

## Judaism

### Terminology

- A **HEBREW** is any member of a group of ancient people who traced their lineage from Abraham through Isaac and Jacob
- “Hebrews”, “Israelites”, and “Jews” are used interchangeably to describe the descendants of **JACOB**
- ***Jewishness*** - a person’s identity- his heritage as a physical descendant of Jacob—genetic!
- ***Judaism*** relates to a person's practice---It is the spiritual aspect of the Jewish civilization

### The 3 Patriarchs of Judaism

- Abraham--the father of the Jews, honored by Jews, Muslims, and Christians alike.
- Isaac--passed on to his descendant’s the traits of restraint, modesty and introspection
- Jacob--God changed Jacob’s name from Jacob the deceiver to Israel, which means wrestles with God

### Worship in Judaism

- no longer organized around the Temple—now in Synagogues
- prayer took the place of sacrifice,

### Sources of Authority in Judaism

- Tanakh—The Hebrew Bible. The same content of the Old Testament but different order
- Mishna--The record of oral law that was passed down from generation to generation
- Gemara—Interpret and expand on the Mishna
- Talmud—The Mishna, Gemara and Rabbinical commentaries together

### Branches of Judaism

- **Orthodox**-adhere to traditional Jewish laws and customs
  - 6-8% of Jews in the U.S ,The ONLY Jewish group before 1800 AD
  - Believe in absolute authority of the Torah and fully submit to Jewish law
  - Believe in the coming Messiah, who will rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and establish Israel as a full nation.
  - believe in afterlife and the resurrection of the dead.
- **Reform** –started as a hope to integrate Jewish religious practices with the modern German society.
  - 33% of U.S. Jews-majority in US , Began in Germany in 1800’s AD
  - The Torah is not the word of God but contains the words of God.
  - bound only by the ethics of the Law, not by the ritual commands of the Torah.
  - dietary and Sabbath restrictions are optional
  - Reject the coming of the Messiah and the rebuilding of the temple.

- **Conservative**--a movement to “conserve” Judaism in the US
- 15% of U.S. Jews, started in the mid-1800’s
- Embraced westernized aspects like modern dress and education
- the Torah was divinely inspired by God but has a human element
- Jewish laws, beliefs, and texts must be modified to suit the times
- Went back to Hebrew in the liturgy
- Observed dietary laws, Sabbath and Torah rituals—but with flexibility
- Admitted women as rabbis in the 1980’s

#### Traditional Orthodox views of the soul and the afterlife

- Neshamah (the soul)- the neshamah is forever
- Gan Eden (“Garden of Eden”)- a spiritual realm where good souls go and wait for heaven on earth.
- Olam Ha-ba (“World to Come”)-- This ultimate state -It’s actually this present world that has been purified

#### Hell (Gehinnon)

- The average person descends to a place of punishment and/or purification
- The time in Gehinnom does not exceed 12 months, and then they ascend to Olam Ha-Ba.
  - Only the utterly wicked stay for the entire 12 months
  - Sources differ on what happens at the end of those 12 months:
    1. the wicked soul is utterly destroyed and ceases to exist
    2. the soul continues to exist in a state of conscious remorse.

#### **The Gospel Roadmap---using the Hebrew Bible**

##### **Context-God is Holy**

Psalm 99:9 <sup>9</sup> Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy.

##### **Context—Man is sinful**

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.

##### **Context—the penalty for sin**

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Psalm 145:20 The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.

##### **Will good works save us?**

Isaiah 64:6a But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;

##### **So if we can’t save ourselves—we need someone to do it for us, we need a redeemer**

Isaiah 47:4 As for our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel.

##### **How are we redeemed?**

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded<sup>[a]</sup> **for** our transgressions He was <sup>[b]</sup>bruised **for** our iniquities; The chastisement **for** our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes<sup>[c]</sup> we are healed.

Messiah to be the seed of the Woman	<a href="#">Genesis 3:15</a>	<a href="#">Galatians 4:4</a>
Messiah to be the seed of Abraham	Genesis 12:3; 18:18	Luke 3:23,34 <a href="#">Matthew 1:1-2</a> <a href="#">Acts 3:25</a> <a href="#">Galatians 3:16</a>
Messiah to be of the tribe of Judah Messiah to be of the seed of Jacob	<a href="#">Genesis 49:10</a> Numbers 24:17, 19	<a href="#">Luke 3:33</a> <a href="#">Matthew 1:1-2</a> <a href="#">Luke 3:34</a>
Messiah to be of the seed of David	<a href="#">Psalm 132:11</a> Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15 <a href="#">Isaiah 11:10</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 1:6</a> <a href="#">Luke 1:32-33</a> <a href="#">Acts 2:29-30</a> <a href="#">Romans 1:3</a>
Messiah to be a prophet like Moses	Deut. 18:15, 19	<a href="#">Matthew 21:11</a> <a href="#">John 6:14</a> <a href="#">John 1:45</a> <a href="#">Acts 3:22-23</a>
Messiah to be the Son of God	<a href="#">Psalm 2:7</a> <a href="#">Proverbs 30:4</a>	<a href="#">Luke 1:32</a> <a href="#">Matthew 3:17</a>
Messiah to be raised from the dead	<a href="#">Psalm 16:10</a>	<a href="#">Acts 13:35-37</a>
Messiah to experience crucifixion	Psalm 22 <a href="#">Psalm 69:21</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 27:34-50</a> <a href="#">John 19:28-30</a>
Messiah to be betrayed by a friend	<a href="#">Psalm 41:9</a>	John 13:18, 21
Messiah to ascend to heaven	<a href="#">Psalm 68:18</a>	<a href="#">Luke 24:51</a> <a href="#">Acts 1:9</a>
Homage and tribute paid to Messiah by great kings	<a href="#">Psalm 72:10-11</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 2:1-11</a>
Messiah to be a priest like Melchizedek	<a href="#">Psalm 110:4</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 5:5-6</a>
Messiah to be at the right hand of God	<a href="#">Psalm 110:1</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 26:64</a> <a href="#">Hebrews 1:3</a>
Messiah, the stone which the builders rejected, to become the head cornerstone	<a href="#">Psalm 118:22-23</a> <a href="#">Isaiah 8:14-15</a> <a href="#">Isaiah 28:16</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 21:42-43</a> <a href="#">Acts 4:11</a> <a href="#">Romans 9:32-33</a> <a href="#">Ephesians 2:20</a> <a href="#">1 Peter 2:6-8</a>
Messiah to be born of a virgin Isaiah	7:14	<a href="#">Matthew 1:18-25</a> <a href="#">Luke 1:26-35</a>
Galilee to be the first area of Messiah's ministry	<a href="#">Isaiah 9:1-8</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 4:12-16</a>
Messiah will be meek and mild	<a href="#">Isaiah 42:2-3</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 12:18-20</a>

	<a href="#">Isaiah 53:7</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 26:62-63</a>
Messiah will minister to the Gentiles	<a href="#">Isaiah 42:1</a> <a href="#">Isaiah 49:1-8</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 12:21</a>
Messiah will be smitten	<a href="#">Isaiah 50:6</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 26:67</a> Matthew 27:26, 30
Messiah to suffer, die and rise again	<a href="#">Isaiah 52:13-53:12</a>	The four gospels
The new and everlasting Covenant	<a href="#">Isaiah 55:3-4</a> <a href="#">Jeremiah 31:31-33</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 26:28</a> <a href="#">Mark 14:24</a> <a href="#">Luke 22:20</a> <a href="#">Hebrews 8:6-13</a>
Messiah as the right arm of God	<a href="#">Isaiah 59:16</a> <a href="#">Isaiah 53:1</a>	<a href="#">John 12:38</a>
Messiah as intercessor	<a href="#">Isaiah 59:16</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 9:15</a>
Twofold mission of the Messiah	<a href="#">Isaiah 61:1-11</a>	<a href="#">Luke 4:16-21</a>
Messiah will perform miracles	<a href="#">Isaiah 35:5-6</a>	<a href="#">John 11:47</a> <a href="#">Matthew 11:3-6</a>
Messiah is called "The Lord"	<a href="#">Jeremiah 23:5-6</a>	<a href="#">Acts 2:36</a>
The time of Messiah's coming prophesied	<a href="#">Daniel 9:24-26</a>	<a href="#">Galatians 4:4</a> <a href="#">Ephesians 1:10</a>
Bethlehem to be the place of Messiah's birth	<a href="#">Micah 5:2</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 2:1</a>  <a href="#">Luke 2:4-6</a>
Messiah will enter the Temple with authority	<a href="#">Malachi 3:1</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 21:12</a>
Messiah will enter Jerusalem on a donkey	<a href="#">Zechariah 9:9</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 21:1-10</a>
Messiah will be pierced	<a href="#">Zechariah 12:10</a> <a href="#">Psalm 22:16</a>	John 19:34, 37
Messiah to be forsaken by his disciples	<a href="#">Zechariah 13:7</a>	Matthew 26:31, 56
The coming of the Holy Spirit in the days of the Messiah	<a href="#">Joel 2:28-29</a>	<a href="#">Acts 2:16-18</a>
Opposition of the nations; Messiah's final victory over death	<a href="#">Psalm 2:2</a>	<a href="#">Revelation 19:19</a>  Revelation 7:17; 21:4
The glorious Messiah; Messiah as King	<a href="#">Isaiah 63:1</a> <a href="#">Psalm 2:6-9</a>	<a href="#">Revelation 19:11-16</a> <a href="#">Revelation 19:15-16</a>
Submission of all nations to Messiah's rule	<a href="#">Isaiah 2:4</a> <a href="#">Micah 4:1-4</a>	<a href="#">Revelation 12:5</a>
The Gentiles shall seek the Messiah of Israel	<a href="#">Isaiah 11:10</a>	<a href="#">Romans 11:25</a>