Religious Origins: Judaism

Origins
Abraham
- c. 1800 B.C.E.
- Ur in Babylon
- First Covenant (Genesis Chpt 12)
  - If Abraham left his life and followed God than God would make him a great nation
    - Bore Sons that were creators of church
      - Abraham -> Issac-> Jacob/Israel (Champion of God) -> 12 Tribes of Israel
        -> Moses

Moses
- Seen as father of religion
- Supposed to have released Hebrew people from Egyptian bondage
  - Second Covenant
    - Led people through desert to “Promised Land”
    - Collected 10 commandments on top of Mt. Sinai
      - Basis for Judaism Morality Set
  - Wandered in Desert for 40 years
    - Looking for Promised Land

Torah
- Revealed to Jewish people by God as part of second covenant
- Jewish Holy Book
  - Comprised of first 5 books of Bible
    - Dictated to Moses by God
    - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy
  - Basis for faith in Jewish Religion

The Israeli Nation
- Kingdom of great Kings
  - Saul, David, Solomon
- Solomon’s Temple
  - Built in Modern day Jerusalem
    - Contained the Ark of the Covenant
- 600 B.C.E.
  - Tribes scattered
  - Temple Destroyed
  - Babylonian Exile
- 164 B.C.E.
  - Jews Restored
    - Able to practice faith freely
  - Temple Restored

Roman Times
- Internal division allowed Romans to take over
  - c. 63 B.C.E.
- c. 1 C.E. – Traditionally seen as birth year of Jesus
- 70 C.E. – Revolt against Roman Rule
  - Second Solomon’s Temple torn down
- 132 C.E. – Revolt against Roman Rule
  - Hundreds of Thousands of Jews Killed
  - Religion Banned
    - Used Rabbais to continue
      - Teachers