**Romans #34 Notes**

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Jews (Yehudahites)

1. The term “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” originates from the Biblical Hebrew word *Yehudi* (Yehudahite). In its original meaning, this word refers to the people of the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an/or the people of the southern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Originally the tern *Yehud* only to members of the tribe of Judah. After the destruction of the northern Kingdom of Israel [(Samaria (Ephraim)], the term *Yehudi* was applied to anyone from the Kingdom of Judah, including the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi, as well as scattered groups of other tribes who had remained in the Kingdom of Judah after the split of the Kingdom of Israel or had migrated to the Kingdom of Judah during times of revival in Jerusalem.

2. Jerusalem was conquered by the Babylonian Empire in 586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Solomon’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and exiled the Jews to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Babylonian Judah suffered a steep decline in both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jerusalem, while not totally abandoned was much smaller than it had been prior to the destruction by Nebuchadnezzar. The town of Mizpah in the region of Benjamin in the relatively unscathed area in the north of Judah became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the new Bablonian province of Yehud Medinata.

3.The Babylonian conquest entailed not only the destruction of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Temple, but the ruination of the entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which had sustained Judah for centuries.

4. In 538 B.C. Cyrus the Great of the Medo-Persian Empire conquered Babylon and took over its Empire. The Kingdom of Judah remained a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Persian Empire until 332 B.C. According to the Bible, Cyrus issued a decree granting subjugated nations their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jewish exiles in Babylon, including 50,000 Judahites under Zerubabel returned to Judah to rebuild the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem. A second group of 5,000 led by Ezra and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, returned to Judah in 456 B.C. Yet, it was only in the middle of the next century that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again became the capital of Judah. The completion of the Temple ushered in what is termed the Second Temple period of Jewish history which lasted approximately 600 years until the Temple’s destruction by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 70 A.D.

5. The 2nd century saw 2 Jewish revolts against Roman rule. The Kitos War (115-117 A.D.) saw Jewish diaspora communities in North Africa, Cyprus, and Mesopotamia rise up against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After being defeated, the rebels fled to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where they gathered at Lydda. The Romans pursued them, capturing Lydda and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many of the rebel Jews. In the aftermath of the war, Jewish diaspora communities involved in the revolt were expelled to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ edges of the Roman Empire.

6. In the period of 132-136 AD the Bar-Kochba revolt took place. This fierce rebellion was led by Simon Bar Kochba. The Jewish rebels again regained \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ independence in Judea. An independent Jewish state existed in Judea for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. However, the Emperor Hadrian ultimately crushed the rebellion and Judea was ravaged. 580,000 Jews were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and 50 fortified \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and 985 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were totally destroyed.

7. The Roman suppression of these 2 major revolts led to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish diaspora at the expense of the population of Judea. Many Jews taken captive by the Romans were deported from Judea and sold into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Josephus wrote that 97,000 Jews were sold into slavery and 30,000 were departed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (which encompassed the area of the modern countries of Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya). Many Jews fled to other areas in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ region.

8. In 131 AD, Emperor Hadrian renamed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Aelia Capitolina and constructed a templt of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the site of the former Jewish Temple. Jews were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Jerusalem and Judea was renamed Syria Palestina from which derived “Palestine” in English.

9. The economic disruption and high \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ due to the civil wars in the Romans Empire during the third century caused many Jews to migrate from the Land of Israel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which was under the more tolerant Persian Empire. An autonomous Jewish community existed in the area of Babylon. The migrating Jews were lured there by the promise of economic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the ability to lead a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jewish life there.

Byzantine Period 324-638 AD

10. Early in the 4th century the Roman Empire and Constantinople became the capital of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Roman Empire known as the byzantine Empire. Under the Byzantines, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dominated by the (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) Eastern Orthodox Church, was adopted as the official religion. Jerusalem became a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ city and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were still banned from living there.

11. During his short reign, emperor Julian (361-361 AD) abolished the special taxes paid by the Jews to the Roman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He also gave permission to the Jews to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and populate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In one of his most remarkable endeavors, he initiated the restoration of the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which had been destroyed in 70 AD. A contingent of thousands of Jews from Persian districts were killed enroute by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers. An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Julian’s death put an end to Jewish hopes of rebuilding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Temple.

12. Jews constituted the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the population in what was called Palestine until some time after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ converted to Christianity in the 4th century. Jews lived in at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ communities in Palestine. Judaism was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ non-Christian religion tolerated, but there were bans on Jews building new places of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, holding public office, or owning slaves.

13. In 533 Byzantine General Procupius invaded the Byzantine Empire. He took the treasures of the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Vandals who had taken them from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. [Vandals are believed to be descendants of one or more of the 10 tribes of the northern kingdom of Israel.]

14. In 613 AD a Jewish revolt against the Byzantine Empire led by Nehemiah ben Hushiel and Benjamin of Tiberius broke out. Jewish soldiers from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and other Galilee settlements joined forces with the Persian invaders to capture \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 614 AD. The great majority of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem were subsequently deported to Persia. The Jews gained autonomy in Jerusalem. With Hushiel appointed ruler of the city. Although the Jews had hoped that the Persians would grant them the entire land of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they were too few in number. Jewish dominance in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lasted until 617 AD., when the Persians reneged on their alliance with the Jews. Further Jewish settlement in and around Jerusalem was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A synagogue on the Temple Mount was demolished and heavy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were imposed on the Jews. With return of the Byzantines in 628, the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius promised to restore Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and received Jewish help with in ousting the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Heraclius later reneged on the agreement after reconquering Palestine. A general massacre of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ population ensued, devastating the Jewish communities of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. Many Jewish refugees fled to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and of the Jews who remained in Palestine, only those who took refuge in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are said to have been spared. Jews were also banned from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and prohibited from selling within a three-mile radius of the city. Egyptian Coptic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took responsibility for this broken pledge and still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in repentance for this betrayal.