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| Judaism | A monotheistic (one God) religion based on the **Torah** and the Talmud. Followers are Jews.  |
| Abraham | The founder of **Judaism,** he left Mesopotamia and traveled to the land of Canaan with his family. Founder of **monotheism**.  |
| Moses | The Hebrew **prophet** (left in a basket on the river) who led the Israelites from Egypt across the Red Sea on a journey known as the **Exodus**. He received the **Ten Commandments.**  |
| King David | **2nd king** of Israel; wanted to build a temple, but couldn't; defeated the giant Goliath; united Israel. |
| King Solomon | King of the Kingdom of Israel, (King David's son) built a great temple in Jerusalem. Had many wise saying or **proverbs**.  |
| Jerusalem | A city in the Holy Land of Israel, regarded as sacred by Christians, Muslims, and Jews. |
| Canaan | The Promised Land. (Israel) |
| Synagogue | Jewish place of **worship**. |
| Sabbath | Holy day for rest and worship. (**Saturday**) |
| Rabbi | Jewish religious **leader**. |
| Jacob | Grandson of Abraham, renamed Israel, had 12 sons, who became the **12 tribes of Israel**. |
| Shepherd | A person who watches over flocks of **sheep**. |
| Messiah | **Savior** sent by God. |
| Torah | First five books of the **Hebrew bible**. |
| Hebrew | Of or relating to the language of the Hebrews. |
| Monotheism | Belief in **one God**. |
| Mount Sinai | Mountain thought to be the peak on which Moses received the **Ten Commandments**. |
| Phoenicians | Important trading people who lived on the coast of the eastern Mediterranean, started the Greek **alphabet.** |
| Alphabet | A set of **symbols** that represent the **sounds** of a language. |
| Covenant | **Agreement.** |
| Plague | Any **large scale calamity** (especially when thought to be sent by God). |
| Exodus | A journey by a large group to **escape** from a hostile environment. |
| Rule of Law | Laws are developed fairly and enforced equally for all people. |
| Prophet | A person who expresses and explains the **will of god.** |
| Judah | An ancient kingdom of southern Palestine with Jerusalem as its center. |
| Empire | A group of countries under a **single** authority. |
| Tribute | Something done or given to **show thanks** or respect; a payment. |
| Proverb | **Wise** saying. |
| King Nebuchadnezzar | Greatest king of the Babylonian empire, rebuilt Babylon, built the Hanging Gardens, **destroyed** the city of **Jerusalem** and it’s Holy Temple. |
| King Saul | **First** King of Israel. |
| Babylon | The chief city of ancient **Mesopotamia** and capitol of the ancient kingdom of Babylonia. |
| Exile | To **force** someone to live in another country. |
| King Herod | King when **Jesus** was born; wanted to kill Jesus so he could remain king. |
| Kosher | **Food** that fulfills the requirements of Jewish dietary law. |
| Dead Sea Scrolls | A collection of **written scrolls** (containing nearly all of the Old Testament) found in a cave near the Dead Sea in the late 1940s. |
| Tribes | Groups of related **families**. |