

# Review: Background to the Gospel

1 Choosing the best ending, write a sentence each for the following.

The Roman allowed the Jews what privilege?

- A** Romans never sentenced Jews to death
- B** Jews didn't have to pay taxes to Rome
- C** Jews were excused from serving in the Roman army

Which two dates approximate to the times when Solomon's Temple and Herod's Temple were destroyed?

- A** 1200 BC, 70 BC
- B** 440 BC, 120 AD
- C** 586 BC, 70 AD

What was the major duty of the priests of the Temple?

- A** to pray
- B** to collect Temple taxes
- C** to offer sacrifice to God on behalf of the people

Which of the following is **not** used to mean the first five books of the Bible?

- A** Law of Moses
- B** Talmud
- C** Torah
- D** Pentateuch

Which religious party at the time of Jesus accepted these books as their *only* rule of life?

- A** Sadducees
- B** Pharisees
- C** Zealots

Pharisee '*separated one*' implies that they

- A** resisted all pagan influences on Judaism.
- B** lived alone as hermits in the hills.
- C** never mixed with the Sadducees.

Most scribes were also

- A** Pharisees.
- B** Sadducees.
- C** Zealots.

Between which two groups was there no common ground?

- A** Sadducees and Romans
- B** Publicans and Zealots
- C** Sadducees and Pharisees

Which of the following groups was most violently opposed to Roman rule?

- A** Zealots
- B** Pharisees
- C** Publicans

2 Write each group with a description that best fits. In each case give a one-sentence reason for your answer.

Zealots	Conquerors
Samaritans	Collaborators
Tax Collectors	Compromisers
Romans	Peaceful Separatists
Sadducees	Violent Separatists
Pharisees	Outsiders

3 Read the following 'quotes'.

Use your knowledge of the groups to copy and complete the sentences below.

a) *The people most likely to say quote \_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ because ...*

b) *The people least likely to say quote \_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ because ...*

**P** By the gods, I cannot wait for a new posting.

**Q** How dare you question our ancestry! We worship the One God and we're just as good as you.

**R** All that fussing about messiahs - why can't they let things be, and stick with the Torah? The Romans aren't such bad chaps, really.

**T** What does it matter what you eat - so long as it's well cooked and tasty?

**S** The only good Roman is a dead Roman.

**U** The Law of the elders is the bore of the elders.