. _____
- A. Tells of the _____ through the Apostles
 - B. Tells of the _____ the _____ & church growth
 - C. Is a _____

18 **The Books of the New Testament**

3. _____
- A. There are _____ letters (or _____) of Paul
 - B. They can be put in _____

- 1) _____ Epistles
 - a. _____ – _____
 - b. _____ – address various _____ the _____
 - c. _____ – Saved by Grace; _____ the _____
- 2) _____ Epistles
 - a. _____ – _____ over all powers & authorities
 - b. _____ – Joy, _____ through Christ
 - c. _____ – _____ the _____, Creator, head of the church
 - d. _____ – _____
- 3) About the _____ – _____ – Return of Christ
- 4) _____ Epistles – _____, _____ – How to be a pastor

19 **The Books of the New Testament**

4. The _____ & _____
 - A. General, because no specific audience identified, they are _____
 - B. The General Epistles include:
 - 1) _____ – Faith _____ is dead
 - 2) _____ – Following Jesus as _____ in this world
 - 3) _____ – Avoid idolatry, _____ the true _____
 - 4) _____ – Warning against _____
 - C. _____ – normally consider a General Epistle
 - 1) Author does not identify himself – some think Paul, others think others
 - 2) Focuses on _____ as our _____

3) Heavily _____ the OT

20 **The Books of the New Testament**

1. _____ (or the Apocalypse)
 - A. Focuses on the _____, but these had _____
 - B. The _____ were real churches that together had all the same strengths and weakness of all churches across time.
 - C. Very _____
 - D. _____ – John gives pictures
 - E. Focus – _____ Christ and His Church victorious through trial
- 2.

21 **The Making of the NT**

1. Each book & letter addressed _____ and _____.
2. Each book & letter was _____ or someone closely associated with the Apostles.
2. _____ and letter _____ of the others for a long time
 - A. The earliest agreed upon collection was in 397 AD
 - B. Before this there was _____ about _____ was _____ by the Holy Spirit
 - C. The _____ was decided by:
 - 1) _____ or someone closely associated with them.
 - 2) _____ by Christ followers
 - 3) Doctrine (teachings) that _____ the _____ and the _____ and the Apostles

22 **Review #3**

1. The ultimate center of religious life for the Jews was the

2. Which Herod was above when Jesus was born and ordered the slaughter of Jewish male babies?
3. Paul stood trial before Festus and which of the following Herods?
4. Which of the following was the high priest Jesus stood trial before?
5. Pilate sent Jesus to stand trial before which of the following Herods?

23 **Review #3**

6. Acts is included in which of the following?
7. Paul wrote how many letters
8. Jesus is pictured as our righteousness in which of the following books?
9. Jesus is described as the supplier of all our needs in which of the following?
10. The book of Hebrews is included in which of the following?

24 **Review #3**

11. One of the standards for a book's inclusion in the NT was
12. The essential criterion for accepting a writing into the NT canon was

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