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Quiz Questions

Question 1:

_____ led the Jewish rebellion that resulted in a brief period of independence.

Answer 1:

The Maccabees

Question 2:

Jesus was born into the _____ empire.

Answer 2:

Roman

Question 3:

The worst Christian persecution took place under _____.

Answer 3:

Nero

Question 4:

_____ was the most common language spoken in the Hellenistic world.

Answer 4:

Greek

Question 5:

The worship of the _____ was one reason for the persecution of Christians.

Answer 5:

emperor

Term with Definitions

1. **Stoicism**- The ancient Greek school of philosophy taught that virtue, the highest good, is based on knowledge and that the wise live in harmony with Divine reason.
2. **Gnosticism**- is a collection of religious ideas and systems that emphasize personal spiritual knowledge above the orthodox teachings, traditions, and authority of religious institutions.
3. **Docetism**- a doctrine that states that Christ's body was not human but either a phantasm or of real but celestial substance.

Summary

The ancient church period "set the tone for the entire history of the church." The Roman Empire politically unified the Mediterranean basin, thus contributing to the expansion of Christianity. During the first decades of the Christian church, the political and cultural

atmosphere caused the Christian church to become mostly Gentile The first century saw the worst persecution under Nero and Domitian, yet found relief in Constantine and Licinius, who ended Christian persecution.