



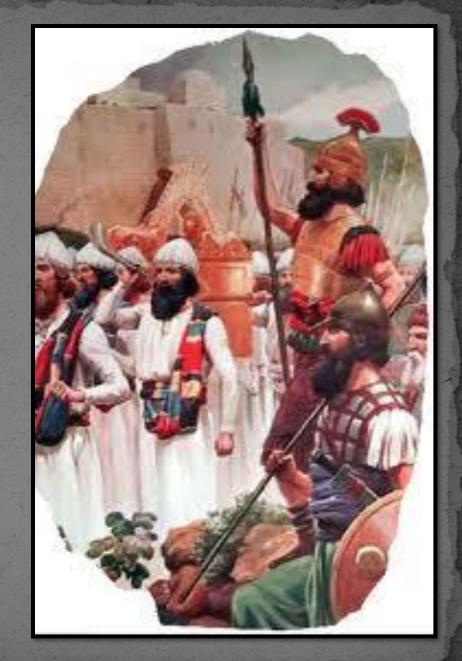
What is the holiday of Hanukah?

- In 332 BC, ALEXANDER the Great conquered Judah
- Alexander brought much of his GREEK culture to JUDAH
- At first, the Judeans were allowed to practice their own religion, but in 200 BC, a Greek ruler OUTLAWED JUDAISM and Judeans were forced to worship GREEK GODS.





- In 167 B.C. a son of a Jewish priest named JUDAH, led a REVOLT
- He was called Judah Maccabee
- The revolt was known as the REVOLT OF THE MACCABEES
- Judah gathered thousands of Jews to help in the revolt
- They were
 OUTNUMBERED a hundred to one
- They recaptured Jerusalem and RESTORED Jewish WORSHIP in the temple



 The Greeks had DESTROYED nearly everything in the TEMPLE

 When the JEWS restored the temple, they needed to PURIFY it and celebrate with the traditional lighting of the menorah

 They were able to find enough OIL to burn for one day

- Miraculously it burned for EIGHT
- HANUKAH is the eight-day celebration of that event
- Hanukah means "Dedication", or "rested on the 25"





How was Judaism able to survive after the destruction of the temple?

- In 63 B.C. The ROMANS took control of Judaea, they chose Jewish kings who were loyal to Rome
- The Romans were **TERRIBLE** to the Jewish people, so they rebelled
- In 70 A.D. the Romans laid siege to JERUSALEM and destroyed it, they left the temple in RUINS





Siege of Jerusalem 3 min

- After the second temple was destroyed, a JEW named Rabbi Yohanan ben Zaccai started a Jewish SCHOOL just south of Jerusalem
- The school grew and became a center for Jewish life
- **SYNAGOGUES** also gained importance
- These two things helped Jewish
 CULTURE to survive











- In 132 A.D. the JEWS, led by a man named Simon Bar Kokhba, again REVOLTED against the ROMANS
- The Romans stopped the revolt and sent almost all the Jewish people left in Jerusalem into EXILE
- It would be another **1,800** years before the Jews would rule in Judaea



What are some of the major Jewish Holidays?

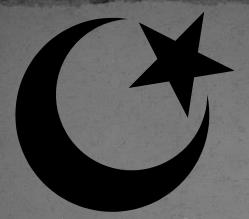
- The Hebrew Bible is made up of THREE parts
 - The TORAH contains the laws of the Jewish people, including the ten commandments
 - The NEVI'IM contains the writings of the prophets, including Jeremiah and Ezekiel, it also tells about the Israelite Kings
 - The **KETUVIM** contains several written works, including stories
 - The T, N, and K, create the word TANAKH, which is the Jewish name for the Old Testament

- The Jewish people celebrate several holidays
 - ROSH HASHANAH, which is the day of judgment, Jewish people examine their actions during the past year on this day
 - YOM KIPPUR is a day where the people express their gratitude
 - During PASSOVER they celebrate their escape from Egypt
 - HANUKKAH is the celebration of lights









Which religions have been influenced by Judaism?





- Christianity was founded on the teachings of Jesus, who was a Jew
 - He taught many of the same ideas of Judaism, including the Ten Commandments
- Muslims, who practice the religion of Islam, say that Muhammad was God's final prophet. He was descended from one of Abraham's sons, named Ishmael



 All three religions have a COMMONALITY, they are MONOTHEISTIC, meaning they all believe in ONE God who has set down moral laws for the people to follow



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Video of Commonalities of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam 5 min.



