



Judaism (Part 1)
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Introduction: For as long as there have been communities and cultures there have been religious people. In our lesson today we will begin a two part series on Judaism. Let's study together. . .

Discussion:

I. Backgrounds of Judaism

- A. The Sister Religions (Judaism, Islam, Christianity)
- B. The Beginning of Judaism (2,000 BC)
- C. The Terminology of Judaism (Jew = Judah)
- D. The Heritage of Judaism (Sons of Abraham)
- E. The History of Judaism

II. The Teachings of Judaism

- A. The Population of Jews in the World (14-15 million).
- B. The Hebrew Bible (our Old Testament)
- C. The Divisions of Judaism
Reform (Left), Conservative (Middle), Orthodox (Right), Hasidic (Way Right)
- D. The Practices of Judaism
 - 1. Two Basic Symbols = The Menorah & The Star of David
 - 2. Statement of Faith for the Jews (**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**) = Shema
- E. The Special Days & Occasions
- F. The Major Holidays

Conclusion: In our next lesson we are going to notice five things that we can do to better understand our Jewish neighbors and how to learn from each other when it comes to the ONE TRUE GOD. We need to remember that we have common roots with those who practice Judaism. Our country was founded on Judeo-Christian values. The Hebrew Bible is only a part of God's Holy Scriptures, but it must be studied. What we consider the Old Testament is suppose to be our tutor (**Galatians 3:23-29**). All of God's Holy Scriptures are inspired (**II Timothy 3:16-17**). We need to have a deep appreciation for the Old Testament. We need to study it and apply its wisdom and teaching. However, we must remember that the book of Hebrews reminds us that we are now under a new and better covenant with better promises (**Hebrews 8:6**). Are you under the new covenant? Do you have a new life in Christ (**Romans 6:3-4**)? Is your faith deeply rooted in Christ?

WORD OF THE DAY = "GOD"