

World Religions in Greater Indianapolis Teaching Module

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Humanities Discipline: World History

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World Religion: Judaism

Teaching Module Title: The Origins of Judaism and the Jewish People, Part 1

***Teaching Module Goals:

1. Introduce students to the basic religious scriptures and Jewish origins
2. Examine the cultural and political environment as Judaism formed
3. Familiarize students with the concepts of Covenant, Law, and Prophets

***Assigned Readings and/or Websites:

Bowker, *World Religions*, "Judaism" chapter

Duiker and Spielvogel, *The Essential World History Volume I: To 1800*, Chapter 1

Readings on Covenants with Abraham and Moses: Genesis 12-17; Exodus 19-24

Readings from Isaiah Chapters 56-58 – God's call to virtue, and God's promise through the Prophets extended to all who act in faith

Readings from Exodus 20-24 – God's Law given to the Jewish people

***Study Questions and/or Discussions Prompts for Students:

1. Who were the Patriarchs? Give a one-sentence explanation of what each did.
2. What are the three major components of the Hebrew Bible, and what languages is it written in? What language family is this a part of?
3. What is the Torah?
4. What is a mark of being Jewish for males? Explain the origin and practice of this tradition.
5. How was God's Law given to the Jewish people? Cite Biblical sources.

*****Written Assignments and/or other Assessment Instruments:**

Come to class with typed response to these questions. We will discuss the answers together in preparation for a quiz, which will be given during the following class.