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How many Judaism?

Was Judaism religion or way of life, of the Jewish people? We should consider other facts. Writer explained the priestly elite group and the Sadducees. The Sadducees did not share the pharisaic belief in an afterlife through resurrection, and rejected the extra biblical regulations of Pharisees. In the community at Qumran, they stayed from 140 BC until the roman destruction of the site in 68AD. Qumran people waited two messiahs, one anointed priest and one anointed king. He also explained Essenes who located between Jericho and En Gedi. In the last group, the Pharisees was the body of tradition and emphasized regulations in everyday life.

Writer explained Judaism apart from the temple to the synagogue. The synagogue was by a well-established institution in the Diaspora. That was a place reading and prayer service. After the destruction of temple, the synagogue service became a real substitute for the temple service.

In the nationalistic Judaism, there were Zealots that nationalistic right wing of the Pharisees for independence. They were freedom fighter.

Pharisees, Sadducees and Essenes.

These were three most important Jewish movements for understanding the background of the NT. These groups appear to have emerged or active during the Hasmonean era. He explained Pharisees with origin, influence, doctrine and practice with Judaism followed by Sadducees and Essenes. He illustrated each movement with early Christian early church interactions and Judaism. These groups involved various stages of history and represented different responded to Judaism issues.