

# ECCLESIOLOGY

**Byzantine Basilica B  
at Philippi**



**N.D. in  
Paris**



**Wells in G.B.**



# ECCLESIOLOGY

## I. Introduction

### A. Issues

### B. Misconceptions

### C. Importance



# IMPORTANCE

1. God has a big plan
2. Present dispensation - Eph 3:9f
3. God has purchased it - Act 20:2
4. Paul's greatest sin - 1Cor 15:9
5. Christ loves it - Eph 5:25, 29
6. Work completed - Eph 5:27

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D. Definition



# DEFINITION

## εκκλησια

1. **Common - assembly**  
**Act 19:23-29, 32, 34-41**
2. **Israel - assembly**  
**Act 7:38, Heb 2:12 (quote)**
3. **Theological - church,**  
**assembly of believers**

# **DESCRIPTION**

- 1. Universal - Mt 16:18,  
Eph 1:22-23**
- 2. Regional**
- 3. Local**

**Spiritual entity with Christ  
as head composed of all true  
believers**

**All locations, all time since  
founding, until rapture, invisible  
church, spiritual body of Christ,  
some in heaven**

# ORIGIN

1. Heavenly - Act 1:8-11



# ASCENSION

An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, showing a mix of modern and traditional architecture. In the foreground, a large, white, domed Russian Orthodox church is visible, surrounded by tall, thin cypress trees. A road with cars and a bus winds through the city. In the background, a dense residential area with multi-story buildings is built on a hillside under a clear sky.

➤ Predicted -

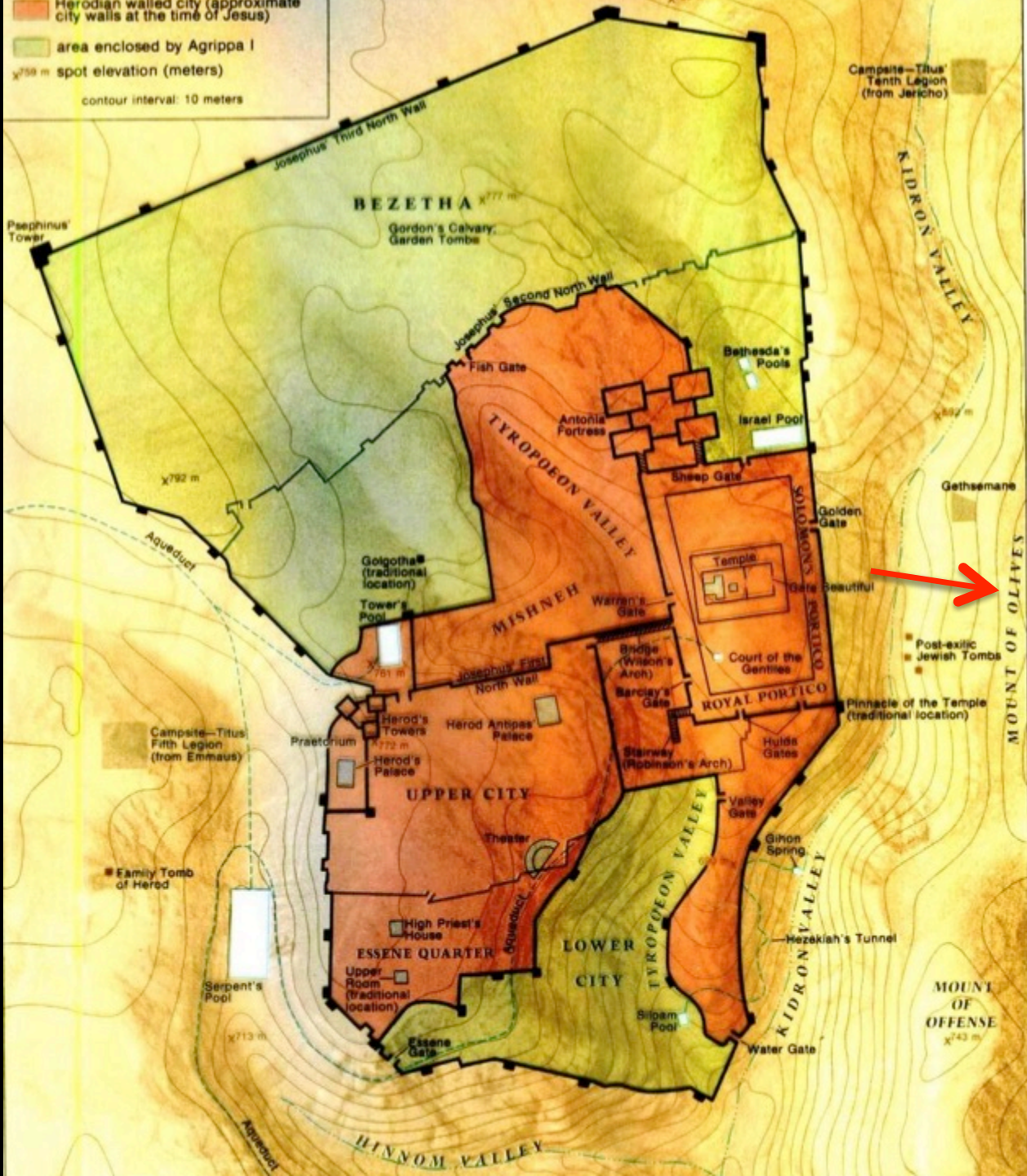
Jn 6:61-62

➤ Described -

Act 1:8-11

**Dominus Flevit &  
Russian Orthodox  
Church**

■ Herodian walled city (approximate city walls at the time of Jesus)  
■ area enclosed by Agrippa I  
 x759 m spot elevation (meters)  
 contour interval: 10 meters



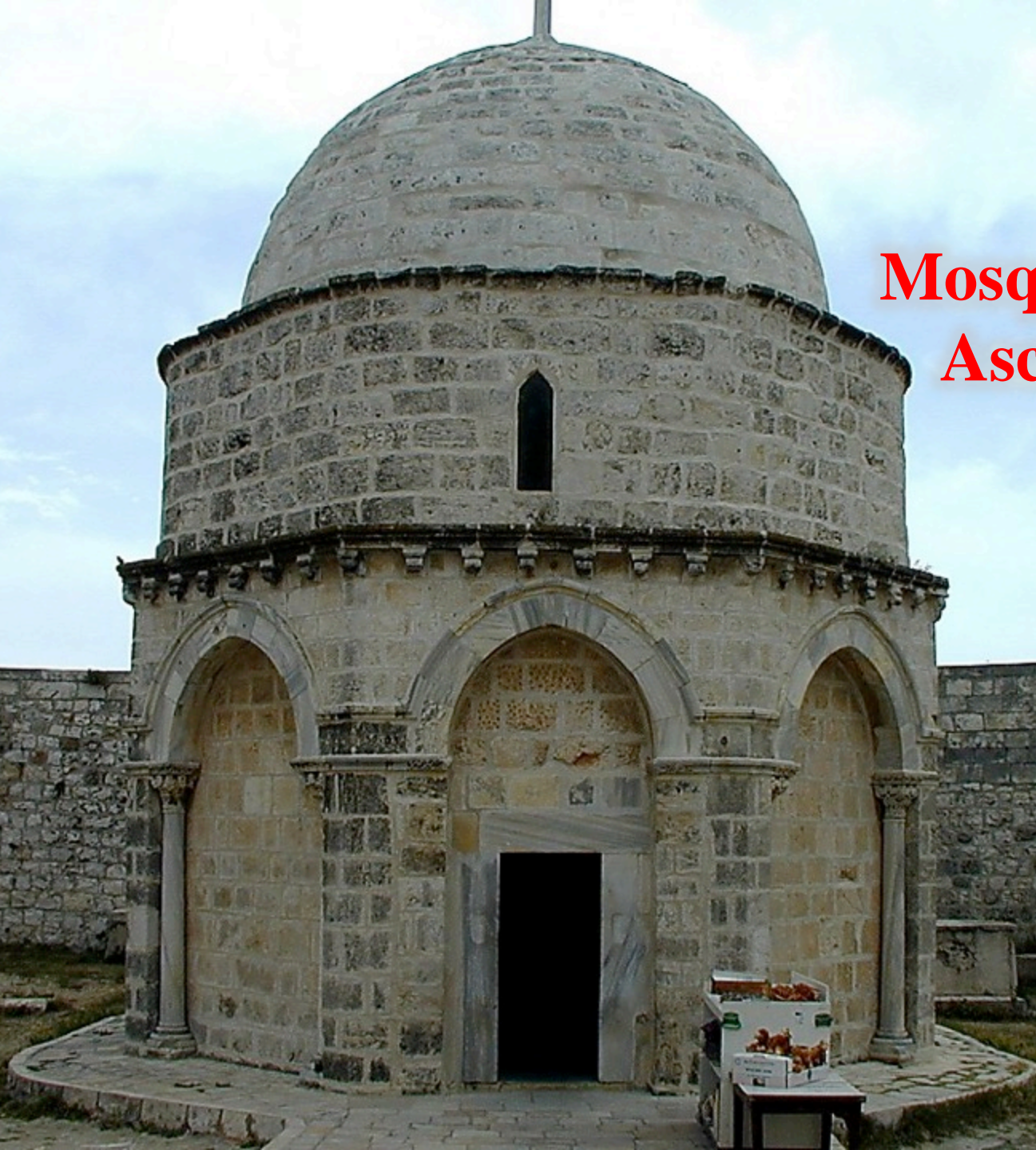
# Mt of Olives



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**Mosque of the  
Ascension**



# **Dominus Flevit**





**Russian Orthodox  
Church of  
Mary Magdalene**

# ASCENSION

➤ Predicted -

Jn 6:61-62

➤ Described -

Act 1:8-11

➤ Session -

Eph 1:20-22

➤ Sovereign

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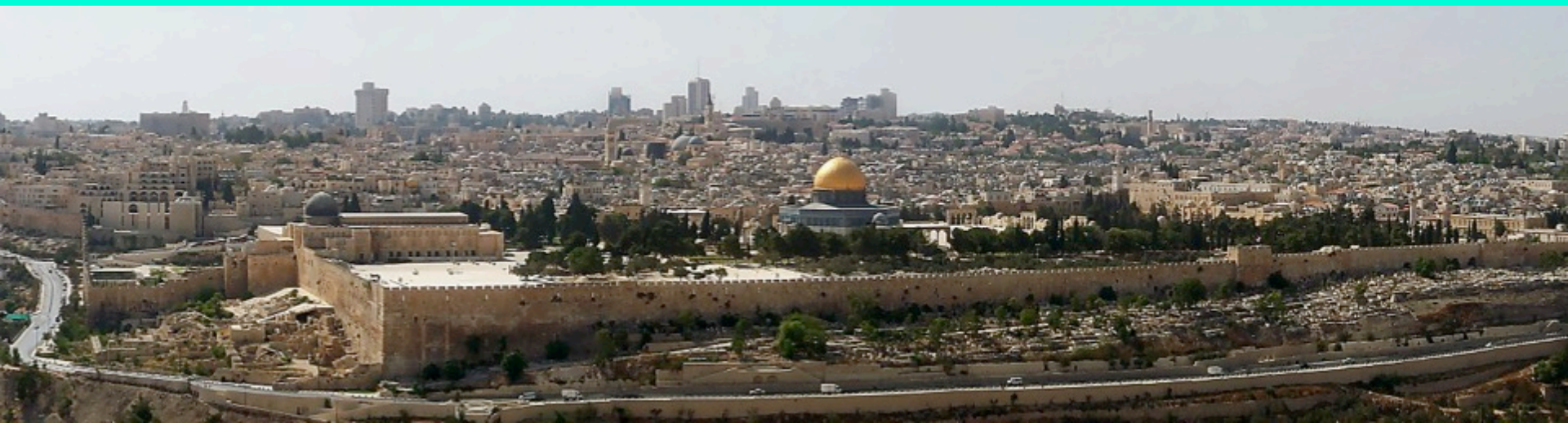


# ORIGIN

1. **Heavenly - Act 1:8-11**
2. **Earthly - Act 2**

# PENTECOST

## ➤ Outline



# OUTLINE – 2:14-42

**1. Evidence**

**2:1-4**

# PENTECOST

- **Outline**
- **Evidence**



# MIRACLES

- Audible - wind
- Visual - tongues of fire
- Mental - languages

# OUTLINE – 2:14-42

**1. Evidence**

**2:1-4**

**2. Effect**

**2:5-13**



# OUTLINE – 2:14-42

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| <b>1. Evidence</b>   | <b>2:1-4</b>   |
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| <b>3. Exposition</b> | <b>2:14-42</b> |











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# CROSS – 2:23

- **No Accident**
- **ὀριζω - Predetermined**
- **βουλη - Plan**
- **προγνωσις - Foreknowledge**
- **Man's Sin**

# OUTLINE – 2:14-42

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| <b>4. Establishment</b> | <b>2:43-47</b> |

# PENTECOST

- **Background**
- **Outline**
- **Essence**





# ECCLESIOLOGY

- I. Introduction
- II. Concept
  - A. Universal



# UNIVERSAL

## 1. Basis

# **BASIS - Mt 16**

- 1. Foundation - Christ**
- 2. Initiator - I**
- 3. Certainty - I will**
- 4. Process - build**
- 5. Possessor - My**
- 6. Nature - assembly**
- 7. Protection - hell**
- 8. Cost - blood**

**Eph 4:4** There is **one body** and  
**one Spirit--** just as you were  
**called to one hope when you**  
**were called--**

**Heb 12:23** to the church of the  
**firstborn, whose names are**  
**written in heaven...**

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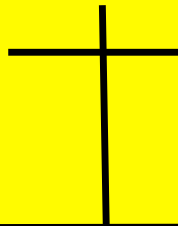
1. Basis
2. Meaning

# **BASIC VIEWS**

- **Covenant -  
Israel = Church**

# COVENANT

Israel =  
OT Church



Church =  
Spiritual Israel

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# COVENANT SUPPORT

- 1. LXX use of εκκλησια**
- 2. Church = Israel - Rom 2:28–29**
- 3. Stephen - Act 7**
- 4. Tribes of dispersion - Jas 1:1**
- 5. Uniting Jew/Gentile - Eph 2:12-16**



# **BASIC VIEWS**

- **Covenant -  
Israel = Church**
- **Dispensational -  
distinction between  
Israel & Church**

# DISPENSATIONAL



# **DISTINCTIONS**

- 1. Nation vs. Organism**
- 2. Purposes**
- 3. Work of HS**
- 4. Different Ages**
- 5. Function in Kingdom**

# **SPECIFIC VIEWS**

- 1. Roman Catholic**
- 2. Lutheran**
- 3. Presbyterian & Reformed**
- 4. Anglican & Episcopalian**
- 5. Congregational**

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# **METAPHORS**

**1. Flock - Shepherd**

# Sheep & Shepherd

A large flock of sheep, including several lambs, is gathered in a green field. The sheep are of various shades of white and light brown. The background is a lush green field with some trees in the distance.

Helplessness

# **METAPHORS**

- 1. Flock - Shepherd**
- 2. Branches - Vine**



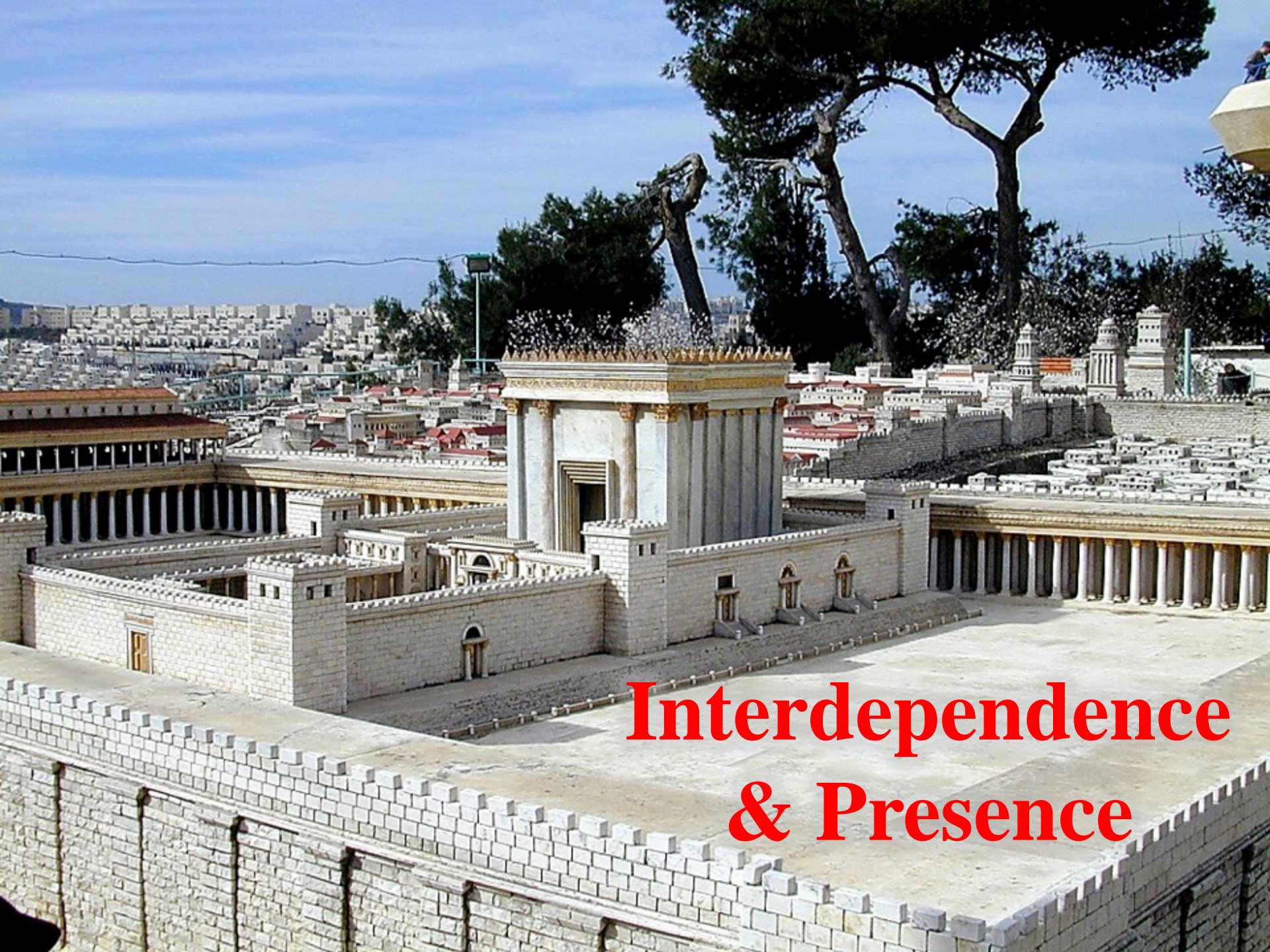


**Union**

**Vine & Branches**

# **METAPHORS**

- 1. Flock - Shepherd**
- 2. Branches - Vine**
- 3. New Creation - 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam**
- 4. Temple - Cornerstone**



# Interdependence & Presence

# **METAPHORS**

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- 6. Bride - Bridegroom**



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- 7. Body - Head**

# UNIVERSAL

1. **Basis**
2. **Meaning**
3. **Purpose**

# **PURPOSE**

- 1. Reveal God to heavenly realm**
- 2. Reveal God on earth**
- 3. Reveal & support truth**
- 4. Produce & purify a bride**



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II. Concept

A. Universal

B. Local



# LOCAL CHURCH

## 1. Meaning

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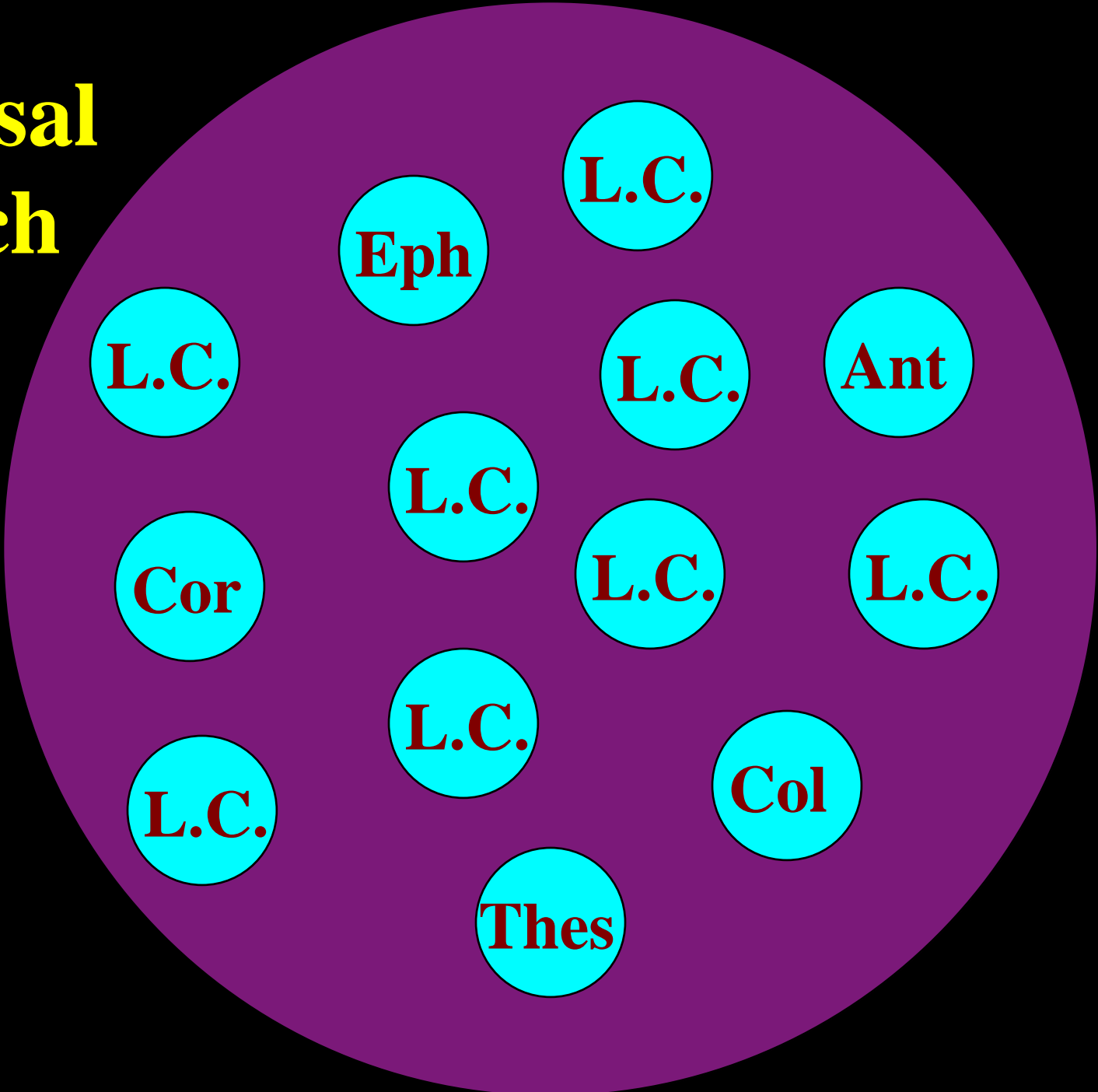
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**Believers called together  
with a common geography  
organized to glorify God &  
do His will**

**visible professing church  
may contain tares**

# Universal Church



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# LOCAL CHURCH



1. Meaning
2. Purpose

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# **PURPOSE**

- 1. Worship God**
- 2. Nurture Body**
- 3. Evangelize World**

# LOCAL CHURCH



1. Meaning
2. Purpose
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Century

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# **1<sup>st</sup> CENTURY**

- Corinth
- Ephesus
- Colossae
- Thessalonica
- Antioch
- Caesarea
- Laodicea
- Galatia
- Judea
- Syria
- Cilicia
- Macedonia
- Un-named

# LOCAL CHURCH



1. Meaning

2. Purpose

3. 1<sup>st</sup> Century

4. Organization

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