

Judaism

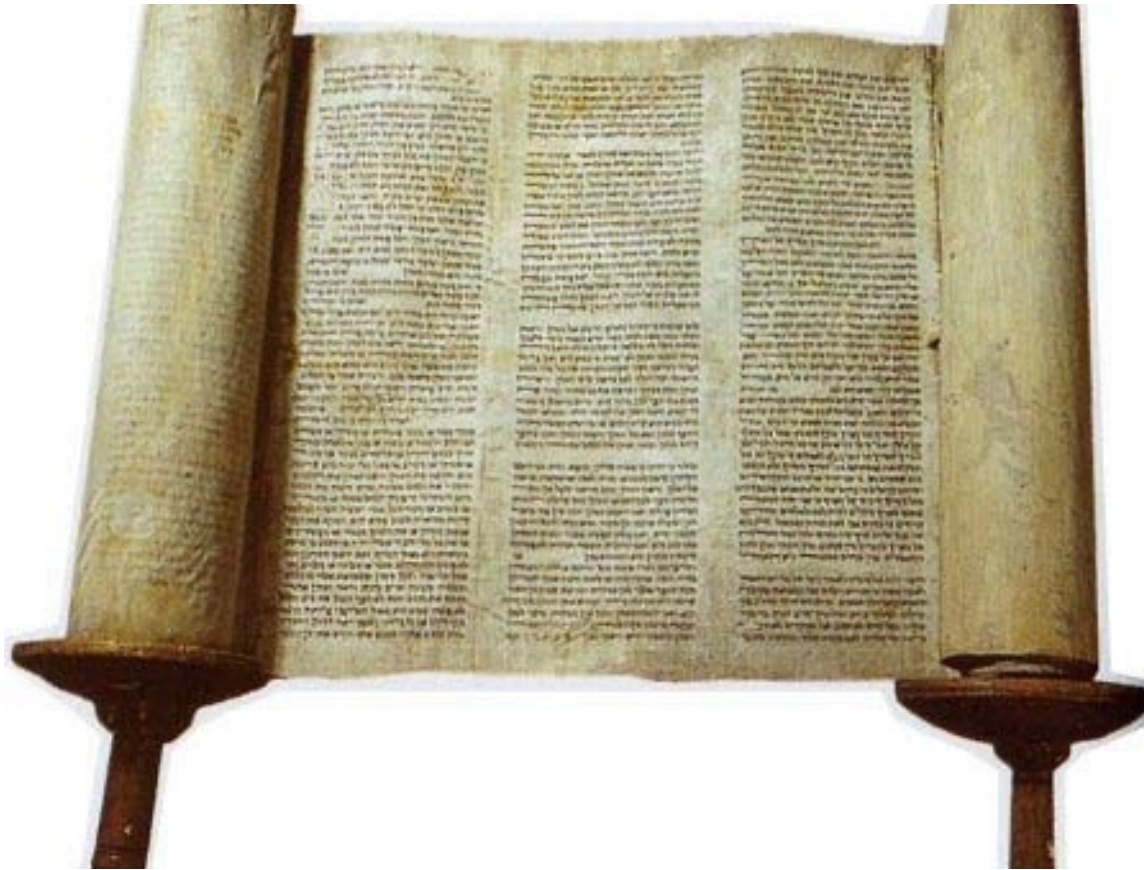
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Introduction

- 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



Torah Scroll



Cyrus Cylinder

Jewish History - 2

- 515 B.C.E – 70 C.E.
- Lack of autonomy
- 164 – 67 B.C.E – Maccabees
- Late 2nd Temple
 - Sectarianism
 - Afterlife

Jewish History - 3

- 70 C.E. – 600 C.E. - Est. of Rabbinic Judaism
 - Mishnah
 - Talmud

Jewish History - 4

- Medieval
 - Under Islam
 - Under Christianity

Tanakh – Spain



X. Former Sassoon Collection, MS 368, southern France (7), 1366-82, fol. 70r (photograph with permission of R. David Sassoon, Jerusalem)

Haggadah – Germany/Italy



Fig. 20. Babban Gensel, Schocken Haggadah, Lombardy, end of 14th century. Jerusalem, Schocken Library, MS 24085, fol. 23r.

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

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