



RELIGIONS AND CULTS OF THE WORLD

WEEK 8 – JUDAISM

- There are _____ Jews in the United States but only _____ attend synagogue at least once a month.
- Worldwide there is an estimated _____ Jews.

HISTORY OF JUDAISM

- The History of Judaism is mainly a review of the Old Testament or _____ in Hebrew.
- _____ is recorded as the first Hebrew and father of the Jewish people.
- The Israelites received the _____, the first 5 books of the Bible, from Moses at Mount Sinai.
- For over 300 years, the dwelling place of God and the center of worship was the _____ located in Shiloh.
- Samuel appointed _____ the first king of the nation of Israel.
- Samuel anointed _____ king after Saul and his son _____ became the third king of Israel.
- Solomon built the first _____ in Jerusalem.
- After Solomon the nation split into two kingdoms, the kingdom of _____ in the north and the kingdom of _____ in the south.
- In _____, the conquest of the northern kingdom was completed by the Assyrians – 1 Kings 17:5-8
- In _____, the southern kingdom was conquered by the Babylonian army and the first Temple was destroyed – 1 Kings 25:9-12
- This period of captivity is known as the first Jewish _____.

- After returning from Babylonian captivity, a second _____ was constructed.
- In _____, Israel was conquered and occupied by the Romans.
- After multiple Jewish revolts starting in 66AD, the Romans destroyed most of Jerusalem including the second Temple in _____.
- After being expelled from Jerusalem, the Jews were again scattered and began forming sects around the teaching of various _____.
- Some of these first century sects included the _____, the Sadducees, the Essenes and the Zealots.
- The result of these different Rabbinic groups was the formation of differing _____ and traditions.
- From Haman to Hitler, over the centuries, _____ of the Jews has been a part of the Jewish experience.
- Since the middle-ages, there has been rising _____ by many who view Jews as an inferior race.
- The most severe example of this was the _____ throughout World War II during which 6 million Jews were slaughtered.
- Over the last few centuries, three main _____ of Judaism emerged in the Western world: Orthodox Judaism, Conservative Judaism and Reform Judaism.
- Following the holocaust, the nation of Israel was established in _____.

BRANCHES OF JUDAISM

- **Orthodox Judaism:** strictly follow written and oral traditions and observe commandments concerning lifestyle, holidays and diet. Their focus is the _____.
- **Conservative Judaism:** follow the law and traditions but allow for societal changes to influence the interpretation of the law. Their focus is _____.
- **Reform Judaism:** also called liberal or progressive Judaism, rejects most of the laws and rituals in favor of moral law and the preservation of their heritage. Their focus is _____.

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

DOCTRINE	JUDAISM	EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY
GOD/SUPREME BEING	God as revealed in the Old Testament, no Trinity. God is both loving and the judge of all the earth.	God as revealed in both testaments, existing as a Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is both loving and the judge of all the earth.
THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST	Some see Him as a rabbi who was misunderstood, others as a false prophet, but none as the Messiah that Scripture foretold.	God the Son who became a man who was the promised Messiah, sent to reveal God and save the world – Isaiah 53:5-6
CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION	Jesus' death was not unique. Many Jews were crucified by the Romans and he did not rise from the dead.	Jesus' death was unique as sacrifice that brought forgiveness. He defeated death by rising on the third day John 20:26-28
SACRED TEXT	The Tanakh, the same books we know as the Old Testament, especially the first five books called the Torah. Also, the writings of the rabbis, especially the Talmud, are considered inspired to a lesser extent than the Bible.	Bible alone, all 66 books of the Old and New Testaments.
ORIGIN OF AUTHORITY	The Bible and oral law, such as the writing of Rabbis.	God alone as given through the revelation of His Word the Bible
THE AFTERLIFE	Varying beliefs in heaven and hell and eternal destiny. Most do believe that Jews will live on earth in resurrected bodies	Two eternal fates: those who accept Christ go to heaven, those who reject Him go to hell Mark 9:43-44
SALVATION	A combination of repentance and turning from sin and some add keeping of the law.	Salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Ephesians 2:8-9

SALVATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- The clear teaching of scripture is that the _____ does not and cannot save – Galatians 3:11, Habakkuk 2:4
- The purpose of the law was to make us conscious of _____ and lead us to Christ – Galatians 3:24, Romans 3:20
- The Old Testament way of salvation was the _____ as the New Testament way as exemplified by Abraham – Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3
- Salvation in scripture has always been the same – by _____ in God who would send a Savior (OT) and has sent a Savior NT – Romans 4:6-8, 23-24, Psalm 32:1-2
- Old Testament saints were aware of a coming _____ and were saved by faith in that Savior – Genesis 3:15, 12:3, Galatians 3:8-9, Acts 4:11-12, Psalm 188:22
- Unfortunately, most Jews are in _____ – Psalm 78:21-22

JEWISH TRADITIONS

- **Circumcision:** performed on the _____ day after birth.
- **Bar Mitzvah:** celebration for boys and sometimes girls when they turn _____.
- **Jewish Wedding:** performed under a canopy called a _____.
- **Sabbath:** begins at sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday.
- **Kosher laws:** involves not eating certain foods such as _____ meats.
- **Hanukkah:** celebration of God's deliverance lasting _____ days.
- **Rosh Hashanah:** celebration of the Jewish _____.
- **Yom Kippur:** remembrance of the most holy day, the day of _____.
- **Passover:** remembrance of the passing over of the angel of death and the Israelite release from slavery in _____.
- **Sukkot:** the festival of _____ which is in remembrance of God's provision in the wilderness.

HOW CAN WE WITNESS TO JEWS?

- Judaism celebrates God's protection and providence in the Old Testament while ignoring the _____ message.

- Many Jews have given up waiting on the _____ altogether.
 - Jews need salvation through _____, just like the rest of us do – John 14:6
1. Remind them that Yeshua – Jesus, was a Jew as well as all the early _____ and almost all the authors of the New Testament – Romans 1:16
 2. Explain to them how the prophecies of the _____ or Old Testament came true in the person of Jesus Christ (see chart below).
 3. Ask them if they have a _____ with God like their Jewish forefathers did and explain how you have that relationship through Jesus Christ.

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES FULFILLED BY CHRIST

TOPIC	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
MESSIAH TO BE THE SEED OF THE WOMAN	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
MESSIAH TO BE THE SEED OF ABRAHAM	Genesis 12:3, 18:18	Luke 3:23,34 Matthew 1:1-2 Acts 3:25 Galatians 3:16
MESSIAH TO BE OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33 Matthew 1:1-2
MESSIAH TO BE OF THE SEED OF JACOB	Numbers 24:17, 19	Matthew 1:1-2 Luke 3:34
MESSIAH TO BE OF THE SEED OF DAVID	Psalm 132:11 Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15 Isaiah 11:10	Matthew 1:6 Luke 1:32-33 Acts 2:29-30 Romans 1:3
MESSIAH TO BE A PROPHET LIKE MOSES	Deuteronomy 18:15-19	Matthew 21:11 John 1:45, 6:14 Acts 3:22-23
MESSIAH TO BE THE SON OF GOD	Psalm 2:7 Proverbs 30:4	Luke 1:32 Matthew 3:17
MESSIAH TO BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD	Psalm 16:10	Acts 13:35-37
MESSIAH TO EXPERIENCE CRUCIFIXION	Psalm 22 Psalm 69:21	Matthew 27:34-50 John 19:28-30
MESSIAH TO BE BETRAYED BY A FRIEND	Psalm 41:9	John 13:18, 21
MESSIAH TO ASCEND TO HEAVEN	Psalm 68:18	Luke 24:51 Acts 1:9
HOMAGE PAID TO MESSIAH BY GREAT KINGS	Psalm 72:10-11	Matthew 2:1-11
MESSIAH TO BE A PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-6
MESSIAH TO BE AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD	Psalm 110:1	Matthew 26:64 Hebrews 1:3
MESSIAH, THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, TO BECOME THE HEAD CORNERSTONE	Psalm 118:22-23 Isaiah 8:14-15 Isaiah 28:16	Matthew 21:42-43 Acts 4:11 Romans 9:32-33 Ephesians 2:20 1 Peter 2:6-8

MESSIAH TO BE BORN OF A VIRGIN	<u>Isaiah 7:14</u>	<u>Matthew 1:18-25</u> <u>Luke 1:26-35</u>
GALILEE TO BE THE FIRST AREA OF MESSIAH'S MINISTRY	<u>Isaiah 9:1-8</u>	<u>Matthew 4:12-16</u>
MESSIAH WILL BE MEEK AND MILD	<u>Isaiah 42:2-3</u> <u>Isaiah 53:7</u>	<u>Matthew 12:18-20</u> <u>Matthew 26:62-63</u>
MESSIAH WILL MINISTER TO THE GENTILES	<u>Isaiah 42:1, 49:1-8</u>	<u>Matthew 12:21</u>
MESSIAH WILL BE SMITTEN	<u>Isaiah 50:6</u>	<u>Matthew 26:67</u> <u>Matthew 27:26, 30</u>
MESSIAH TO SUFFER, DIE AND RISE AGAIN	<u>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</u>	<u>The four gospels</u>
THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT	<u>Isaiah 55:3-4</u> <u>Jeremiah 31:31-33</u>	<u>Matthew 26:28</u> <u>Mark 14:24</u> <u>Luke 22:20</u> <u>Hebrews 8:6-13</u>
MESSIAH AS THE RIGHT ARM OF GOD	<u>Isaiah 53:1, 59:16</u>	<u>John 12:38</u>
MESSIAH AS INTERCESSOR	<u>Isaiah 59:16</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:15</u>
TWOFOLD MISSION OF THE MESSIAH	<u>Isaiah 61:1-11</u>	<u>Luke 4:16-21</u>
MESSIAH WILL PERFORM MIRACLES	<u>Isaiah 35:5-6</u>	<u>John 11:47</u> <u>Matthew 11:3-6</u>
MESSIAH IS CALLED "THE LORD"	<u>Jeremiah 23:5-6</u>	<u>Acts 2:36</u>
THE TIME OF MESSIAH'S COMING PROPHESED	<u>Daniel 9:24-26</u>	<u>Galatians 4:4</u> <u>Ephesians 1:10</u>
BETHLEHEM TO BE THE PLACE OF MESSIAH'S BIRTH	<u>Micah 5:2</u>	<u>Matthew 2:1</u> <u>Luke 2:4-6</u>
MESSIAH WILL ENTER THE TEMPLE WITH AUTHORITY	<u>Malachi 3:1</u>	<u>Matthew 21:12</u>
MESSIAH WILL ENTER JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY	<u>Zechariah 9:9</u>	<u>Matthew 21:1-10</u>
MESSIAH WILL BE PIERCED	<u>Zechariah 12:10</u> <u>Psalms 22:16</u>	<u>John 19:34, 37</u>
MESSIAH TO BE FORSAKEN BY HIS DISCIPLES	<u>Zechariah 13:7</u>	<u>Matthew 26:31, 56</u>
THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE DAYS OF THE MESSIAH	<u>Joel 2:28-29</u>	<u>Acts 2:16-18</u>
OPPOSITION OF THE NATIONS; MESSIAH'S FINAL VICTORY OVER DEATH	<u>Psalms 2:2</u> <u>Isaiah 25:8</u>	<u>Revelation 19:19</u> <u>1 Corinthians 15:54</u> <u>Revelation 7:17, 21:4</u>
THE GLORIOUS MESSIAH WILL BE KING	<u>Isaiah 63:1</u> <u>Psalms 2:6-9</u>	<u>Revelation 19:11-16</u>
SUBMISSION OF ALL NATIONS TO MESSIAH'S RULE	<u>Isaiah 2:4</u> <u>Micah 4:1-4</u>	<u>Revelation 12:5</u>
THE GENTILES SHALL SEEK THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL	<u>Isaiah 11:10</u>	<u>Romans 11:25</u>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Hope for Israel Ministries: www.hope4israel.org
- Shalom in Messiah Ministries: www.shalominmessiah.com
- Chosen People Ministries: www.chosenpeople.com
- Jews for Jesus: www.jewsforjesus.org