

Lesson 7

News About God's House

Bible Reference: Isaiah 2:2-3

Memory Verse: "... the house of God ... is the church of the living God." (1 Timothy 3:15)

Isaiah the prophet told God's people many important things. They were to listen to Isaiah. He told them things that would happen in the future.

God wanted these people to know about His plans for building His house. He told Isaiah what to say.

Isaiah said that God's house would be established (built) in Jerusalem. People of all nations would come to God's house. God knew that men would want to know His law and walk in His paths. They would desire to obey Him. Many people would listen to God's law and obey Him. Then His law would be taught throughout the earth.

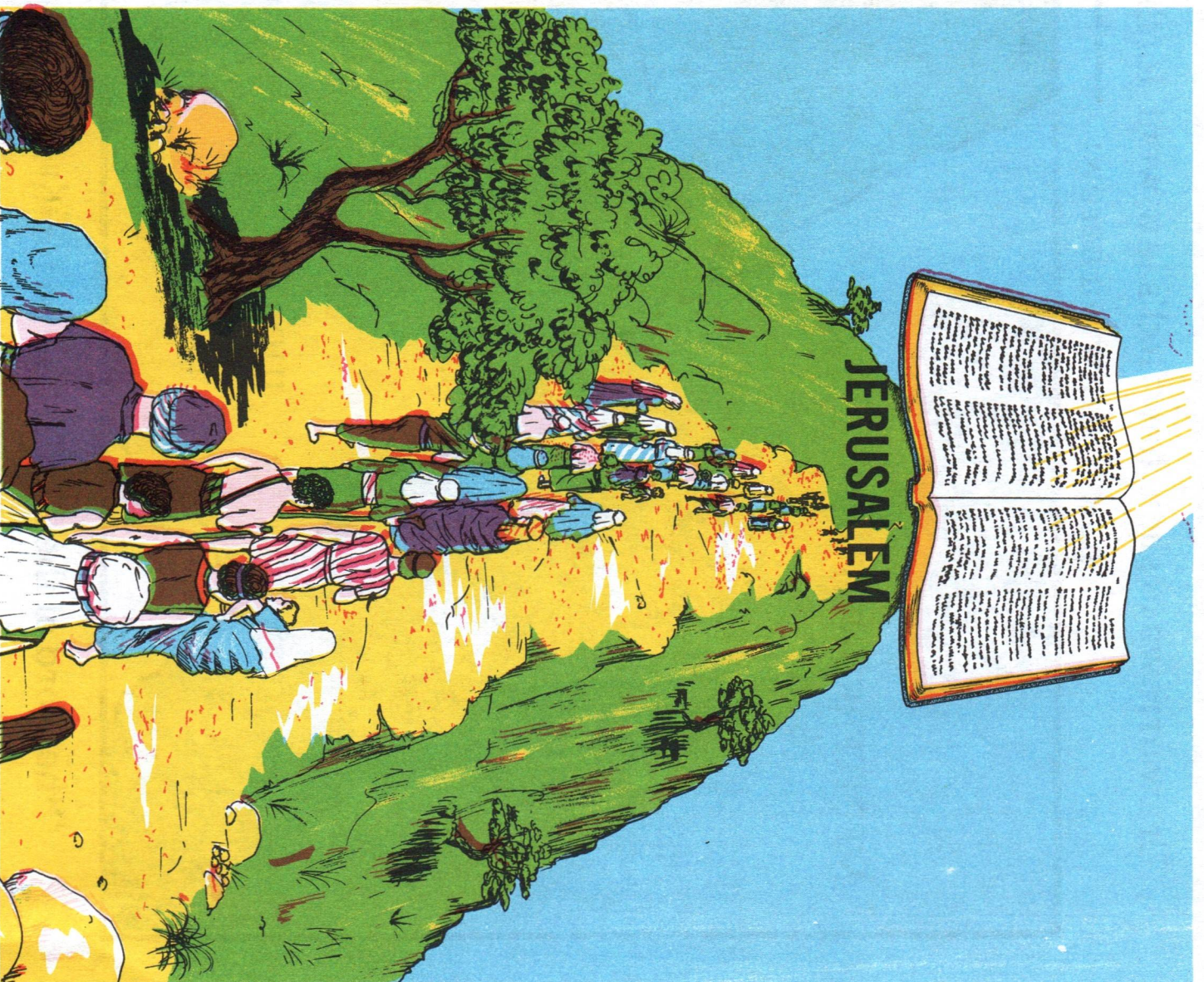
God's house is not a building built of bricks or stone. It is made up of people who obey His commandments. His house is the church which Jesus built. In the New Testament we can learn that God's house or His church did begin in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. Peter preached, the people received his sermon gladly, were baptized and God added them to the church. This is how the number of Christians increased as God's house grew.


The Bible tells us that all people are welcome to be members of God's house, the church. People need to obey just as they did in Jerusalem. God had plans for His church to be built in a certain way. This plan is in the Bible. Jesus is the head of the church. Those who obey Him make up the church.

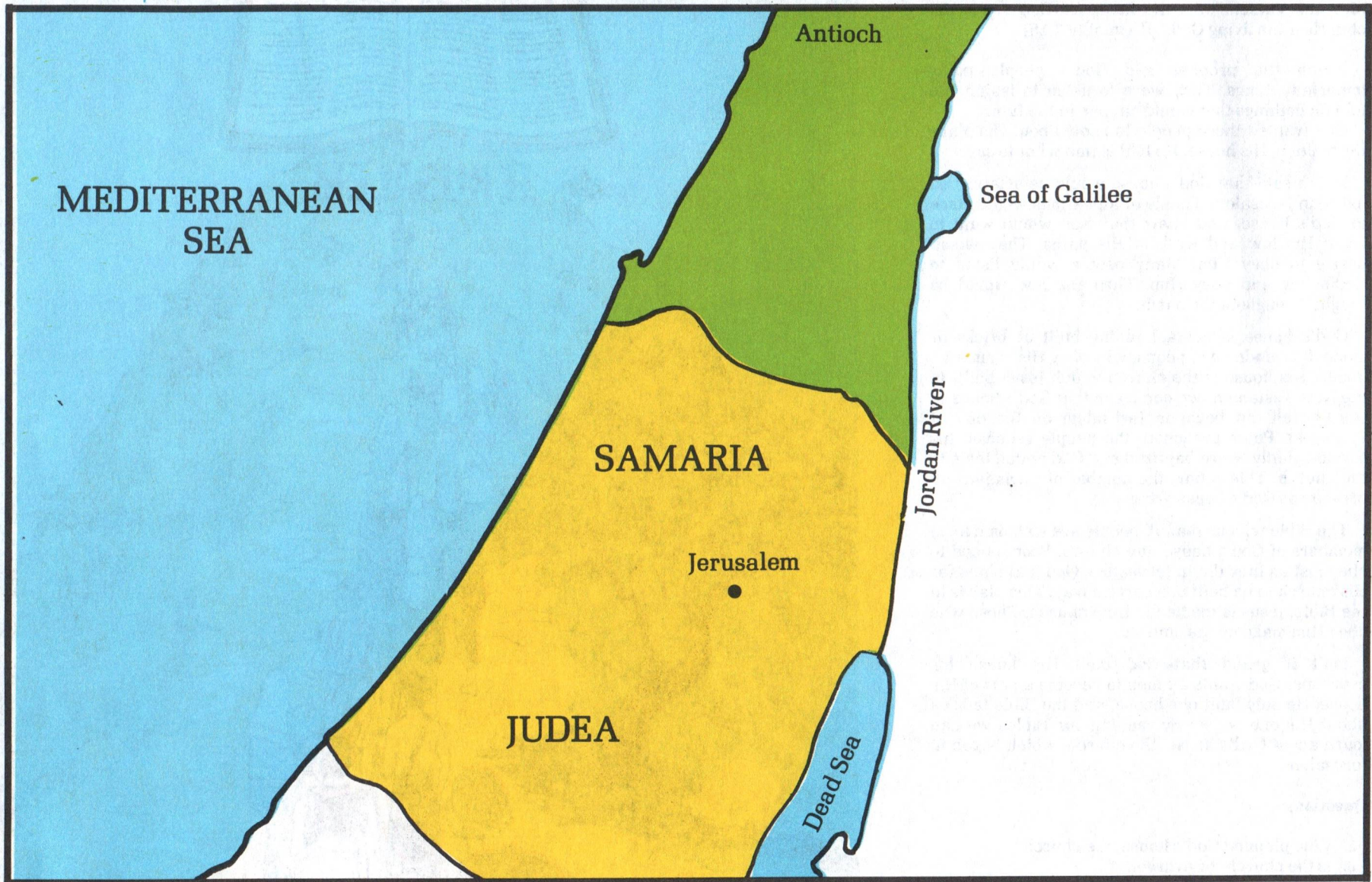
Isn't it grand that God built His house for everyone! God wants all men to become a part of His house. He only built one house, and the Bible tells us about His one house. By reading our Bibles we can learn about God's house, the church, which began in Jerusalem.

Questions:

1. Who planned God's house, the church?
2. Is the church for everyone?
3. Who is the head of the church?
4. Where do we learn about God's church?



Draw arrows to show how God's law went forth from Jerusalem. This is how to draw an arrow: 



“the word of the Lord (shall go forth) from Jerusalem . . .” Isa. 2:3