

Sadducees

- Their origin is uncertain. Believed to have originated after the Babylonian captivity.
- The name “Sadducees” means “to be righteous”
- They are mentioned about a dozen times in the New Testament.
- They were not numerous, but were wealthy and influential.
- To a great extent, they controlled the Sanhedrin.
- They were rationalistic and worldly-minded.
- They held only to the written law and rejected the traditions of the Pharisees.
- They did not believe in:
 - The resurrection of the body.
 - Future rewards or punishments (Heaven or Hell).
 - The existence of angels and spirits.

