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The Ancient Hebrews & Judaism Study Guide

Part I. Vocabulary

**Hebrews-**

**Judaism-**

**Torah-**

**Clan-**

**Monotheism-**

**Covenant-**

**Prophet-**

**Exodus-**

**Diaspora-**

**Rabbi-**

**Talmud-**

**Hanukkah-**

**Gentile-**

**Synagogue-**

1. During what years did Hebrew civilization thrive?
2. What are the descendants of Hebrews known as today?
3. Describe Abraham’s movement from Ur to Canaan. Include when he did it, how he did it, who was with him, and why he moved.
4. According to Jewish belief, what was God promising by changing Abram’s name to Abraham?
5. Describe the story behind Abraham’s “almost sacrifice” of his son Isaac.
6. What was the Exodus? Include what the word means, who led it, why it came about, and how it was done.)
7. What are the 10 Commandments? Who received them? Where?
8. Why did David fight Goliath? What was one result of Goliath’s defeat?
9. What two kingdoms did David unify?
10. What was the Ark of the Covenant?
11. What was Solomon’s greatest accomplishment?
12. How did Solomon get the temple in Jerusalem built? Why did this anger some people?
13. Describe how the kingdom of Israel broke apart.

Ch 12, “The Struggle to Preserve Judaism” Questions

1. Who conquered the kingdom of Israel in 722 BCE?
2. In 597 BCE, who invaded the kingdom of Judah?
3. Describe the Babylonian captivity of Jerusalem.
4. What does the word “diaspora” mean?
5. Why might there have been a “struggle to preserve Judaism” after the Jews were forced to settle in other lands?
6. Complete the table below. In the first column, write the four main beliefs of Judaism. In the second column, write the fact about each.

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| Main Belief | Fact about Belief |
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1. How did Hebrews get the name “Jews”?
2. Who released the Jews from captivity in 539 BCE?
3. How do Jews today commemorate their victory against the Greeks in 164 BCE?
4. When did the Romans conquer the independent kingdom of Judah?
5. Why is the Western Wall considered sacred today?
6. Who was Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai?
7. How was Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai able to meet with Vespasian?
8. What is a synagogue?
9. What happened in 1948?

***Jews & Palestinians:* Two Claims to Palestine**

1. What were the original Palestinians called?
2. What group did Palestinians begin to mix with in the 7th century AD (CE)? What religion did most of them become?
3. About what percentage (%) of Palestine’s population did Jews make up in 1914?
4. What was the Sykes-Picot Agreement?
5. What are *kibbutzim*?
6. Why did the British government plan to *partition* Palestine?
7. What governing body did the British hand Palestine over to in 1947? Why do you think they did so?
8. In 1947, how did the United Nations decide to divide (partition) Palestine?
9. After independence was announced for Israel in 1948, what five Arab nations invaded Israel?
10. The part of Palestine designated for the Palestinians by the U.N. was taken over by Israel by the end of 1948. What two areas did many Palestinians escape to after this?