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MOUNTAINS

TANZANIA



Acts 1:15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (numbering about a **hundred and twenty**)

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and **about three thousand were added** to their number that day.

Acts 2:47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord **added to their number daily** those who were being saved.

Acts 4:4 But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men **grew to about five thousand**.

Acts 5:14 Nevertheless, **more and more** men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

Acts 6:7 So the word of God spread. The **number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly**, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

The Church is growing
and maturing!

We should be growing
and maturing too!



The charges against Steven.

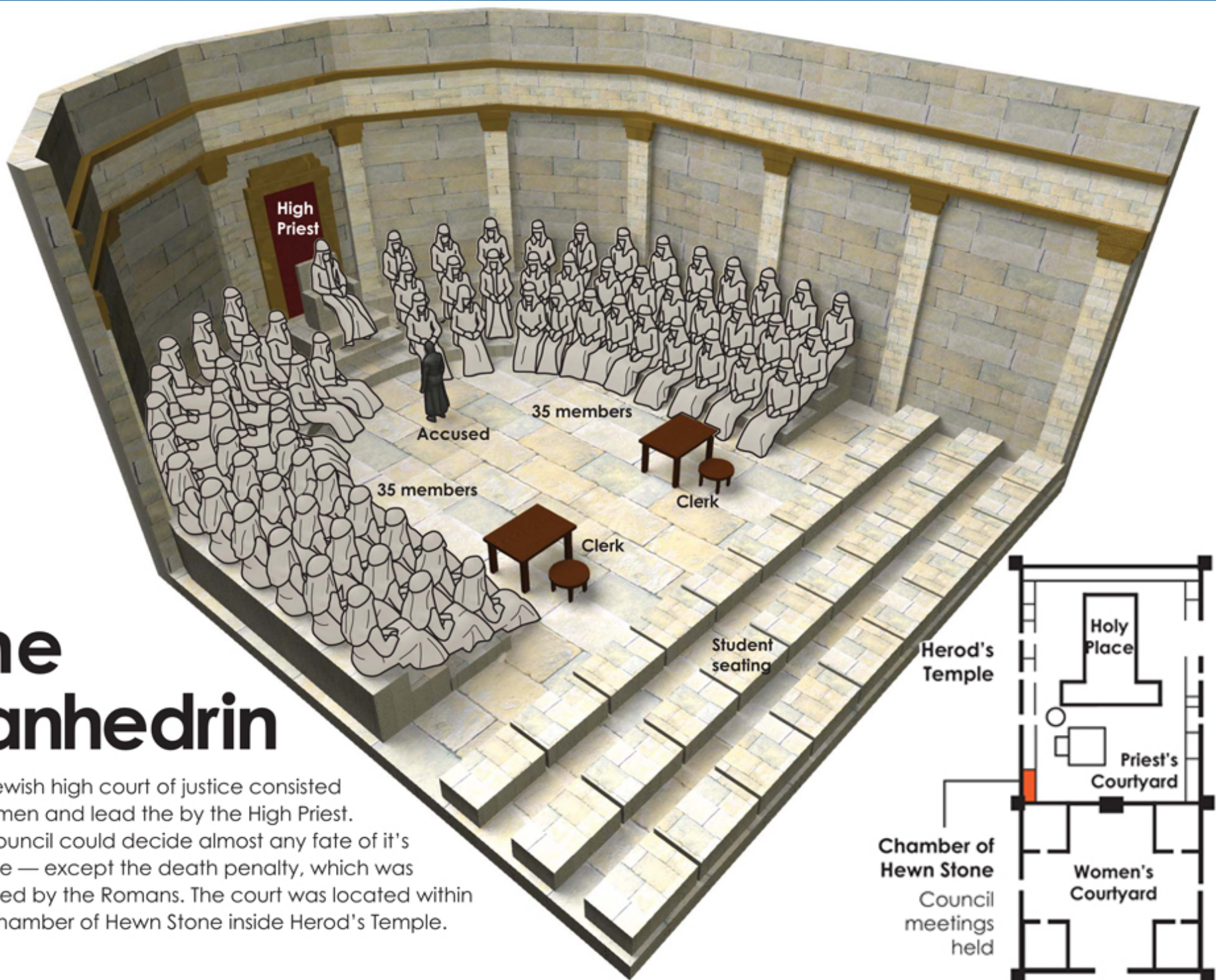
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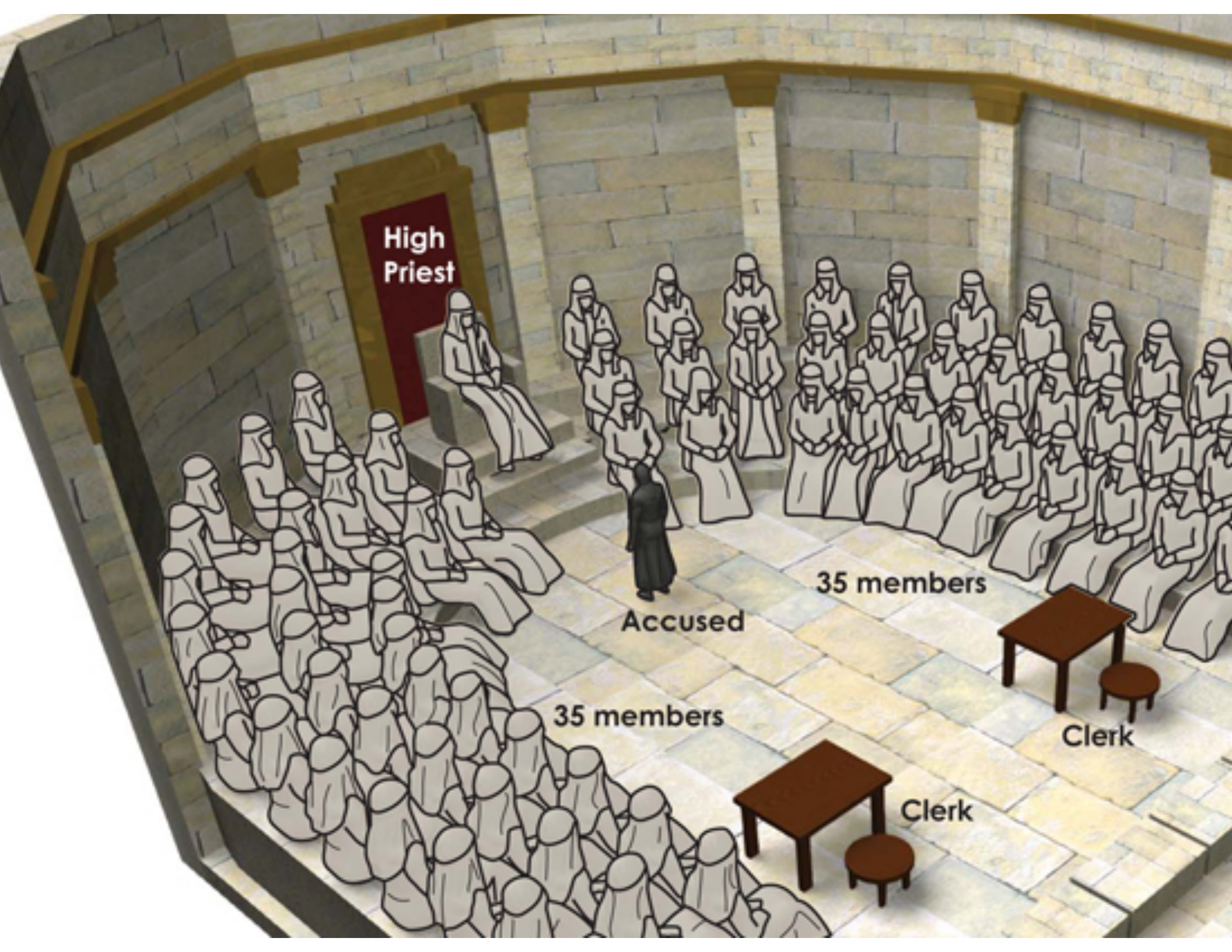
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The Sanhedrin

The Jewish high court of justice consisted of 71 men and led by the High Priest. The council could decide almost any fate of its people — except the death penalty, which was decided by the Romans. The court was located within the Chamber of Hewn Stone inside Herod's Temple.





High Priest

35 members

Accused

35 members

Clerk

Clerk

The Charges against Stephen.

Acts 6:8-15

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Stephen defense.

Acts 7:2-53

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The Reaction.

Acts 7:54-8:1

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Remember you're *always*
earning a **reputation**.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Be *prepared* to
suffer for it.

1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Now what?

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