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The Hebrews & the Origins of Judaism



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Understand what made the ancient Israelites' belief system unique from others at the time.
- Outline the main events in the early history of the Israelites.
- Analyze the central moral and ethical ideas of Judaism.

Ancient Israelites

Monotheistic- Belief in only 1 god,
The Hebrews believed in this

The Torah- Sacred text of the
Israelites that they follow

Abraham- Believed to be the father of
the Israelites, settled the region
based on the word of God

Covenant- Promise & Agreement

1. God chose the Hebrews as his people.
2. That Canaan would become the
promised land

Hebrew Faith

Believed that Moses saved the Hebrew slaves in Egypt & lead the people to the Holy Land

King David, establishes Jerusalem as the national capital & created Israel

King Solomon turns Jerusalem into a massive capital.

Israel collapses and the Kingdom of Judah remain, become The Jews

Judaism's Legacy

Patriarchal- Men hold the greatest legal & moral authority

Follow the 10 Commandments as central to the faith

Sabbath- Holy day for rest & worship

Spiritual leaders in history, known as **prophets, would remind Jewish people of their duties**

Ethics- Moral standards of behavior

Spread of Religion

**Main belief was the rich and powerful
were supposed to protect the weak &
all people equal in eyes of God**

Diaspora- The spreading out of the Jewish
People

**Eventually Jewish customs would
form the foundation for the
Christian religion**