



SESSION 15 Judaism
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FOUNDED, LOCATION

Abraham of the Bible, about 2000 BC, and Moses in the Middle East.
 There are three main branches of Judaism each with its own beliefs:
 Orthodox: Traditional Judaism
 Conservative: Middle way between Orthodox and Reform
 Reform: Liberal or progressive Judaism



KEY WRITINGS

The Tanakh (Old Testament), and especially the Torah (first five books of the Bible).
 The Talmud (explanation of the Tanakh).
 The particular teachings of each branch.
 Writings of sages, such as Maimonides.



Torah Reading

BASIC BELIEFS—Obviously, very closely related to Christianity with the obvious differences in regard to _____ and the _____.

WHO IS GOD?

God is spirit. No Trinity.
 To Orthodox Jews, God is personal, all-powerful, eternal, and compassionate.
 To other Jews, God is impersonal, unknowable, and defined in a number of ways.



Orthodox Jew at the the Western Wall in Jerusalem

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is seen either as an extremist false messiah or a good but martyred Jewish rabbi (teacher).
 Many Jews do not consider Jesus at all.
 Jews (except Messianic Jews and Hebrew Christians) do not believe he was the Messiah, Son of God, or that he rose from the dead.
 Orthodox Jews believe _____ will restore the Jewish kingdom and eventually rule on earth.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Some believe the Holy Spirit is another name for God's activity on earth.
 Others say it is God's love or power.

HOW TO BE SAVED

Some Jews believe that prayer, repentance, and obeying the Law are necessary for salvation.
 Others believe that salvation is the _____.



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

There will be a _____.
The obedient will live forever with God,
and the unrighteous will suffer.
Some Jews do not believe in a conscious life
after death.



Inside a synagogue

OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

Meeting in synagogues on the Sabbath (Sabbath is Friday evening to Saturday evening).
Circumcision of males. Jerusalem is considered the holy city.
Many holy days and festivals, including Passover, Sukkoth, Hanukkah, Rosh Hashanah,
Yom Kippur, and Purim.

ANSWERS:

Jesus, New Testament, Messiah, Improvement of Society,
Physical Ressurrection