

# The Jews in the Mediterranean World

# ALEXANDER THE GREAT

- ◆ Defeated the Persians
- ◆ Introduced Greek culture

# DIASPORA

- ◆ Jews living outside the Jewish homeland.
  - ◆ Some were forced
  - ◆ Some chose
- ◆ Still practiced their religion and customs

# Romans in Judah

# ROMANS IN JUDAEA

- ◆ Changed name to Judaea
- ◆ Herod became king
  - ◆ Rebuilt the Second Temple of Jerusalem
- ◆ Romans ruled after Herod died

# FOUR JEWISH GROUPS

- ◆ Pharisees
  - ◆ Written and Oral Law
  - ◆ Free of Roman rule
- ◆ Sadducees
  - ◆ Written Law
- ◆ Essenes
  - ◆ Only written law
  - ◆ Wrote Dead Sea scrolls
  - ◆ Waited to be free of Roman rule
- ◆ Zealots
  - ◆ Wanted to fight against Roman rule

Written  
&  
Oral Law

# WRITTEN LAW

- ◆ Found in the Torah
- ◆ 613 commandments



# ORAL LAW

- ◆ Talmud
- ◆ Elaborates, explains, and interprets how to apply God's law

# Jewish-Roman Wars

# ZEALOTS REVOLTED

- ◆ Zealots over powered and won.
- ◆ 4 years later Romans retook and destroyed Jerusalem
  - ◆ Second Temple destroyed
  - ◆ Western Wall only part remaining
- ◆ Romans crushed 2<sup>nd</sup> revolt in AD 132.

# The Rabbis

# RELIGIOUS LEADERS

- ◆ Taught and explained the Torah
- ◆ Moral guidance
- ◆ Ben Zaccari
  - ◆ Preserved Judaism beliefs by opening school to teach Torah