JUDAISM

Section 4
JUDAISM GENERAL INFORMATION

• Monotheistic
• Founder: Moses, although Jews trace their history back to Abraham.
• Holy Book: Torah
• Spiritual leader: God
• Location: Israel, Middle East (though practiced worldwide today)
MONOTHEISM
Abraham

Moses
TORAH
PROVIDING ORDER

• Ten Commandments
  • Set of laws/rules for Jews to follow
• Covenant with God
• One true God
  • One cannot worship anyone else but him
ABRAHAM & HIS SON ISAAC
GOD TESTS ABRAHAM
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.
BASIC BELIEFS

• Strong code of ethics/morals
• Rich/powerful should protect poor/weak
• All people are equal before God
• Jewish people saw their leaders as human, unlike other ancient societies
IT ALL BEGINS WITH ABRAHAM…

• Lived in Mesopotamia (2000 BCE)

• Herder of sheep/goats

• God appears to Abraham

• Move to Canaan (Israel), YOUR holy land

• Both enter a **covenant** (religious agreement/promise)
FAMINE IN CANAAN (ISRAEL)

- Famine in Canaan force Jewish migration to Egypt
- Enslaved in Egypt
RETURN TO EGYPT
ISRAELITES ENSLAVED BY THE EGYPTIANS
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...ALONG COMES MOSES

- Jews pray to God to save them from slavery (enemies)
- Moses strikes a second **covenant** with God.
  - God promises to protect Moses and the Jews
  - Moses is tasked to lead Jews back to Israel
  - Exodus from Egypt
MOSES LEADS THE JEWS BACK TO ISRAEL
PARTING OF THE RED SEA
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TESTING THE COVENANT

• Jews come to the Red Sea

• God parts the Red Sea, showing his might

• God gives Moses the Ten Commandments & The Torah at Mt. Sinai
I AM THE LORD THY GOD
THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME
THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE
THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN
REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY

HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER
THOU SHALT NOT KILL
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS
THOU SHALT NOT COVET
THE TORAH
BACK IN ISRAEL

• 1000 BCE - The Kingdom of Israel in Jerusalem is established
• Most famous ruler: King David & his son Solomon
  • David establishes strong central govt
• Following years of prosperity, Hebrews eventually overtaken by Greeks and Romans in 330 BCE
• Many scattered around the world
DAVID’S EMPIRE

Dominions and vassal states (under the kingdom’s economic control but not parts of the kingdom proper)

A. B. C. - Alternative locations of Tarsus, the northernmost point of the dominions according to the Bible

King David’s Empire

David’s kingdom (area under direct central administration)

Mediterranean Sea

Persian Gulf

Media

Ninaveh

Assyria

Mesopotamia

Persia

Chaldea

Babylon

Susa
ROMAN ARMIES DEFEAT THE JEWISH EMPIRE
Diaspora

- Scattering of people (Jews) across globe
“Diaspora” is a Greek word that means “scattered.” The Jewish Diaspora refers to the movement of Jews out of their traditional lands to locations throughout the world.
LASTING EFFECTS

• First monotheistic religion
• Influenced (spawned) Christianity & Islam
• Abraham, Moses, other prophets found in all 3 religions
JUDAISM TODAY

• World’s 12th largest religion
• 13+ million Jews in the world today
• The Holocaust in WWII is the best example of mistreatment and discrimination faced by Jewish people, however this mistreatment has been occurring for centuries
• Following the WWII the Allied Powers gave Israel back to the Jewish people, this has created conflict between the Palestinians however since they were already living there
• The Israel/Palestinian conflict has been an issue for over 60 years