

<b>PHARISEES</b> (from Greek for “separated ones”)	<b>SCRIBES</b> (soferim in ancient Hebrew)	<b>SADDUCEES</b> (perhaps from Greek for “followers of Zadok,” Solomon’s High Priest)	<b>ESSENES</b> (probably Greek from the Syriac “holy ones”)	<b>ZEALOTS</b> (from Greek “zealous one”)
<p><b>Evolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brotherhoods devoted to the Torah and its strict adherence from c150 BCE. Became the people’s party, favored passive resistance to Greco-Roman rule</li> </ul> <p><b>Beliefs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believed in Messianic redemption, resurrection, free will, angels and demons, and oral interpretations of the Torah</li> </ul> <p><b>Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fasted twice a week and washed ritually. Observed seven hours of prayer and gave 10 percent of all possessions to the Temple</li> </ul> <p><b>Fate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbered perhaps 60,000 at the time of Herod. Disappeared after 70 CE but theology survived</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copiers and interpreters of the Torah since before the Exile of 586 BCE. Linked to the Pharisees, but some were also Sadducees and on the Sanhedrin Supreme Council</li> </ul> <p><b>Beliefs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defined work, etc, so as to keep the Sabbath. Obedience to their written code would win salvation</li> </ul> <p><b>Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compiled the Mishnah record of oral law c200 CE</li> </ul> <p><b>Fate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only group to survive the Jewish Revolt of 66–73 CE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservative, wealthy, and aristocratic party of the status quo from c150 BCE. Usually held the high priesthood and were the majority of the 71-member Sanhedrin Supreme Council. Prepared to work with Rome and Herods</li> </ul> <p><b>Beliefs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not believe in resurrection, free will, angels, and demons, or oral interpretations of the Torah – enjoy this life</li> </ul> <p><b>Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Priests had a monopoly on animals for sacrifice and levied 10 percent tithes for upkeep of the Temple. Marriage and luxurious living were acceptable</li> </ul> <p><b>Fate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not survive the destruction of the Temple 70 CE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakaway desert monastic group, especially at Qumran on the Dead Sea from c130 BCE Lived communally, without private property, as farmers or craftsmen under a Teacher of Righteousness and Council</li> </ul> <p><b>Beliefs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priesthood, Temple sacrifices, and calendar were all invalid. They expected the world’s early end and did not believe in resurrection. Year’s probation for membership</li> </ul> <p><b>Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worshipped three times a day in strict order. Copied Hebrew scriptures. Ritual baths plus meal of wine and bread on Sabbath. Few married, and women lived outside walls</li> </ul> <p><b>Fate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbered about 4,000. Qumran was destroyed 68–70 CE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extremist fighters who regarded political freedom as a religious imperative. Underground resistance movement, especially strong in Galilee. The most fanatical became sicarii, dagger-wielding assassins</li> </ul> <p><b>Beliefs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “No rule but the Law – No King but God”. They expected a Messiah to save their cause</li> </ul> <p><b>Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Led revolts against Rome in 6, 42 and 66–73 CE but were often divided among themselves</li> </ul> <p><b>Fate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last stand by 900 Zealots at Masada 73 CE</li> </ul>