

The second panel of the Beth Alpha mosaic is a zodiac like the one at Hammath Tiberias (see Slides 81-84). The 12 signs of the zodiac are named in Hebrew, while the four seasons occupy the four corners of a square panel that borders the circle of the zodiac. The four seasons are winged female figures in simple style whose names also appear in Hebrew. In the center of the zodiac, the sun god Helios drives his chariot, or *quadriga*, directly at the viewer. The crescent of the moon, stars and the faces of the horses all appear in the same simple style.