

Today you will learn
about Judaism,
several important
people, and many
conquests of the
Hebrews

The Early Hebrews

October 1, 2018

If You were there...

- You and your family are herders, looking after larger flocks of sheep. Your grandfather is the leader of your tribe. One day your grandfather says that your whole family will be moving to a new country where there is more water for your sheep. The trip will be long and difficult.
- How do you feel about moving to a faraway land?

The Hebrews

- A new people group appeared called the **Hebrews**
 - A group of herders that developed a civilization that influenced later people groups
 - Everything we know about them comes from archaeologists and scribes

The Bible

- The accounts from the scribes and archaeologists describe the history of these people
- The laws of **Judaism** – Hebrew religion
- These accounts became known as the Hebrew Bible
 - In Christianity, this is known as the Old Testament
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dM0fDtuRXdE>

Abraham

- God told Abraham to leave his home in Mesopotamia.
- He left Mesopotamia and settled in Canaan
- His **descendants**, the Israelites lived there for many years, but some of them eventually moved to Egypt.
- Read “The Beginnings in Canaan and Egypt” on page 228-229.
 - What caused these people to move to Egypt?

The Exodus – 1200 BC

- **Moses** – the leader of the Israelites
- God told Moses to lead the people out of Egypt
- Moses went to the pharaoh and demanded that his people were to be freed, but the pharaoh refused.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HbFU_nHAdD8

The Plagues

- Pharaoh finally agreed to let the Israelites go
- Moses led his people out of Egypt in a journey called the **Exodus**
- This was their release from slavery and it proved that God loved them



The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy
5. Honor your father and your mother

6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Shaping their Society

- The Israelites agreed to worship only God, they valued human life, self-control, and justice.
- The Ten Commandments shaped the development of their society
 - They lived by these rules
 - What are some rules that you live by and that shape your life?

Reaching Canaan

- The Israelites gained control of this land,
- This land was an important source for farming and grazing
 - Called the “Promised Land”



Division

- The Israelites divided into 12 tribes and lived in small communities
- Each community had its own set of leaders.
 - There was no central leader at this time

Kings Unite

- Frightened by powerful invaders, the Israelites came together under one ruler.
- Why would this help them?

King Saul

- First king of Israel
- He was not a strong king – he did not win many battles



King David

- David was admired for his military skills and the people respected him.
- He was loved by the Israelites
- David defeated Goliath
 - What can we learn from this story?

King Solomon

- David's son
- Took the throne in 965 BC
- Solomon improved the city's walls and roads
 - These were paid for in taxes and built by slaves
 - How do you feel about the slavery?
Weren't the Israelites slaves to Egypt?

Invaders

- After King Solomon's death, people argued over who should be king
- Conflict tore Israel apart
 - The kingdom split into two – Israel and Judah
 - The people of Judah became known as the Jews

Women in Israelite Society

- Government and society were dominated by men.
- Men made decisions and a woman's husband was chosen by her father.
 - How do you feel about this?
 - How does this compare with our society?

Contributions

- Read “Women in Israelite Society” on page 235
- Who were some of the women who made contributions?

