

# Religious Origins: Judaism

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### Abraham

- c. 1800 B.C.E.
- Ur in Babylon
- First Covenant (Genesis Chpt 12)
  - o 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
  - o Second Covenant
  - o Led people through desert to "Promised Land"
  - o Collected 10 commandments on top of Mt. Sinai
    - Basis for Judaism Morality Set
- Wandered in Desert for 40 years
  - o Looking for Promised Land

### Torah

- Revealed to Jewish people by God as part of second covenant
- Jewish Holy Book
  - o 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
  - o Saul, David, Solomon
- Solomon's Temple
  - o Built in Modern day Jerusalem
    - Contained the Ark of the Covenant
- 600 B.C.E.
  - o Tribes scattered
  - o Temple Destroyed
  - o Babylonian Exile
- 164 B.C.E.
  - o Jews Restored
    - Able to practice faith freely
  - o Temple Restored

### Roman Times

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