



# World of the New Testament

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The Jews lived in a country that has had, over the years, a succession of foreign invaders and rulers and times of exile and return. Jesus was a Palestinian Jew who grew up with many stories depicting this long history.

*Complete the timeline of the main events leading up to, and including, the world of the New Testament.*

c. 1850 BCE	Patriarchs	4 CE	} Development of the Oral Tradition of Christianity
c. 1250 BCE		27 CE	
c. 1020 BCE		30 CE	
c. 931 BCE		46 CE	
727 BCE		49 CE	
587 BCE		52 CE	
538 BCE		70 CE	
333 BCE			
		110 CE	
63 BCE			



## Terminology

'c.' (before a year)

Stands for:

Explanation:

BCE

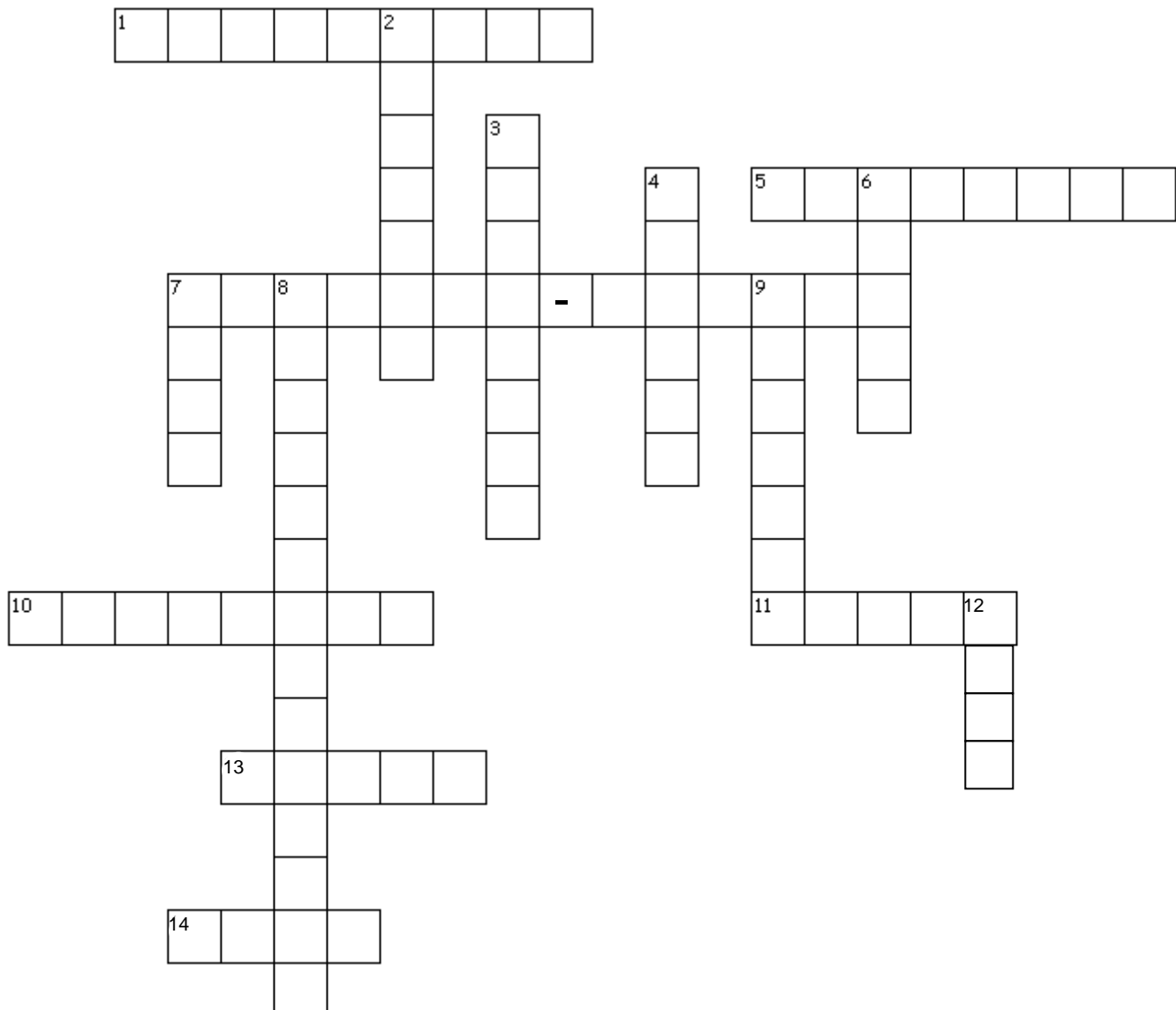
Stands for:

Explanation:

CE

Stands for:

Complete the Crossword using the clues on the next page.





ACROSS	
1	The first formal gathering of leaders of the Church was known as the Council of...
5	Who founded the Roman Empire?
7	Which governor played a significant role in the crucifixion of Jesus?
10	As oppressed people, the Hebrews' identity was maintained through their deep spiritual conviction which was expressed in terms of ...
11	Who led the Israelites out of Egypt?
13	What family grew to prominence at the time of Jesus' birth?
14	The time between 30 - 50 CE was known as what Tradition?

DOWN	
2	In 727 BCE Israel was conquered. Where were the people sent?
3	Who conquered Babylon in 538 and freed the Jewish people?
4	A great Prophet.
6	After 63 BCE Latin and what other language became the official languages of the Mediterranean world?
7	Who made three significant journeys during 46CE - 56 CE?
8	In 587 to whom did Judah fall?
9	A Patriarch.
12	A Hebrew King who ruled around 1020 BCE.





## Solutions to Worksheet SJ-NT9: World of the New Testament

'c' standing for circa - exact date not known, usually referring to a year. Used widely in historical writings when dates and events are approximately known.

BCE - 'Before the Common Era'. The word "common" simply means that it is based on the most frequently used calendar system: the Gregorian Calendar.

CE - 'Common Era'

### **Teachers Note:**

The division between BC/BCE and AD/CE is not based on religious considerations.

BC and AD do have a religious significance because they state that Yeshua of Nazareth is both God and Messiah: AD means "Year of the Lord." BC means "Before Christ" or "Before the Messiah."

The use of CE and BCE tends to be more attractive to many people -- particularly secularists, non-Christians and liberal Christians. CE and BCE are notations that are not based on religion or myth; they can be embraced by all.

Read more... [http://www.religioustolerance.org/ce\\_info.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/ce_info.htm)

ACROSS		DOWN	
1	Jerusalem	2	Assyria
5	Augustus	3	Persians
7	Pontius Pilate	4	Elijah
10	Covenant	6	Greek
11	Moses	7	Paul
13	Herod	8	Nebuchadnezzar
14	Oral	9	Abraham
		12	Saul