



Introduction

Prologue

The wording for **places of teaching and worship** shifted over time. While **'Church'** and **'Synagogue'** stand for concepts in both the Old and New Testament, we find terms such as **'High Places'**, **'House of KYRIOS'**, **'Tabernacle'**, **'Temple'** and **'Tent of David'** rather connected to Old Testament times.

The term 'Church' relates to both **a meeting place** (usually a specifically designated building, but including open-air churches) and in its spiritual essence to **the Body of CHRISTOS (believers)**.

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| 1) The word 'Tabernacle' | occurs | 118* | times in the Bible | · | starting in Exo 25:9 and closing with Heb 13:10 . |
| 2) The phrase 'Tent of David' | occurs | 20+ | times in the Bible | · | starting in 2Sam 6:17 and closing with Act 15:16 . |
| 3) The word 'High Places' | occurs | 101 | times in the Bible | · | starting in Lev 26:30 and closing with Zec 14:10 . |
| 4) The word 'House of KYRIOS' | occurs | 177 | times in the Bible | · | starting in Exo 23:19 and closing with Zec 14:21 . |
| 5) The word 'Temple' | occurs | 415 | times in the Bible | · | starting in Deu 23:17 and closing with Rev 21:22 . |
| 6) The word 'Synagogue' | occurs | 255 | times (199x OT, 56x NT) | · | starting in Gen 1:9 and closing with Rev 3:9 . |
| 7) The word 'Church' | occurs | 191 | times (77x OT, 114x NT) | · | starting in Deu 4:10 and closing with Rev 22:16 . |
| 8) Houses related to church | occurs | 16+ | times in the NT | · | starting in Act 2:2 and closing with 2Joh 1:10 . |
| 9) Open-air churches were throughout Bible history integral to the public teaching, worship and evangelism. | | | | | |

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	Comment	Scripture	
1 The Tabernacle	The Tabernacle – a portable Temple, used by the Israelites from the Exodus until the conquest of Canaan. Even though it was not a permanent structure, it was also known as the House of THEOS. The Tabernacle housed the Ark of the Covenant, which carries the tablets of the covenant written by the hand of (the Angel of) THEOS.		
	Construction	“And the Tabernacle you will make with ten curtains; you will make them of finely twisted linen and blue and purple and crimson yarns, with cherubim ...	Exo 26:1
		And all the work of the Tabernacle of the tent of assembly was finished, and the Israelites had done according to all that KYRIOS had commanded Moses ...	Exo 39:32
	THEOS was present through a physical and thick cloud.	For the cloud of KYRIOS was on the Tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night before the eyes of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.	Exo 40:38
	The Levites took care of the Tabernacle and therefore received the former tithes.	And when the Tabernacle is set out, the Levites will take it down, and when encamping the Tabernacle the Levites will set it up; the stranger that approaches it will be put to death.	Num 1:51
	The Tabernacle as a landmark and holy place.	Those encamped before the Tabernacle to the east – before the tent of assembly to the east – were Moses and Aaron and his sons; they will keep the responsibility of the Sanctuary for the Israelites; and the stranger who approaches will be put to death.	Num 3:38
	Transition to the Temple of Solomon.	... I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought up the Israelites from Egypt until this day; rather, I was going about in a tent and in a Tabernacle . [...] did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel ... saying, ‘Why did you not build me a cedar house? ’	2Sam 7:6
2 The Tent Of David	The Greek word for 'Tabernacle' is 'Skene', and the Hebrew word is 'Ohel', both meaning a tent / booth / tabernacle / dwelling.		
	The tent of David was probably an exact copy of the Tabernacle, because David reportedly followed all other instructions in detail, after they learned their painful lesson through Uzzah's previous death.	They brought the Ark of KYRIOS and set it in its place in the middle of the Tent which David had pitched for it. Then David offered up burnt offerings and fellowship offerings in the presence of KYRIOS.	2Sam 6:17-18
		And David built houses for himself in the city of David, and he established a place for the Ark of THEOS . And he pitched a Tent for it. Then David ordered that none except the Levites should carry the ark of THEOS ...	1Chr 15:1-2
	The original Tent / Tabernacle – built by Moses – remained at Gibeon but lacked the ark and therefore the presence of THEOS.	And they brought the ark of THEOS and set it inside the Tent that David had pitched for it . And they offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before THEOS. [...] So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of KYRIOS to minister before the ark regularly as each day required, and he left Obed-Edom with his sixty-eight brothers. And Obed-Edom, the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah were gatekeepers. And he left Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests before the tabernacle of KYRIOS at the high place which was at Gibeon to offer burnt offerings regularly to KYRIOS on the altar of burnt offering, morning and evening, according to all that was written in the law of KYRIOS that he commanded concerning Israel.	1Chr 16:1-40
		And it came to pass as David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of KYRIOS is under curtains of skins. [...] Thus said KYRIOS, Thou shalt not build me a house for me to dwell in it. 5 For I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought up Israel until this day, but I have been in a tabernacle and a tent in all places through which I have gone with all Israel ...	1Chr 17:1–6
		... And Solomon and the whole assembly with him went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for the tent of assembly of THEOS that Moses the servant of KYRIOS had made in the desert was there . (But the ark of THEOS David had brought up from Kiriath-Jearim to the place David had prepared for it, for David had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem .) ...	2Chr 1:1-7
		... then a throne shall be established in steadfast love, and one shall sit on it in faithfulness, in the Tent of David , judging and seeking justice and zealous for righteousness.	Isa 16:5
		On that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen, and I will repair its breaches and will raise up its ruins and will build it like the days of old.	Amo 9:11
3 High Places	Places of worship on mountains, or possibly also on elevated pieces of ground.		
	Most, but not all high places were of pagan nature, designed to worship animals, constellations, god-desses and fertility deities through objects such as stone pillars or wooden poles.	And Abram traveled through the land up to the place of Shechem , to the Oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanites were in the land at that time. And KYRIOS appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” And he built an altar there to KYRIOS, who had appeared to him. And he moved on from there to the hill country, east of Bethel. And he pitched his tent at Bethel on the west, and at Ai on the east. And he built an altar there to KYRIOS. And he called on the name of KYRIOS.	Gen 12:6-8
		And they came to the place that THEOS had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he bound Isaac his son ...	Gen 22:1–9
		Samuel answered Saul and said, “I am the seer. Go up ahead of me to the high place , and you will eat with me today; then I will send you away in the morning. I will tell you all that is on your mind.	1Sam 9:19
		I will bring them to my holy mountain [allusion to the later Temple] ; I will make them merry in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples ...”	Isa 56:7
		... And Solomon and the whole assembly with him went to the high place that was at Gibeon , for the tent of assembly of THEOS that Moses the servant of KYRIOS had made in the desert was there. [...] And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before KYRIOS , which was at the tent of assembly, and he offered upon it a thousand burnt offerings . On that night THEOS appeared to Solomon and said to him, “Ask what I shall give to you.”	2Chr 1:1-7



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4 House Of KYRIOS	House of KYRIOS / House of THEOS (mentioned for the first time in Exo 23:19, when the Mosaic Law was given in ~1444 BC, and previous to the construction of the Tabernacle).	
	A house with the presence of THEOS.	<i>The priests were not able to stand to minister because of the presence of the cloud, for the glory of KYRIOS filled the house of KYRIOS. [see also Exo 40:35]</i> <i>1Kin 8:11</i>
	A holy place.	<i>And when he [King Uzziah] became angry with the priests, then leprosy appeared on his forehead in front of the priests in the house of KYRIOS at the altar of incense.</i> <i>2Chr 26:19</i> <i>... and they gathered their brothers and sanctified themselves, and they went ... because of the words of KYRIOS, to purify the house of KYRIOS.</i> <i>2Chr 29:15</i>
	A house for sacrifices.	<i>The best of the firstfruits of your land you will bring to the house of KYRIOS your THEOS.</i> <i>Exo 23:19</i> <i>“We have cleansed all the house of KYRIOS: the altar of burnt offering, all its objects, the table of the rows of bread and all its objects ...</i> <i>2Chr 29:18</i> <i>Then Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah ... to come to the house of KYRIOS in Jerusalem to make a Passover feast to KYRIOS the THEOS of Israel.</i> <i>2Chr 30:1</i>
	A house of worship.	<i>David stood up from the ground and washed and anointed himself and changedhis clothing. Then he went to the house of KYRIOS and worshiped ...</i> <i>2Sam 12:20</i> <i>One thing I [David] have asked from KYRIOS; it I will seek: that I may dwell in the house of KYRIOS all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of KYRIOS, and to consider His Temple. Because He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble. He will conceal me in the hiding place of his tent. [...] And I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts ofjoy. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to KYRIOS.</i> <i>Psa 27:4–6</i>
	A house of service to KYRIOS.	<i>Now these are the men whom David appointed for control of singing in the house of KYRIOS where the ark rested.</i> <i>1Chr 6:31</i> <i>And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of KYRIOS so that no person un-clean with respect to any matter could enter.</i> <i>2Chr 23:19</i> <i>And he set the priests at their posts and encouraged them in the service of the house of KYRIOS.</i> <i>2 Chr 35:2</i>
	A house being polluted.	<i>All the leaders of the priests and the people likewise increased in unfaithfulness according to all the detestable things of the nations. And they polluted the house of KYRIOS that he had consecrated in Jerusalem.</i> <i>2 Chr 36:14</i>
	A house being destroyed (70 AD) Notice that KYRIOS spoke always about 'My' house, but now refers to 'your' house.	<i>Jerusalem, Jerusalem! The one killing the prophets and stoning those having been sent to her! How often I meant to gather your children, in what manner a bird gathers her youngest under the wings. But you did not want. Behold, your house is left desolate to you.</i> <i>Mat 23:37–38</i>
5 The Temple(s)	The Temple built by Solomon is the first Jewish Temple documented in the Bible, erected between ~967 – 959 BC (destroyed in 586 BC), while the second Jewish Temple (under Ezra) had been built between ~536 – 515 BC (destroyed in 70 AD). The Bible also mentions the idol temples of Art**is, Ash***eth, B**I, Da**n, El-Be**th, Z**s and many other 'gods' and idols.	
	1st Temple (Solomon)	<i>They were ministering with song before the Tabernacle of the tent of assembly until Solomon built the Temple of KYRIOS in Jerusalem.</i> <i>1Chr 6:32</i>
		<i>And Solomon began to build the house of KYRIOS in Jerusalem in the mount of Amoria, where KYRIOS appeared to his father David, in the place which David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Orna the Jebusite. And he began to build in the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.</i> <i>2Chr 31</i>
		<i>“Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built.</i> <i>2Chr 35:3</i>
	2nd Temple (Ezra)	<i>But many of the elderly priests, Levites, and heads of the families who had seen the first Temple, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house ...</i> <i>Ezr 3:12</i>
		<i>This is the law of the Temple: On the top of the mountain, all of its territory, all the way around it, will be most holy. Look, this is the law of the Temple.</i> <i>Eze 43:12</i>
		<i>... The glory of KYRIOS filled the Temple of KYRIOS, and I fell on my face.</i> <i>Eze 44:4</i>
		<i>I will bring them to my holy mountain; I will make them merry in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples,” declares KYRIOS ...</i> <i>Isa 56:7–8</i>
	THEOS being the Temple.	<i>KYRIOS is in His holy Temple; KYRIOS is in the Heavens on His throne. His eyelids see; they test the children of humankind.</i> <i>Psa 11:4</i>
		<i>In my trouble I called on KYRIOS [...] He heard my voice from His Temple ...</i> <i>Psa 18:6</i>
		<i>Let us go up to the mountain of KYRIOS, and to the Temple of the THEOS of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways, and that we may walk in His paths,”</i> <i>Mic 4:2</i>
		<i>for the law will go out from Zion, and the word of KYRIOS from Jerusalem.</i>
	The Temple related to IESOUS.	<i>... KYRIOS whom you are seeking will come suddenly to His Temple, and the mes-senger of the covenant, in whom you are taking pleasure ... He is about to come ...</i> <i>Mal 3:1</i>
		<i>And He went into Jerusalem to the Temple ...</i> <i>Mar 11:11</i>
		<i>And He told them: “It has been written: My House will be called a house of prayer. But you make it a cave of robbers.”</i> <i>Mat 21:13</i>
		<i>And the curtain of the Temple was torn apart down the middle.</i> <i>Luk 23:45</i>
	IESOUS being the Temple.	<i>And He will build the Temple of KYRIOS, and He will bear majesty and will sit and rule on His throne. And He shall be a priest on His throne ...</i> <i>Zec 6:13</i>
		<i>IESOUS ... said to them, “Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up!” Then the Jews said, “This Temple has been under construction forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But He was speaking about the Temple of His body.</i> <i>Joh 2:19–21</i>
	Disciples / apostles in the Temples.	<i>Now Peter and John were going up to the Temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.</i> <i>Act 3:1</i>
		<i>... Paul said in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews nor against the Temple nor against Caesar have I sinned with reference to anything!”</i> <i>Act 25:8</i>
	The body of believers.	<i>For we are the Temple of the living THEOS, just as THEOS said, “I will live in them and will walk about among them, and I will be their THEOS and they will be my people.”</i> <i>2Cor 6:16</i>
		<i>... you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of THEOS, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, CHRISTOS IESOUS himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, joined together, grows into a holy Temple in KYRIOS, in whom you also are built up together into a dwelling place of THEOS in the SPIRIT.</i> <i>Eph 2:19–22</i>
	Our bodies as temples of the HOLY SPIRIT.	<i>Do you not know that you are THEOS' Temple and the SPIRIT of THEOS dwells in ou? [...] For THEOS' Temple is holy, which you are.</i> <i>1Cor 3:16–17</i>
		<i>Or do you not know that your body is the Temple of the HOLY SPIRIT who is in you, whom you have from THEOS, and you are not your own?</i> <i>1Cor 6:19</i>
	The Temple in Heaven.	<i>... I looked, and the Temple, the tent of the testimony in Heaven, was opened ...</i> <i>Rev 15:5</i>
	The function of Temples will cease in the New Jerusalem.	<i>And I did not see a Temple in it, for KYRIOS the THEOS Almighty is its Temple, and the LAMB.</i> <i>Rev 21:22</i>
6 Synagogues	The word 'Synagogue' means 'Assembly' / 'Congregation', the same meaning as 'Ekklesia' = Church). Because the Temple in Jerusalem was for most Jews too far for regularly worship, many towns had Synagogues serving both as places of worship and as schools. Beginning in the days of Ezra (~ 450 BC), a group of 10 Jewish families could start a Synagogue. There was no permanent rabbi or teacher and it was customary for the Synagogue leader to ask visiting teachers to speak.	
	Synagogue' in the Old Testament · Gathering of nations · Gathering of people · Gathering of harvest · Gathering for battle (Isa 22:6) · Assembly of the dead (Pro 21:16) · Assembly of THEOSs (Psa 82:1) · Crowd of bulls (Psa 68:31) ...	<i>[Isaac sent Jacob on his way to Laban] And may my THEOS bless thee, and increase thee, and multiply thee, and thou shalt become gatherings [G4864 CYNAGŌGH, sun-agoge = an assembly, congregation, synagogue, either the place or the people gathered together in the place] of nations.</i> <i>Gen 28:3</i>
		<i>Speak to all the congregation [G4864 CYNAGŌGH, sunagoge] of the children of Israel, saying, on the tenth of this month let them take each man a lamb ...</i> <i>Exo 12:3</i>
		<i>... you have brought us out into this wilderness, to slay all this congregation with hunger.</i> <i>Exo 16:3</i>
		<i>And the elders of the congregation [G4864 CYNAGŌGH, sunagoge] shall lay their hands on the head of the calf before KYRIOS ...</i> <i>Lev 4:15</i>
		<i>... the slayer shall not be put to death by the avenger of blood, until he have stood before the congregation [G4864 CYNAGŌGH, sunagoge] for judgment.</i> <i>Jos 20:3</i>
	IESOUS in the Synagogues. IESOUS taught in many Jewish Syna-gogues and was possibly for 18+ years active part of the Synagogue of Nazareth (see Luk 4:16) · latest from the age of 12 when He independently visited the Temple · to the age of 30, when having started His ministry outside of Nazareth.	<i>Then IESOUS was itinerating all the cities and villages, teaching in their Synagogues and proclaiming the Good Message of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every weakness.</i> <i>Mat 9:35</i>
		<i>And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and according to His custom He entered into the Synagogue on the day of the Sabbath and stood up to read. [...] And they were saying, “Is this man not the son of Joseph?”</i> <i>Luk 4:16–22</i>
		<i>And in the Synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon [...] And IESOUS rebuked him [...] the demon came out of him ...</i> <i>Luk 4:33–35</i>
		<i>... because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be expelled from the Synagogue.</i> <i>Joh 12:42</i>
	Disciples / Apostles in the Synagogues.	<i>... in Iconium they entered together into the Synagogue of the Jews and spoke in such a way that a large number of both Jews and Greeks believed.</i> <i>Act 14:1</i>
		<i>So he [Paul] was discussing in the Synagogue with the Jews and the THEOS-fearing Gentiles, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.</i> <i>Act 17:7</i>
		<i>And he argued in the Synagogue every Sabbath ... to persuade both Jews and Greeks.</i> <i>Act 18:4</i>
		<i>Then Paul went to the Synagogue and preached boldly for the next three months, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of THEOS. But some became stubborn, re-jecting his message [...] So Paul left the Synagogue and took the believers with him. Then he held daily discussions at the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for the next two years ...</i> <i>Act 19:8–9</i>
		<i>And I said, ‘KYRIOS, they themselves know that from Synagogue to Synagogue I was imprisoning and beating those who believed in you.</i> <i>Act 22:19</i>
	1st century believers still met in Synagogues, without separation between Jews and Christians.	<i>... he [Paul] entered into the house of someone named Titius Justus, a worshiper of THEOS whose house was next door to the Synagogue. And Crispus, the ruler of the Synagogue, believed in KYRIOS together with his whole household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard about it, believed and were baptized.</i> <i>Act 18:7–8</i>
	Many Synagogue-goers became Christians (they acknowledged the MESSIAH and continued in their faith).	<i>... when they bring you before the Synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you should speak in your own defense or what you should say, for the HOLY SPIRIT will teach you in that same hour what it is necessary to say.”</i> <i>Luk 12:11–12</i>
	Christians had also been persecuted in Synagogues.	<i>They will expel you from the synagogue, but an hour is coming that everyone who kills you will think they are offering service to THEOS. And they will do these things because they do not know the FATHER or me.</i> <i>Joh 16:2–3</i>



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8 Houses	House churches are usually belittled today, and a formal member of a house church including elders and deacons, and people with spiritual gifts, would by many professing Christians not even be considered as being part of the church, if that person would not attend at the same time a typical church. But houses churches conducted in a private home were the primary and foundational setting for Christian teaching, worship and community life throughout the first century and beyond.		
	Communion & fellowship.	And in the day of the Pentecost being fulfilled, they were all with one accord at the same place , and there came suddenly out of the sky a sound as of a violent rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting ...	Act 2:1-2
		And fear came on every soul, also many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles, and all those believing were at the same place , and had all things common, and they were selling the possessions and the goods, and were parting them to all, according as anyone had need. Also continuing daily with one accord in the Temple, also breaking bread at every house , they were partaking of food in gladness and simplicity of heart, praising THEOS, and having favor with all the people, and KYRIOS was adding those being saved every day to the Assembly .	Act 2:43-47
		And Saul was assenting to his [Stephen's] death, and there came in that day a great persecution on the Assembly in Jerusalem , all were also scattered abroad in the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen away, and made great lamentation over him; and Saul was making havoc of the Assembly, entering into every house , and dragging away men and women, giving them up to prison; they then indeed, having been scattered, went abroad proclaiming Good News – the Word.	Act 8:1-4
		And the Jews, having been moved with envy, and having taken to themselves certain evil men of the agitators, and having made a crowd, were setting the city in an uproar; having also assailed the house of Jason , they were seeking them to bring [them] to the populace, and having not found them, they drew Jason and certain brothers to the city rulers, calling aloud, “These, having put the world in commotion, are also present here, whom Jason has received.	Act 17:6
		And on the next day Paul and his company having gone forth, we came to Caesarea, and having entered into the house of Philip the evangelist – who is of the seven – we remained with him, and this one had four daughters, virgins, prophesying .	Act 21:8-9
		And Paul remained an entire two years in his own hired [house] , and was receiving all those coming in to him ...	Act 28:30
		Greet ... also all the Churches of the Gentiles ; also greet the Church in their house .	Rom 16:4-5
		And I beg you, brothers, you have known the household of Stephanas , that it is the first-fruit of Achaia , and they set themselves to the ministry to the holy ones – that you also be subject to such , and to everyone who is working with [us] and laboring ; and I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because these filled up the lack of you; for they refreshed my spirit and yours; acknowledge, therefore, those who [are] such. The assemblies of Asia greet you; Aquilas and Priscilla greet you much in KYRIOS, with the assembly in their house ; all the brothers greet you; greet one another in a holy kiss.	1Cor 16:15-19
		All the holy ones greet you, and especially those of Caesar’s house .	Php 4:22
		Lucas greets you, the beloved physician, and Demas; those in Laodicea greet you – brothers, and Nymphas, and the assembly in his house .	Col 4:14-15
		Paul, a prisoner of CHRISTOS IESOUS, and Timotheus the brother, to Philemon our beloved and fellow-worker, and Apphia the beloved, and Archippus our fellow-soldier, and the assembly in your house : Grace to you and peace from THEOS our FATHER and the KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS!	Phi 1:2-3
	Related to prayer (groups) .	And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary ... where many people were gathered together and were praying .	Act 12:12
	Related to teaching . (Teaching occurred both in houses and in Jerusalem also in the Temple Courts)	“You know from the first day in which I came to Asia, how I was with you at all times; serving the KYRIOS with all humility, and many tears, and temptations, that befell me in the counsels of the Jews against [me]; how I kept back nothing of what things are profitable, not to declare to you, and to teach you publicly, and in every house , testifying fully both to Jews and Greeks, conversion toward THEOS, and faith toward our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS.	Act 20:20
		If anyone comes to you, and does not bear this teaching, do not receive him into the house [can refer to a meeting space or not] , and do not say to him, “Greetings!”	2Joh 1:10
	Outreach, door-to-door . (Proclaiming & Testifying)	Every day, both in the Temple Courts and from house to house , they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Good News that the CHRISTOS was IESOUS.	Act 5:42
		... teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks with respect to repentance toward THEOS and faith in our KYRIOS IESOUS.	Act 20:20-21
	Verses possibly related to assemblies in houses.	And they, having gone forth out of the prison, entered into [the house of] Lydia , and having seen the brothers , they comforted them, and went forth.	Act 16:40
		And having departed from there, he went to the house of a certain one, by name Justus, a worshiper of THEOS, whose house was adjoining the synagogue , and Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue believed in KYRIOS with all his house, and many of the Corinthians hearing were believing, and they were being immersed.	Act 18:7-8
> We should probably evaluate today’s concept of modern churches, which will include by 2027 the first megatemple in Nigeria holding more than than 109 000 worshippers at the same time (Pentecostalism; see separate discernment). When IESOUS preached about the narrow path to salvation, He definitely had not in mind churches with thousands of attendees at the same time, but small groups of typically 10 to 50 people in an intimate environment for prayer, and under mutual accountability. He most certainly despises ‘churches’ where people consume a program and where not many real believers are found – under close to no accountability. Today’s accountability is often measured through the lens of giving, but the biblical accountability is conducted personally, through elders, deacons and other church members knowing not only your name, but where exactly you stand in your walk of faith.			
If you are part of a church were the elders do not know you, then you are most probably not part of a biblical church. Small groups in big churches may in many cases be of help, but are not able to bridge the enormous gap to the biblical church, and are often driven by a fixed schedule and pre-formatted questions instead of real teaching, fellowship, accountability and exhortation. Many, if not most of those leading small groups are biblically not qualified to do so, and elders are rarely found in small groups.	And we ask you, brothers, to know those laboring among you and leading you in KYRIOS and admonishing you, and to esteem them very abundantly in love, because of their work; be at peace among yourselves; and we exhort you, brothers, admonish the disorderly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient to all; see [that] no one may render evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue that which is good, both to one another and to all; always rejoice; continually pray; give thanks in everything, for this [is] the will of THEOS in CHRISTOS IESOUS in regard to you.	1The 5:12-16	
	"Is anyone sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the assembly , and let them pray over him, having anointed him with oil, in the Name of KYRIOS, and the prayer of faith will save the distressed one, and KYRIOS will raise him up, and if he may have committed sins, they will be forgiven to him. Be confessing to one another the trespasses, and be praying for one another , that you may be healed; very strong is a working supplication of a righteous man."	Jam 5:14-16	
See also the study ‘One Anothering’, which demonstrates all the biblical teaching related to interpersonal interaction, and thus implies a compact size of assemblies. Positive commands imply to Accept, Bear, Bless, Comfort, Encourage, Give to, Greet, Honour, Instruct, Invite, Love, One Accord with, One Body with, Pray for, Rejoice with, Serve, Share with, Share Burders with, and to Submit to One Another . Negative or rather burdensome commands include to Confess, Exhort, Expel, Forgive, Judge, Reconcile, Resist One Another .		See the study 'One Anothering'	



	Comment	Scripture	
9 Open Air	CHRISTOS delivered the larger portion of His sermons in the open – on mountain sides, by sea shores or in the streets.	[The Sermon in the Mount] And having noticed the multitudes, He ascended at the mountain. Then having seated Himself, His disciples approached Him. And having opened His mouth, He was teaching them . . .	Mat 5:1-2
		[The Sermon on the Plain] And He came down with them and stood on a level place , and a large crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all of Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast district of Tyre and Sidon , who came to hear Him ...	Luk 6:17-49
		Then IESOUS cried out in the temple courts [open air] , teaching and saying, “You both know me and you know where I am from!	Joh 7:28
		Now on the last day of the feast – the great day – IESOUS stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and let him drink ...	Joh 7:37
	Amos was a street preacher.	They hate the one who reproves in the gate and they abhor the one who speaks honestly.	Amo 5:10
	Ezra was a street preacher.	Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled in Jerusalem [...] All the people sat in the public square of the House of THEOS trembling because of this matter and from the rains ...	Ezr 10:9-14
		All of the people gathered as one to the public square before the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses that KYRIOS had commanded Israel . So Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly for each man and woman to hear with understanding [...] He read from it facing the public square before the Water Gate from dawn until noon that day , opposite the men, women, and those with understanding. The ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. Then Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden podium that had been made for the occasion. [...] Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, because he was above all of the people . When he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed KYRIOS the great THEOS, and all of the people answered, “Amen! Amen!” while lifting their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped KYRIOS with their noses to the ground . [...] and the Levites were teaching the people from the law while the people were in their places. So they read the book from the law of THEOS, making it clear and giving the meaning so that they could understand the reading.	Neh 8:1-8
		On the twenty-fourth day of this month the Israelites gathered in fasting, in sack-cloths, and with soil on them. Those of the seed of Israel separated themselves from all of the foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their ancestors. They stood up in their place and read from the book of the law of KYRIOS their THEOS for a fourth part of the day [3 hours] , and for a fourth [3 hours] they were confessing and worshiping KYRIOS their THEOS . Then Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Kenani stood on the platform of the Levites and cried out with a loud voice to KYRIOS their THEOS. [...] Blessed be your glorious name that is being exalted above all blessing and praise!	Neh 9:1-5
		... and the scoffer shall come to an end. And all those lying in wait for evil shall be cut off; those who mislead a person into sin with a word and set a trap for the arbitrator in the gate and guide away the righteous by emptiness.	Isa 29:21
	Jeremiah was a street preacher.	“Call with the throat; you must not keep back! lift up your voice like a trumpet, and declare to my people their rebellion, and to the house of Jacob their sins.	Isa 58:1
		And the word of KYRIOS came to me, saying, “Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem , saying, ‘Thus says KYRIOS, “I remember concerning you the loyal love of your childhood, the love of your betrothal-time, your going after me in the desert, in the land not sown.	Jer 2:1-2
		The word that came to Jeremiah from KYRIOS, saying, “ Stand in the gate of the House of KYRIOS and proclaim there this word, and say, ‘Hear the word of KYRIOS, all of Judah, those who enter through these gates to bow in worship to KYRIOS.	Jer 7:1-2
		And KYRIOS said to me, “Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem , saying, ‘Hear the words of this covenant and do them ...	Jer 11:6
	IESOUS’ disciples were street preachers.	Thus said KYRIOS to me, “Go, and you must stand in the People's Gate through which the kings of Judah enter [...] And you must say to them, ‘ Hear the word of KYRIOS , kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem who enter through these gates .	Jer 17:19-20
		Then Baruch read aloud from the scroll the words of Jeremiah in the temple of KYRIOS, in the chamber of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, the secretary, in the upper courtyard at the entrance of the New Gate of the temple of KYRIOS in the hearing of all the people.	Jer 36:10
		And as for all those who do not welcome you – when you depart from that town , shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them.” So they departed and went throughout the villages , proclaiming the Good News and healing everywhere.	Luk 9:5-7
		And while he was holding fast to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's , utterly astonished. And when he saw it, Peter replied to the people, “Men and Israelites ...	Act 3:11-26
	John the Baptist was a famous wilderness preacher.	And in those days came John the Baptist, proclaiming in the wilderness of Judaea . And he was calling: "Repent, for the Kingdom of the Heavens has drawn near!	Mat 3:1-2
		John was there baptizing in the wilderness , proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.	Mar 1:4
	Jonah became a street preacher.	And Jonah began to go into the city a journey of one day, and he cried out and said, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be demolished!”	Jon 3:4
	Officials of Kings labored as street preachers.	In the third year of his reign he sent his officials, Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah , to teach in the cities of Judah; and with them the Levites Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tob-Adonijah ; and with them the priests Elisham and Joram. And they taught in Judah, and the scroll of the law of KYRIOS was with them when they went around in all the cities of Judah , and they taught the people.	2Chr 17:7-9
	Paul became a street preacher.	... he [Paul] spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there.	Act 17:17
		So Paul stood there in the middle of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see you are very religious in every respect. [...] So Paul went out from the midst of them. But some people joined him and believed ...	Act 17:22-34
		... he [Paul] held daily discussions at the lecture hall of Tyrannus .	Act 19:9
	Our calling !	And he said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good Message to all creation.	Mar 16:15
		And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and press them to come in, so that my house will be filled!	Luk 14:23
Epilogue	Persecution of the Church.	But Saul was attempting to destroy the Church . Entering house after house, he dragged off both men and women and delivered them to prison.	Act 8:3
		... Herod the king laid hands on some of those from the Church to harm them .	Act 12:1
	Unity is key in a Church and treating a member as an outsider (most probably meaning the exclusion from the church) can be a last resort to maintain harmony and unity.	And if he should disregard them, speak to the Ekklesia . And if he should also disregard the Ekklesia , let him be to you as the nations and the tax collector.	Mat 18:17
		And immediately she fell down at his feet and died . [...] they ... buried her with her husband. And great fear came on the whole Church and on all who heard about these things.	Act 5:10-11
	And let us think about how to stir one another up to love and good works, not abandoning our meeting together , as is the habit of some, but encouraging each other, and by so much more as you see the day drawing near.		Heb 10:24-25

