

ARC 231 OUTLINE

Early Christian & Byzantine

Objectives

- Recognize monuments & archetypes; know their dates and conditions under which they were built
- Explain the position of Jewish and Early Christian congregations during the ancient period
- Explain the main concepts behind belief and liturgies of Jewish and Early Christian congregations
- Interpret methods of construction in Early Christian and Byzantine architecture, especially in response to Roman traditions
- Recognize and describe artistic symbolism in Jewish, Early Christian and Byzantine architecture, especially in response to Roman traditions
- Distinguish between design developments in Christian church history before and after Constantine
- Understand the role of designers (of different specialties) within monumental projects
- Understand the role of primary patrons and the expression of their values in commissioning projects
- Interpret the liturgical demands of different faith traditions and the development of building types to serve them

Historical Context

1300 BCE	The Exodus from Egypt
970-931 BCE	King Solomon (Temple ca. 960; destroyed 586 [Nebuchadnezzar]; rebuilt 516)
200 BCE-100 CE	Hebrew Bible (Tanakh) canonized
66-70 CE	Jewish-Roman war; destruction of Second Temple
312	Battle of the Milvian Bridge
313	Edict of Milan
330	City of Byzantium inaugurated as Constantinople, the new capital of the Empire
391	Christianity named official religion of the Empire; cults outlawed
395	Empire splits into halves
402	Ravenna named western capital
410, 455	Rome sacked
527-65	Reign of Justinian (d. 565)
1054	Official split of Christian church into Western (Catholic) & eastern (Orthodox) halves

Jewish & Early Christian

Synagogue (Dura Europos): 244 CE
Catacombs of Priscilla (Rome): late 2nd c. through the 4th c.
Domus Ecclesiae (Dura Europos): house by ca. 233; conversion by 256 CE
"Old" St. Peter's Basilica (Rome): 318-22 (patron: Constantine)
Santa Costanza (Rome): ca. 350 (patron: Constantine)
Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Jerusalem): 335 (patron: Constantine & Helena)
Santa Sabina (Rome): 422
Sant'Apollinare in Classe (Ravenna): 532-49
Sant'Apollinare Nuovo (Ravenna): 490
Baptistry of the Orthodox (Ravenna): 458

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Terms

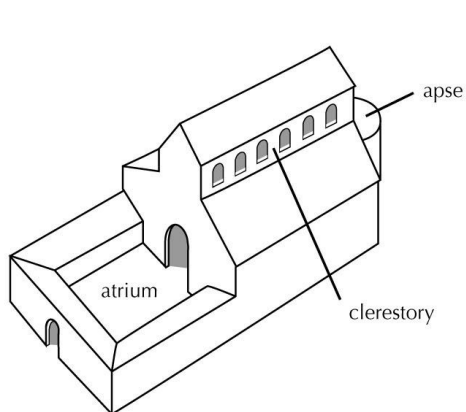
basilica (vs. cathedral)
catacombs
synagogue
Torah niche

Byzantine

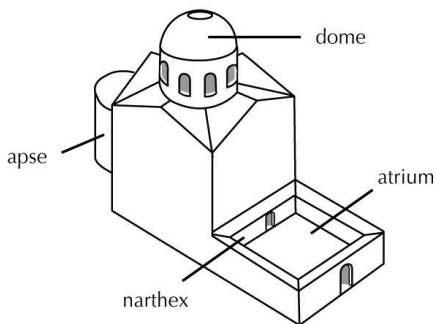
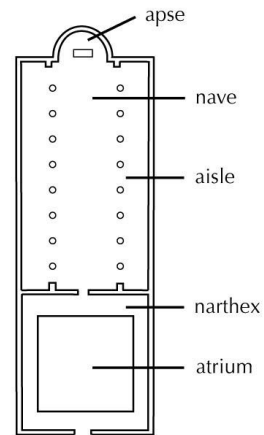
Mausoleum of Galla Placidia (Ravenna): 425 (patron: Galla Placidia)
SS. Sergius & Bacchus (Constantinople/Istanbul): 527-36 (patron: Justinian)
Hagia Sophia (Constantinople/Istanbul): 532-37
(patron: Justinian; architects: Anthemius of Tralles and Isidorus of Miletus)
San Vitale (Ravenna): 538 (patron: Justinian)

Terms

baptistery
basket capitals
lunette
pendentive
quadrant vault
Renaissance/renaissance



basilica-plan church



central-plan church

