

The Sanhedrin - Part 1

HEBREW TRIBUNALS (were three in kind)

1. THE GREAT SANHEDRIN

- a. The Grand Council
- b. It sat at Jerusalem
- c. The high court of justice and the supreme tribunal of the Jews.
- d. It numbered 71 members.
- e. Its powers were:
 1. Legislative
 2. Executive
 3. Judicial

2. THE MINOR SANHEDRIN

3. THE LOWER SANHEDRIN

NAME

"Sanhedrin" denotes a legislative assembly or an ecclesiastical council deliberating in a sitting posture.



ORIGIN

Established in Jerusalem between 170 and 106 B.C.

NUMBER

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

