



Judaism

The Basics I

Goals

- Judaism background: Story time...
- Roman Control
- Modern Judaism Splits
- Modern Jewish State
- The Messiah



Background

- 6 Million Followers

Religion or Ethnicity?

- Originated w/ Hebrew people
- All Hebrews referred to as Jews, unless they convert.



Background

- Not Missionary: Not actively seeking converts as w/ Christianity
- They are the “Chosen People” of God



God

- “Yaweh”
- Omniscient
- Omnipotent

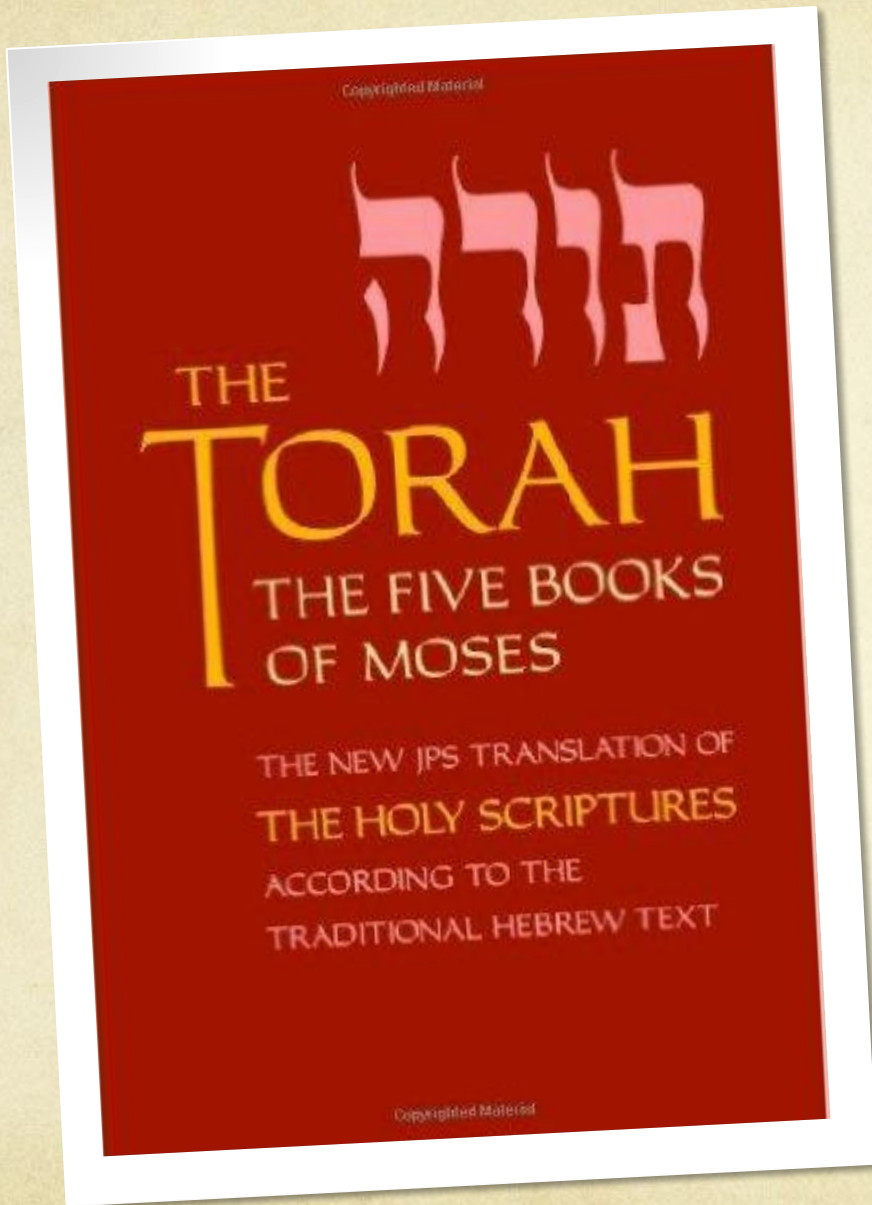




God

- Creator of universe
- Creator of law: Judge of Man.
- Personable God.





Torah (1450 BC)

- Old Testament – 1st 5 Books of Bible: Creation, History, Laws.
- One day, a Messiah will bring peace and unity to Earth.
- Jesus considered a sort of prophet in Judaism, not God.



Western Wall

- Temple of Solomon
- Holiest site in Judaism
- Constructed
1000-400BC
- Destroyed in 70AD by
Romans – Now just a
wall.





Western Wall

- Many believe the Dome of the Rock is where the temple stood.
 - Considered a great Muslim shrine.
 - Place where Muhammad received instructions from Allah





Western Wall

- Many believe the end of the current world will happen once the Jews regain control of the Temple of Solomon...problem?





Story Time...

- Adam & Eve
- Noah
- Abraham...drama.
- Moses





Adam & Eve

Original Sin (Before 4000 BC)

We know the basics, but what was the cost?

Cost:

- Eat animals and work the land in order to survive.
- Women painfully bear children
- Humans suffer physical pain and death during life.
- Christianity: This is the sin Jesus has come to atone for.



Noah & The Flood

2500 BC

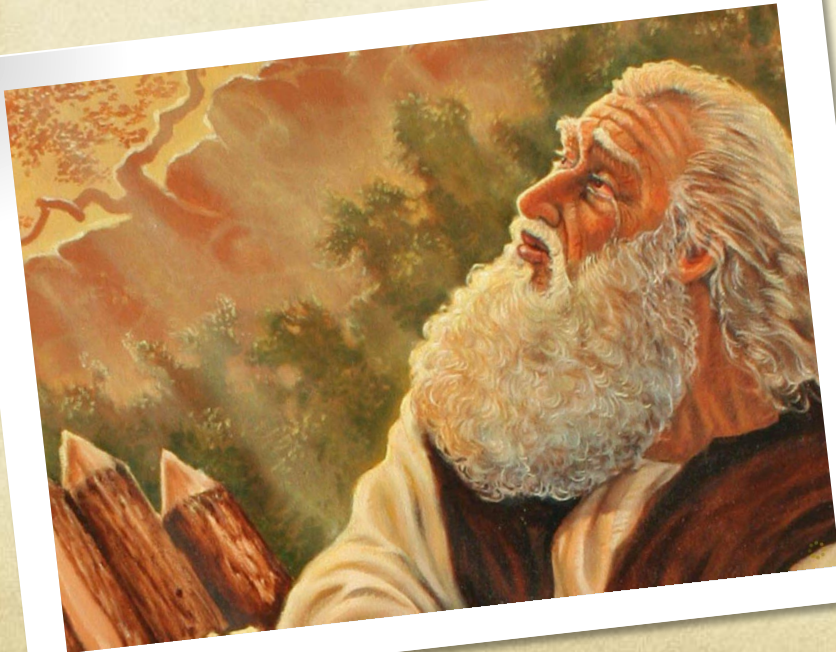
- Man has become wicked
- God wants to destroy Earth but saves a righteous man, his family and the animals of the Earth.
- Others believe Noah is crazy
- The Flood: Noah and his descendants repopulate the Earth.

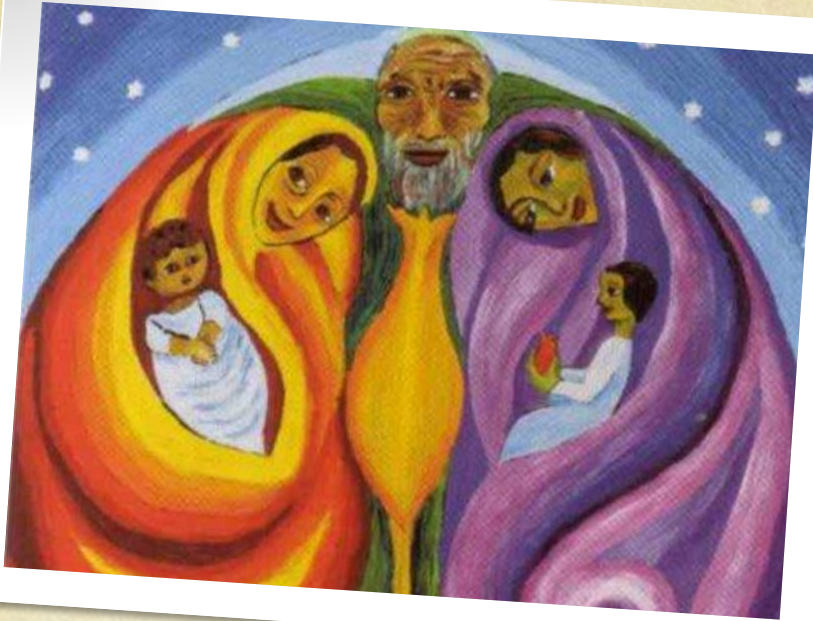




Abraham

- Founder of Judaism
- 2000 BC
- God's Covenant w/ Abraham: God promises many descendants and land to Abe in return for loyalty.





Abraham

1st Son: Ishmael

- Founder of a great people



2nd Son: Isaac

- Birth and Sacrifice of Isaac.
- Isaac's descendants are the "chosen people" of Israel.



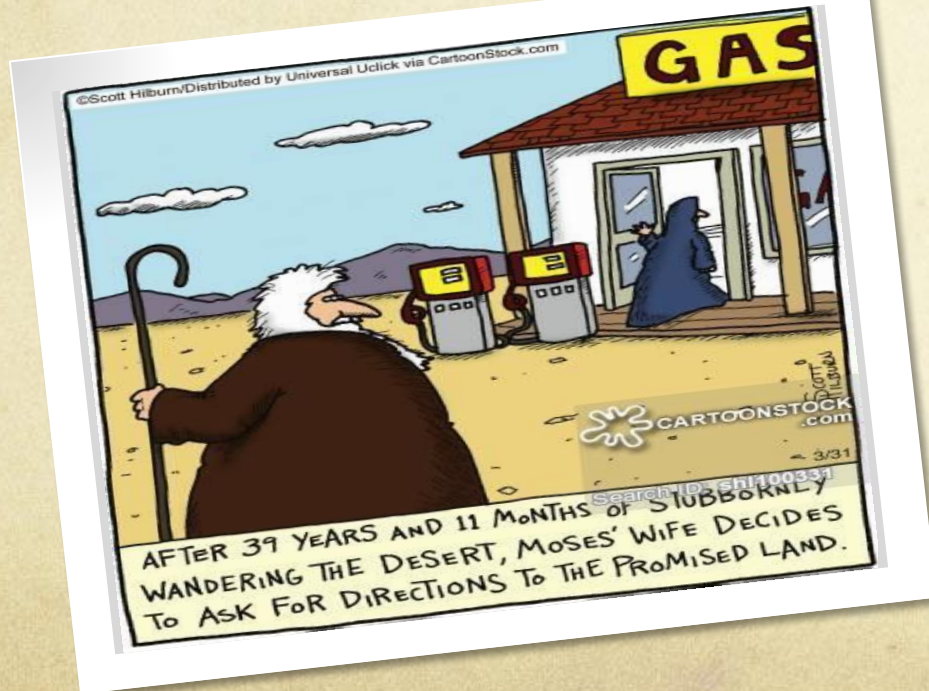
The Promised Land

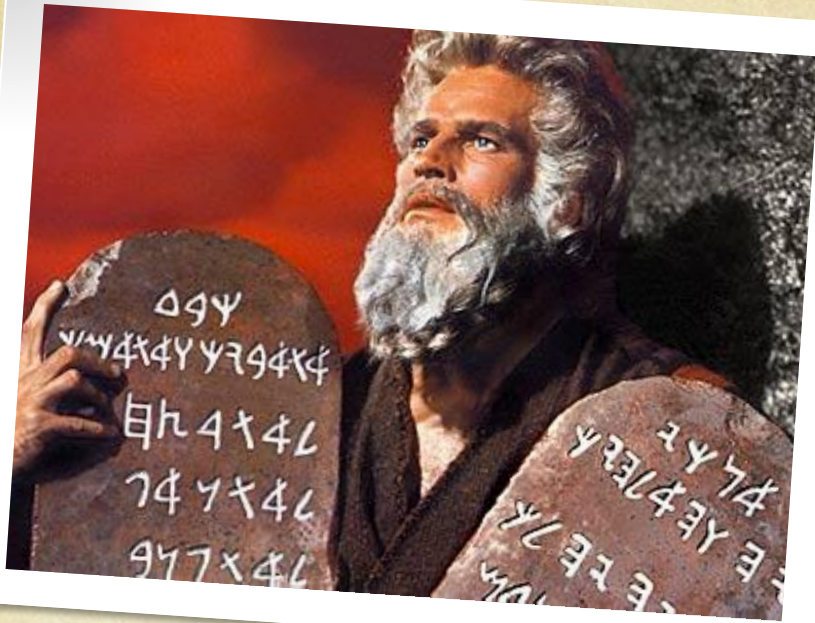
- Canaan
- Modern day Israel/Palestine
- Famine pushes Jews to Egypt



Moses & The Exodus

- 1500 BC
- Moses adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.
- Exodus (1450 BC)
 - “Let my people go”
 - 7 Plagues
- Return to Canaan





Moses & The Exodus

- Torah + Ten Commandments
 - Mount Sinai
 - 10 laws, 613 rules to live by.
- 200 years of battle w/ Philistines
 - David and Goliath





The Struggle

- History of struggle and freedom for next 1500 years.
- Major battle before Roman control: The Maccabee Rebellion.
 - Celebrated through Hanukah
 - Saving of monotheistic faith from Greek control



Roman Control (60 AD)



- Jesus' Time
- Romans crush any potential uprising.
- Destroy Temple of Solomon 70AD
- 132 AD, may believe Bar Kokhba is the Messiah and he leads a rebellion.



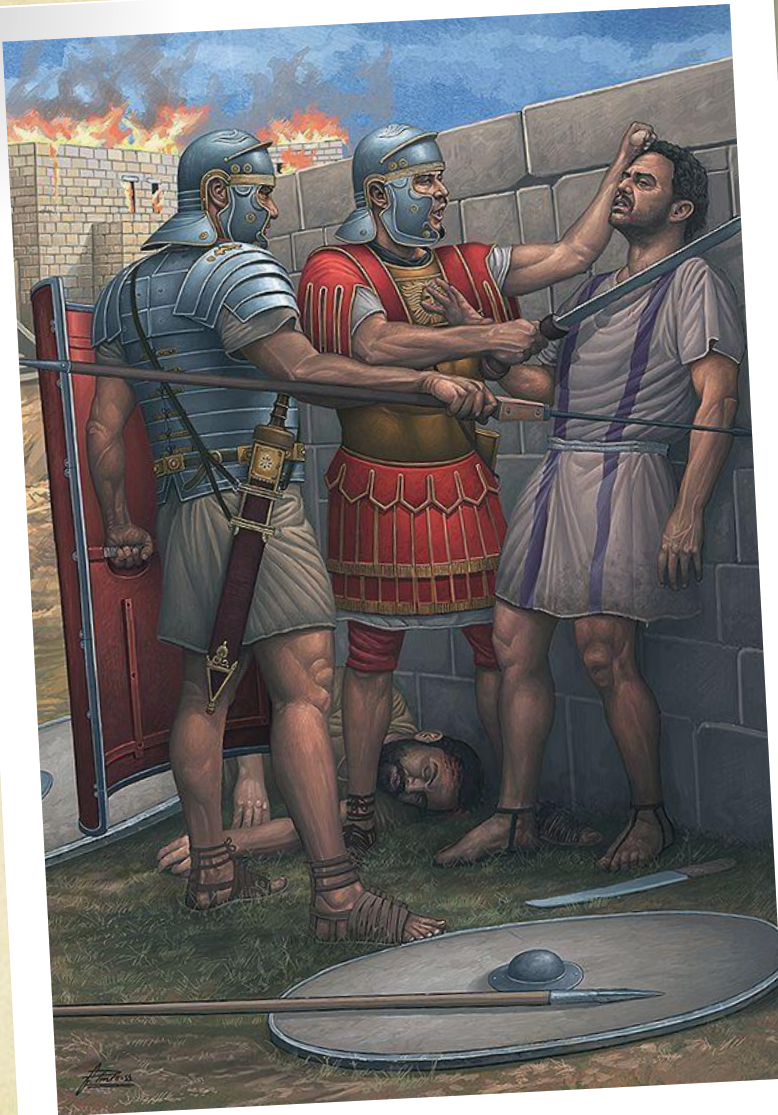
Roman Control (60 AD)

135 AD, rebellion is crushed:

- Mass executions
- All Jews expelled from the Promised Land.

Beginning of Jewish Diaspora:

- Dispersion of Jews through Europe and Mid-East.
- Jews become minorities wherever they live.





3 Strands of Judaism

1. Orthodox
2. Reform
3. Conservative





I. Orthodox

Traditional dress and lifestyle

Emphasis on Hebrew

Strict following of rules:

- Traditional separation of Men/Women
- Only Men Rabbis



REFORM JUDAISM

A Jewish Way of Life

2. Reform

- Secular dress and lifestyle
- Importance of social justice
- Male and Female Rabbis



Word cloud centered around "CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM". The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the central text. The words include: SYNAGOGUE, EQUALITY, HISTORICAL, REVELATION, ORDINATION, CRITICISM, ANTECEDENTS, MONOTHEISM, INTERMARRIAGE, FERRED, CONGREGANTS, PERCENT, INSTITUTION, IDENTITY, TEXTS, APPROACH, CONGREGATIONAL, ROSE, PLURALISM, DIVINE, RATIONALISM, MODERN, RELATIVISM, LAW, LIBERAL, LEFTWARD, DESCENT, RABBINICAL, ANACHRONISTIC, TRADITIONAL, PHILOSOPHIC, PROPHETS, SCHOOL, DEVELOPED, OBSERVANCE, CENTURY, INSPIRED, HOMOSEXUALITY, SCHISM, SECEDED, RABBI, CONGREGATION, NUMBER, VERBAL, WOMAN, REJECTION, RELIGIOUS, SEMINARY, EXCOMMUNICATED, CHILD, NORMATIVE.

3.

Conservative

- American movement
- Orthodox religious beliefs
- Secular lifestyle





Modern Jewish State

Like Muslims on grand scale,
Jews are persecuted
throughout Europe:

- 1917: Jews allowed to enter Palestine by UK.
- 1930s: Stalin kills 20 million Jews
- 1940s: Hitler kills 6 million





Modern Jewish State

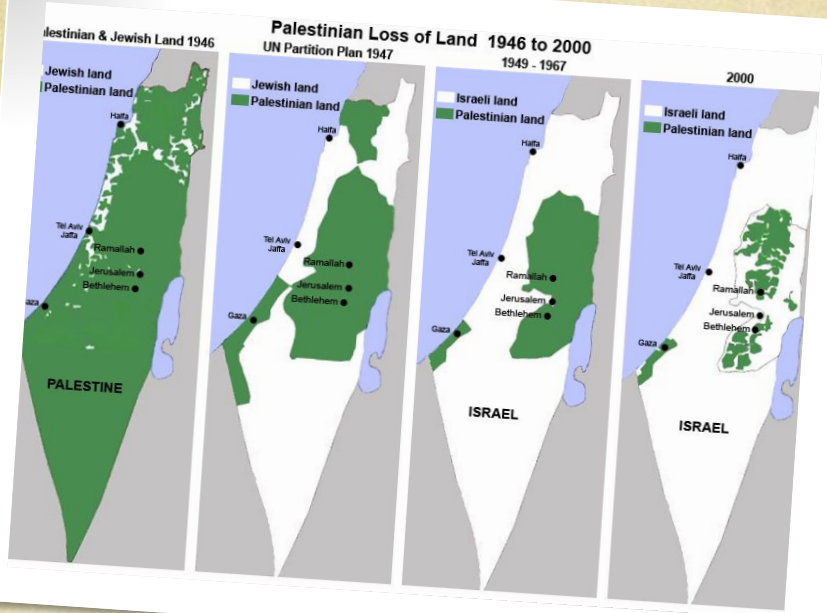
After WWII, U.N. suggests that Palestine split into two nations.

- Jews accept
- Palestinians reject

1948: Jews declare state of Israel

- Go to war with Arab nations.
- Funded by the West, Israel defeats Arab nations
- U.N. Officially recognizes Israel





Modern Jewish State

Many Palestinians pushed out of homeland.

- Over 1 million Palestinian refugees today.
- Unequal rights for non-jews
- The Border Wall
- Continued construction of Jewish settlements





The Messiah?

Israel and world will never be at peace until Messiah's return

Warrior-King:

- Descendant of King David
- Unite Jewish people in Israel
- Rebuild Temple of Solomon
- *Since Jesus promoted non-violence, he was not accepted as the Messiah by Jewish authorities.



Return?

(I) When Sabbath is observed properly:

- Sabbath: Friday sundown to Saturday sundown.
- Day of rest as God rested after creation
- No business, no exchange of money





Return?

(2) When a generation is totally innocent of guilty.

(3) When a generation loses all hope.





Recap

Basic Background

Story time....

Roman Control



Recap

Modern Judaism Splits

Modern Jewish State

The Messiah: Who?
When?

End of Judaism I