

# The Israelites

## Lesson 1: Beginnings

1.The belief in one all-powerful, just, and personal God is called polytheism.

1. ☐ **A.TRUE**  
☐ **B.FALSE**

2.According to Jewish belief, from which of the following people did all Israelites descend?

1. ☐ **A.Jacob**  
☐ **B.Moses**  
☐ **C.Abraham**  
☐ **D.the Pharaoh**

3.Moses led the Israelites on their Exodus out of \_\_\_\_\_.

1. ☐ **A.Canaan**  
☐ **B.Egypt**  
☐ **C.Lebanon**  
☐ **D.Jordan**

4.Loyalty to God is the central idea of the Ten Commandments.

1. ☐ **A.TRUE**  
☐ **B.FALSE**

5.The \_\_\_\_\_ helped shape the moral principles of many nations.

1. ☐ **A.Ark of the Covenant**  
☐ **B.Exodus**  
☐ **C.Talmud**  
☐ **D.Ten Commandments**

6.Who led the Israelites after the death of Moses?

1. ☐ **A.Deborah**  
☐ **B.Joshua**  
☐ **C.Barak**  
☐ **D.Isaac**

7.The Phoenicians were skilled sailors who lived along the Mediterranean Sea in Canaan.

1. ☐ **A.TRUE**  
☐ **B.FALSE**

8.The Philistines developed an alphabet that became the basis of our written communication today.

1. ☐ **A.TRUE**  
☐ **B.FALSE**

9.Joshua helped the Israelites reclaim Canaan with a victory at \_\_\_\_\_.

1. ☐ **A.Carthage**  
☐ **B.Mount Sinai**  
☐ **C.the Red Sea**  
☐ **D.Jericho**

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**10.**After gaining control of Canaan, how did most Israelites earn a living?

- 1. ☐ **A.**sailing and trading
  - ☐ **B.**serving in the army
  - ☐ **C.**farming and herding animals
  - ☐ **D.**building mud-brick or stone houses
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## Lesson 2: The Israelite Kingdom

**1.**By 1100 B.C., many Israelites called for a king to unite them against the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. ☐ **A.**Phoenicians
- ☐ **B.**Philistines
- ☐ **C.**Egyptians
- ☐ **D.**Assyrians

**2.**Who became the first king of the Israelites?

- 1. ☐ **A.**Samuel
- ☐ **B.**Saul
- ☐ **C.**David
- ☐ **D.**Solomon

**3.**David established a capital city of Israel at Jerusalem.

- 1. ☐ **A.**TRUE
- ☐ **B.**FALSE

**4.**Which of the following did David accomplish as an Israelite king?

- 1. ☐ **A.**composed wise sayings known as proverbs
- ☐ **B.**constructed many cities
- ☐ **C.**built the first temple in the capital city
- ☐ **D.**led the Israelites during a time of prosperity

**5.**King Solomon is honored as the greatest king of the Israelites.

- 1. ☐ **A.**TRUE
- ☐ **B.**FALSE

**6.**After the death of Solomon, the ten northern tribes founded a new kingdom called \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. ☐ **A.**Judah
- ☐ **B.**Samaria
- ☐ **C.**Israel
- ☐ **D.**Babylon

**7.**The two Israelite kingdoms were larger and stronger than their neighboring empires.

- 1. ☐ **A.**TRUE
- ☐ **B.**FALSE

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8. Which group captured major cities in the kingdom of Israel?

- 1. ☐ A. Assyrians
- ☐ B. Samaritans
- ☐ C. Chaldeans
- ☐ D. Judeans

9. Under King Nebuchadnezzar, the Chaldeans captured Jerusalem and made major changes.

- 1. ☐ A. TRUE
- ☐ B. FALSE

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ offered hope to the people of Judah sent to live in Babylon.

- 1. ☐ A. kings of Judah
  - ☐ B. Chaldeans
  - ☐ C. Samaritans
  - ☐ D. prophets
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## Lesson 3: The Development of Judaism

1. During a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, people are forced to live far away from their homeland.

- 1. ☐ A. tradition
- ☐ B. exile
- ☐ C. empire
- ☐ D. worship

2. While living in Babylon, Jews began the practice of meeting in synagogues.

- 1. ☐ A. TRUE
- ☐ B. FALSE

3. The conquest by which group allowed Jews to return to Judah?

- 1. ☐ A. Chaldeans
- ☐ B. Babylonians
- ☐ C. Israelites
- ☐ D. Persians

4. \_\_\_\_\_ were religious scholars who had a deep understanding of the Jewish faith.

- 1. ☐ A. scribes
- ☐ B. scrolls
- ☐ C. Zealots
- ☐ D. parchments

5. The book of Isaiah in the Hebrew Bible presents the Israelite view of human beginnings.

- 1. ☐ A. TRUE
- ☐ B. FALSE

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6. Which book of the Hebrew Bible explains the belief that evil would eventually be replaced by good?

- 1. ☐ A. Genesis
- ☐ B. Isaiah
- ☐ C. Daniel
- ☐ D. Exodus

7. The laws of the Torah shaped family life for the ancient Israelites.

- 1. ☐ A. TRUE
- ☐ B. FALSE

8. According to Jewish dietary law, which of the following foods is considered unclean?

- 1. ☐ A. beef
- ☐ B. pork
- ☐ C. lamb
- ☐ D. chicken

9. Food that is prepared according to Jewish dietary laws is called *kosher*.

- 1. ☐ A. TRUE
- ☐ B. FALSE

10. Which of the following was forbidden by Jewish dietary law?

- 1. ☐ A. eating lamb
  - ☐ B. eating dairy products
  - ☐ C. eating any meat
  - ☐ D. eating shellfish
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## Lesson 4: The Jews in the Mediterranean World

1. Who defeated the Persians and brought Greek rule to Judah?

- 1. ☐ A. Antiochus
- ☐ B. Herod
- ☐ C. Simon bar Kochba
- ☐ D. Alexander the Great

2. Under Greek rule, few Jews migrated into other parts of the Greek empire.

- 1. ☐ A. TRUE
- ☐ B. FALSE

3. The Diaspora was a Greek version of the Hebrew Bible that helped spread Jewish ideas.

- 1. ☐ A. TRUE
- ☐ B. FALSE

4. The Seleucids required the Jews to do which of the following?

- 1. ☐ A. worship Greek gods and goddesses
- ☐ B. leave Judah to live in exile
- ☐ C. divide Judah into three separate kingdoms
- ☐ D. serve in Seleucid armies

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**5.**The annual festival of Hanukkah celebrates the Maccabees driving the Seleucids out of Judah.

1. ☐ **A.TRUE**  
☐ **B.FALSE**

**6.**The Pharisees urged the Jews to respond to Roman rule by \_\_\_\_\_.

1. ☐ **A.cooperating with the Romans**  
☐ **B.fighting against the Roman**  
☐ **C.practicing the Torah's teachings with greater devotion**  
☐ **D.breaking away from the temple in Jerusalem**

**7.**Which group was made up of wealthy noble families and included many priests and scribes in the Temple?

1. ☐ **A.Pharisees**  
☐ **B.Sadducees**  
☐ **C.Essenes**  
☐ **D.Zealots**

**8.**The Dead Sea Scrolls might have been written by the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. ☐ **A.Pharisees**  
☐ **B.Sadducees**  
☐ **C.Essenes**  
☐ **D.Zealots**

**9.**The Zealots were ultimately successful in retaking Jerusalem from the Romans.

1. ☐ **A.TRUE**  
☐ **B.FALSE**

**10.**Yohanan ben Zaccai founded a school that helped preserve the Judaic spirit after the loss of Jerusalem.

1. ☐ **A.TRUE**  
☐ **B.FALSE**
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