“Just A Pinch”
The Book of Judges

Video overview on the book of Judges played here.
Deborah sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor."

Judges 4:6
Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.” “Certainly I will go with you,” said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.”

Judges 4:8-9
Then Deborah said to Barak, “Go! This is the day the Lord has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the Lord gone ahead of you?” So Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him.

 Judges 4:14
And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised, who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Hebrews 11:32-34
Mount Tabor, aka Mount Of Transfiguration
Leviticus 23

- Passover
- Unleavened
- First Fruits
- Pentecost
- Trumpets
- Atonement
- Tabernacles
Pentecost (Shavuot) – celebrates the late spring harvest—and the giving of the Torah (The Law Of Moses)
...but for Christians, Pentecost is the coming of the promised Holy Spirit.
They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.
Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.  

Acts 2:42-47
With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:33-35
Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen... But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him [Stephen] as he spoke.

Acts 6:8-10
So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law.”

Acts 6:12-13
While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.  

Acts 7:59-60
66 AD – 1st Jewish revolt begins at Caesarea Maritima
70 AD – Romans sack Jerusalem and destroy the temple.
72 AD – Last of the Jewish rebels defeated at Masada
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70 AD – The Apostle Paul had completed his missionary journeys, and thanks to pre-existing synagogues and an excellent network of Roman roads, many churches were planted in Asia Minor (Turkey) and Greece.
90 AD – The Apostle John writes Revelations. Addressed to seven churches in Asia Minor, it outlines the state of the 1st century church and looks to the future consummation of history.
100 AD – The Apostolic period has ended and the writings to be included in the New Testament were complete, but the evolving of the NT canon would continue for at least another century.
Also, Christianity had become a religion separate and distinct from Judaism, therefore Christians lost a unique dispensation given by Romans to the Jews… i.e., they [Jews] did not have to pay homage to or offer sacrifices for the Roman gods—including the emperor.
Just down the coast from Ephesus was the city of Priene.
Video on the archeology of Priene and the difficulties confronting Christians living in a Hellenistic city played here.
Steps leading into what is believed to be a house synagogue
In 203 AD, a persecution of Christians took place in Carthage. Two women were among those arrested; Perpetua, a young mother from a noble family, and Felicity, a slave.
Hilarianus the governor... said to me: 'Have pity on your father's grey head; have pity on your infant son. Offer the sacrifice for the welfare of the emperors.'
'I will not', I retorted.

'Are you a Christian?' said Hilarianus. And I said: 'Yes, I am.'
Hilarianus the governor... said to me: 'Have pity on your father's grey head; have pity on your infant son. Offer a pinch of incense for the welfare of the emperors.'
'I will not', I retorted. 'Are you a Christian?' said Hilarianus. And I said: 'Yes, I am.'
The arena where Perpetua, Felicity, et al, were martyred.