

Throughout this world the Jewish Diaspora — characterized by a deep spiritual hunger and served by an intricate web of highroads during the Roman Peace (*Pax Romana*) — established synagogues where the Scriptures were studied and the way was readied for the Kingdom of God. As Toynbee states: “*The Hellenic civilization served as an overture to Christianity.*”



**Warning Plaque at the Jerusalem Temple forbidding Gentiles to enter. 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD**



**Hebrew Oil Lamp**



**General Pompey established Herod as King of Israel**

#### (4) THE FULLNESS OF TIME

It happened “*in the fullness of time,*” when Pontius Pilate was governor, the Covenant made to Abraham came to fulfilment, that “*all families of the earth*” would be blessed “*in his seed.*” Thus, upon the whole Graeco-Roman world there suddenly burst out of Galilee the sound of a strong name, Joshua or Jesus, the Jewish rabbi from Nazareth.