

## Byzantine Empire

### Judaism and Christianity Flipped Video Notes #1 Worksheet

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#### **Judaism:**

Judaism is the oldest religion in the Western World. It has influenced Christianity and Islam. The Hebrews were the ancestors of the Jewish people. The Hebrews were different than other people of the ancient times because they were monotheistic. They believed in only ONE God.

#### **The Hebrews:**

The Hebrews trace their ancestry to Abraham. They believed that they had a special relationship with their God and that they were God's chosen people. Hebrew tradition states, Abraham left his home in the Mesopotamian city of Ur around 2200 BC. Abraham's grandson, Jacob, established a nation called Israel on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea.

Around 1300 BC, many Hebrews moved to Egypt to escape a famine. At first the Hebrews were treated fairly by the Egyptians. However, as time went on the Hebrews were enslaved by the Egyptians. When the Egyptians would not release the Hebrew slaves, the Hebrew God sent ten deadly plagues to Egypt.

Finally, the Egyptians released the Hebrew people. When the Hebrews escaped Egypt they were led by a man named Moses. Hebrew tradition states that Moses parted the Red Sea for just enough time for the Hebrews to pass through. The Egyptian army following the Hebrews drowned.

Once the Hebrews reached the other side of the Red Sea the Hebrew God revealed *The Ten Commandments* to Moses. \_\_\_\_\_ were a list of laws that formed the basis of Mosaic Law and are the model for both Jewish and Christian moral thought. The Hebrews eventually returned to Israel but were conquered by \_\_\_\_\_ and forced into exile. Again after some time, the Hebrews were allowed to return to Israel. However, in 66 BC they were conquered by the Romans and forced again into exile. The Hebrews were forced to live as minorities in many different lands in a period known as the \_\_\_\_\_. The Diaspora ended with the creation of Israel in 1948.

#### **Quick Facts on Judaism:**

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The \_\_\_\_\_ is the most holy book of Judaism. The Torah is also hold to the Christian religion. Christians include the Torah as the old Testament of their Bible. The Talmud is another holy book of Judaism. It is a collection of laws and customs of Jewish people.

**Important Jewish Holidays include:**

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**Christianity:**

Christianity is based on the teachings of Jesus. Jesus lived about 2000 years ago on the Eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea in the Roman Province of Judea. Most Christians, followers of Christianity, believe Jesus to be both a man and the son of the God of the Jews. Jesus was a Jew but sometimes his teachings did not agree with Jewish tradition. Jesus called his followers to “ Do onto others as you would have them do onto you”. This is sometimes referred to as “ The Golden Rule”.

The followers of Jesus called him “\_\_\_\_\_”. Christ is a Greek word meaning, “Chosen One”. Jesus was killed because the religious leaders and the Roman governor at the time saw him as a threat to their power. Jesus was killed by a method known as crucifixion. Some years after Jesus’s death, a group of Christians combined the stories of the life of Jesus into four books known as the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Christianity Quick Facts:**

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