

The Sanhedrin - Part 1

NAME

“Sanhedrin” is derived from a Greek word that denotes a legislative assembly or an ecclesiastical council deliberating in a sitting posture.

ORIGIN

Established in Jerusalem between 170 and 106 B.C.

ORGANIZATION

The seventy-one members were divided into three chambers:

1. The chamber of priests
 - Represented the religious or sacerdotal
 - Twenty-three members
2. The chamber of scribes
 - Represented the literary or legal
 - Twenty-three members
3. The chamber of elders
 - Represented popular element of the Hebrew population
 - Twenty-three members

NUMBER – 23 members from each of three chambers (69) plus 2 presiding officers, brought the total number to 71.

