Judaism

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Introduction

• Religion
• Peoplehood
Jewish History - 1

- c. 1900 B.C.E – Patriarchal period
- c. 1280 – Exodus from Egypt
- c. 1250 – 1200 Conquest of Canaan under Joshua
- c. 1000 – 961 King David
- 587 – Destruction of 1st Temple; Exile
Cyrus Cylinder
Jewish History - 2

- 515 B.C.E – 70 C.E.
- Lack of autonomy
- 164 – 67 B.C.E – Maccabees
- Late 2\textsuperscript{nd} Temple
  - Sectarianism
  - Afterlife
Jewish History - 3

• 70 C.E. – 600 C.E. - Est. of Rabbinic Judaism
  – Mishnah
  – Talmud
Talmud
Jewish History - 4

• Medieval
  – Under Islam
  – Under Christianity
Tanakh – Spain

Haggadah – Germany/Italy
Jewish History - 5

• Modernity
  – Emancipation
  – Enlightenment
  – Denominations
    • Reform
    • Conservative
    • Orthodox
Practice - 1

• Overview
• Like other religions
• *Mitzvot* - commandments
Practice - 2

- Deed over Creed
- Ethical
- Ceremonial
Practice - 3

• Calendar
• Shabbat
• Holidays
  – Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur
  – Pesach, Shavuot, Sukkot
• Other Holidays
  – Hanukkah
  – Purim
Belief

• Kushner’s Rule
• Essence
  – Talmud: trust in God
  – Maimonides 13 Principles (12th century)
  – Joseph Albo (15th century)
  – Abrabanel (15th century)
Belief – Maimonides 13 Principles

1. Belief in the existence of God;
2. Belief in God's unity;
3. Belief that God is incorporeal;
4. Belief that God is eternal;
5. Belief that God alone is to be worshiped;
6. Belief in prophecy;
7. Belief that Moses is the greatest of the prophets;
Belief – Maimonides 13 Principles

8. Belief that the Torah is divine;
9. Belief that the Torah is unchanging;
10. Belief that God knows the thoughts and deeds of men;
11. Belief that God rewards the righteous and punishes the wicked;
12. Belief in the coming of the Messiah;
13. Belief in the resurrection of the dead.
Belief – R. Joseph Albo, 15th c.

- Belief in God
- Belief that the Torah is divine
- Belief in reward and punishment
Belief - 2

• Constant Ideas
  – Incompatibility with other religions
  – Peoplehood
  – Torah
Belief - 3

• Revelation
• Miracles
• Afterlife
• Response to evil
Bibliography & Further Reading

• General
  – Encyclopedia Judaica

• Theology

• History