

## A WORD ON THE CHURCH

- ἐκκλησία (*ekklesia*) = “a convened assembly of the people”
- Used more than 70x in the Septuagint to translate only one word root...
- קָהָל (*kahal*) = “to summon”
- Noun form = “assembly / congregation”
- Not a “called out people”, but a “called together” people.
- 1<sup>st</sup> app. – Gen. 28:3 “God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> app. – Gen. 35:11 “And God said to him, ‘I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body.’”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> app. – Gen. 48:4 “...and said to me, ‘Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.’”

- Exodus 12:3, 6 – “Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household... and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.”
- Deut. 10:4 – “And Adonai gave me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words that Adonai had spoken with you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.”

ἐν τῷ ἡμέρα ἐκκλησίας

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