

B. New Testament Data

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- a. "one body," "the body," "His body" -- I Corinthians 12:13; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:30
- b. "fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God" -- Ephesians 2:12, 19
- c. "one new man" -- Ephesians 2:15
- d. "a holy temple" -- Ephesians 2:21
- e. "the true circumcision" -- Philippians 3:3
- f. "a chosen race" -- I Peter 2:9
- g. "a royal priesthood" -- I Peter 2:9
- h. "a holy nation" -- I Peter 2:9
1. "a special people," "the people of God" -- I Peter 2:9-10
- j. "a kingdom, priests" -- Revelation 1:6
- k. "assembly" (SUNAGOGE -- συναγωγή)

This term is used 57 times in the New Testament. In the A.V. It is translated "synagogue" 55 times, "assembly" once, and "congregation" once. In the LXX it translated EDAH 127 times and QAHAL 36 times. Selected references include:

Matthew 4:23 -- "And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people."

Luke 7:5 -- "for he (a certain centurion) loves our nation, and it was he who built us our synagogue."

Luke 8:41 -- "And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and began to entreat Him to come to his house."

Acts 9:20 -- "and Immediately he [Paul] began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' "

Acts 13:43 -- "Now when the meeting of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God."