

Glossary

Bar-mitzvah:

The ceremony and celebration marking a Jewish boy's 13th birthday, and from which point he becomes a man and takes up responsibility for his religious obligations.

Dead Sea Scrolls:

A set of ancient Hebrew manuscripts (biblical and non - biblical writings) discovered in caves west of the Dead Sea in 1947. The biblical manuscripts date from the last few centuries B.C.E. and the earlier part of the 1st Century C.E.

Exodus:

The departure of the Israelites from Egypt and their journey to the promised land (Canaan).

Hasmonean:

Related to the descendants of the Maccabees, derived from the tribal surname of Mattathias, the old high priest who began the Maccabean revolt against Greek rulers (c.167 B.C.E.). The name was given to the Jewish dynasty established by Mattathias' youngest son, Jonathan, in c.142 B.C.E.

Heathen:

Persons not belonging to the nation of Israel and her faith.

Judaism:

The cultural, social, and religious beliefs and practices of the Jewish people.

Procurator

A Roman official employed by the Emperor as governor of a province.

Prophecy

The utterance of a message divinely given by Yahweh to an individual, which may or may not include a prediction, but which reveals His will.

Publican

From the Greek word *'tetonos'* meaning collector of taxes or customs on behalf of the Romans.

Qumran

The remains of a religious settlement (Jewish) in north west Jordan, near the shores of The Dead Sea, and where ancient Old Testament manuscripts were found.

Seed of the woman

The righteous Seed, which began with Eve and which came through a line of appointed men (such as Seth, Noah and Abraham) and women (such as Ruth the Moabitess). From this righteous line, Yahshua was eventually born.

Shekinah

The visible, indescribable divine presence of Sovereign Yahweh in the sanctuary of the Tabernacle or Temple.

Tithes

Relating to the tenth part of one's produce, income or profits, which is given to Yahweh for the support and maintenance of the Levitical family and temple.

Zealots

Members of an extreme Jewish sect who vigorously opposed all aspects of Roman rule.