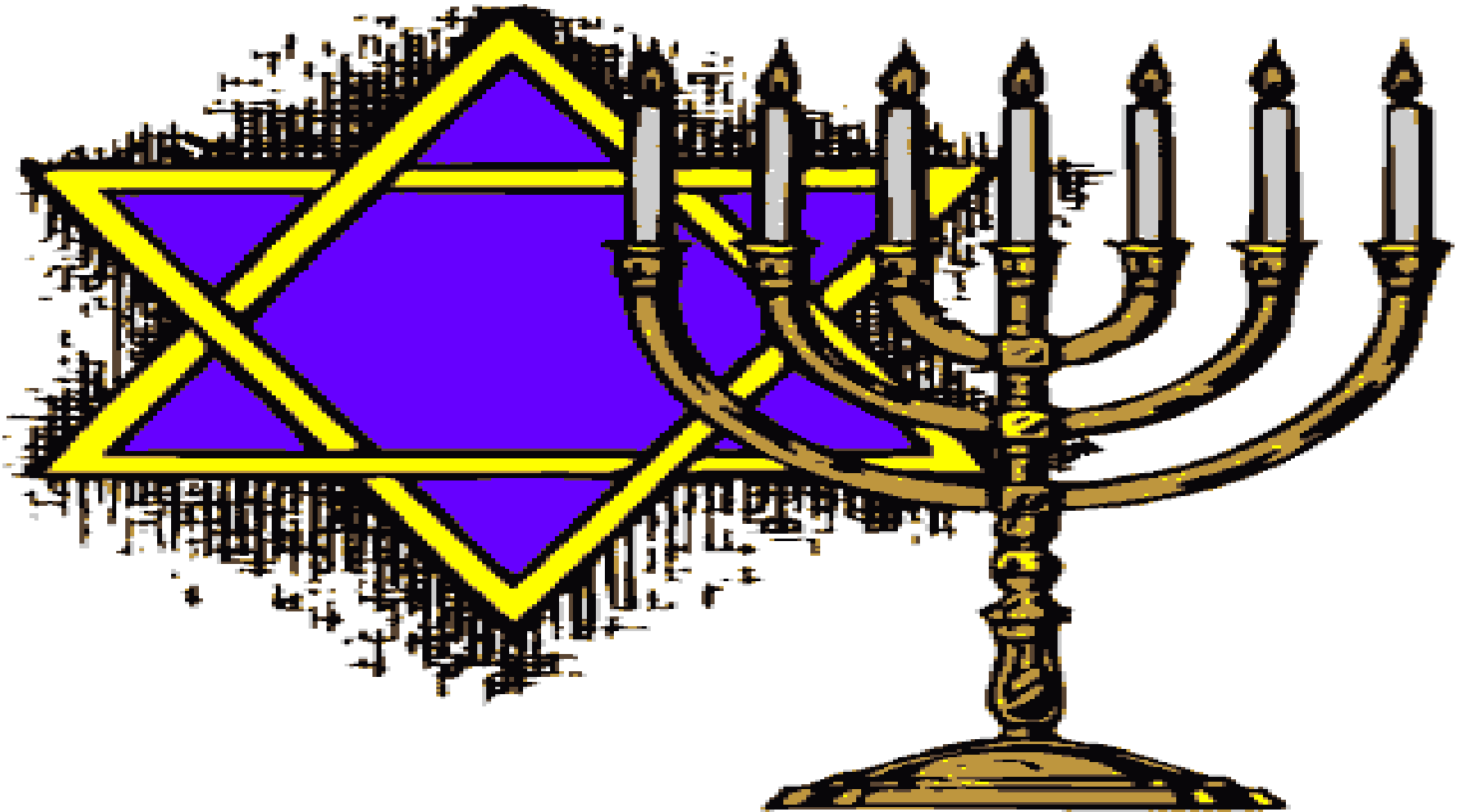


JUDAISM



-- MAP OF ISRAEL --



JUDAISM

Abraham (1743 BC)

□ **founded Judaism**

□ made “**covenant**” with **God**

➤ make Israel a great nation in exchange for remaining faithful

➤ viewed as “**Chosen People**”

□ **‘Patriarchs of Judaism’**

➤ Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Jacob’s 12 sons

JUDAISM

YAHWEH = GOD

CHARACTERISTICS OF YAHWEH

- is ONE, CREATOR, INCORPOREAL, OMNIPRESENT, OMNIPOTENT, OMNISCIENT, ETERNAL, JUST and MERCIFUL, PERFECT, FATHER and KING
- God is above nature
 - Polytheistic religions felt their gods represented nature
- Jews believe the only proof needed to prove God's existence is the **existence of universe**

JUDAISM

Yahweh focused on:

demanded “Ethical” behavior

- Righteous living
- Being dutiful
- improve the “here and now”

Torah

- contained Instructions for living a correct life
 - “hitting the mark”
 - Sin = “missing the mark”

JEWISH HISTORY

1600's BC drought/famine forced Jews to move to Egypt
❖ Egyptians made them slaves

1200's BC Yahweh called **MOSES** to free his people from Egypt

❑ **"Burning Bush"**

❑ symbolic of Jews being persecuted but never destroyed

❑ **10 Plagues** against Egypt

○ lasted about 10 months

○ each against a different Egyptian god proving God's power

JEWISH HISTORY

Tenth Plague

- “Killing of 1st born son”
- Lambs blood on door frame
- **Angel of Death** will “**Passover**”
- Pharaoh told Moses to take Jews and leave

”Exodus”

- estimated at 3 million Jews
- Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his chariots after them
- parting of Red Sea



○ **ARK OF THE COVENANT**

□ **40 years in desert**

○ **Moses died...Joshua** took Jews into the
“Promise Land”

Jewish History

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

- **879 BC - SAUL – 1ST King**
- **877 BC - DAVID – king**
 - killed Goliath
 - united 12 Tribes of Israel
 - made **Jerusalem** the capital
- **836 BC - SOLOMON – king (wisest man)**
 - height of Israel's power
 - high taxes / forced labor
 - **825 BC - built 1st TEMPLE**
 - **Yahweh** found in **Temple**
 - **sacrifice**

FALL OF ISRAEL

- ❑ After death of Solomon, Jews became less faithful to God
- ❑ God began to pull his “**favor**” to the Jews
- ❑ Israel weakened and then divided

North = Israel

South = Judah



The Divided Kingdom,
10th - 6th Century BCE

FALL OF ISRAEL

722 BC

- ❑ **Assyrians** destroyed Israel
- ❑ **“Diaspora”** – Jews fleeing to avoid persecution

586 BC

- ❑ **Chaldeans** destroy Judah // destroy Temple
- ❑ **NEBUCHADNEZZAR**
 - ❑ **“Babylonian Captivity”**
 - ❑ **Talmud** written to preserve correct teachings
 - ❑ fear of losing teachings of Judaism

FALL OF ISRAEL

DUE TO THE "DIASPORA":

1) Rabbis developed

“my master” (teacher)

2) Synagogues developed

“House of Prayer”

a) Torah

b) 10 adult males (Minyan)

FALL OF ISRAEL

331 BC – Alexander the Great

→ tolerated religions

→ spread “Hellenistic Culture”

63 BC – Rome conquered Israel

Judaism permitted: 1) Paid taxes to Rome 2) Caused no problems

70 AD Rome destroyed 2nd Temple

- response to Jewish revolts

JEWISH TEXTS

- **TANAKH** - Jewish Bible
- **TORAH** – “Written Law”
 - **613** commandments (**Mt. Sinai**)
 - “to hit the mark”
- **PENTATUCH** -- 1st 5 books
- **TALMUD** – “Oral Law”
 - written to preserve Judaism during attacks
 - Interpretation and explanation of written Torah
- **HALAKAH** – name for ALL Jewish law (Torah and Talmud)

JEWISH SECTS

PHARISEES

- Largest Jewish Sect
- **Opposed** Greek influence
- Accepted Torah and Prophets
- Strict interpretation of Torah

SADDUCEES

- Wealthy and powerful
- **Supported** Greek Influence
- accepted Torah, but NOT Prophets
- did not believe in Angels and Afterlife
- Enemies of Pharisees

ZEALOTS

- **“Jewish Terrorists”**
- Willing to fight against Roman control

Jewish Symbols

MENORAH



- Symbol of Israel
- Mission to be the “light unto the nations”

STAR OF DAVID



- David put symbol on soldiers shields
- Top points to God

MEZUZAH



- Put on side of door inscribed with or contains verses
- reminder of covenant with God and Symbol that your household follows Jewish rules

PRAYING CLOTHES

Yarmulke is worn on the head. Shows respect for God and acknowledgement of God above



Tallit is a tasselled shawl



Tzitzit refers to “fringes” at the corners of garments. Reminder of the 613 Jewish laws (like tying a string around your finger to remember something)



Tefillin are ribbons with small boxes attached. Generally worn near the head to show they are thinking about God

JEWISH HOLY DAYS

SHABBAT

- **only** observance included in the 10 Commandments
- Friday Sundown to Saturday Sundown

YOM KIPPUR

- Holiest day of year
- **“Day of atonement”**
- Ask forgiveness from God
- Only time High Priest could enter “Holy of Holies”

ROSH HASHANA

- Jewish New Year
- Reflect on the mistakes of the past year and make changes for the new year

PASSOVER

- Remembrance of God’s freeing the Jews from slavery in Egypt

JEWISH LIFE

KOSHER

no mixing of dairy and meat; no pork products; no shell fish

BAR / BAT MITZVAH (“son / daughter of the commandment”)

- boys = 13 //// girls = 12
- responsible for their own actions

OLAM HA - BA

“The World to Come”

Jews believe that there is a world to come in which the Messiah will reign, a world in which the Jewish temple will be rebuilt and the nation of Israel will be fully restored, instituting a world order of justice and compassion. A “**Messianic Age.**”

The wailing wall.



JUDAISM

Anti-Semitism

Adolf Hitler

- ❑ superiority of German Aryan race
- ❑ blamed Jews for Germany's loss in WWI
- ❑ "survival of strongest"
- ❑ eliminate origins of God and morality
- ❑ "**Final Solution**" = **HOLOCAUST**
 - ❑ 6,000,000

1948 creation of a new **Israel**

- ❑ **Zionism**

- ❑ **Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**