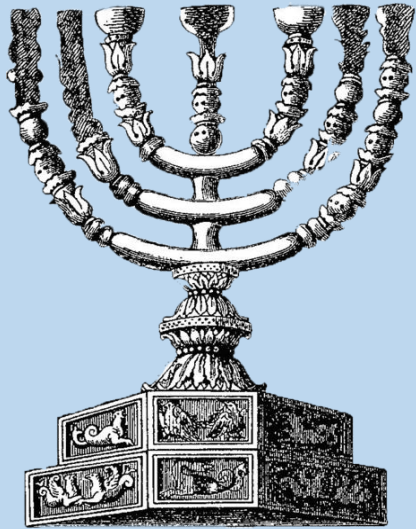


What are the major beliefs of Judaism?



Judaism

- the world's oldest monotheistic religion which was the basis for both Christianity and Islam

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2jnvsdF38k>
- What were the historical circumstances and geographic context for the founding of Judaism?
- Who were the Ancient Israelites were and where they lived?

Ancient Israel

- an area described in the Torah that stretched from Egypt to Mesopotamia, but many archaeologists now believe that it was a small state rather than an empire.

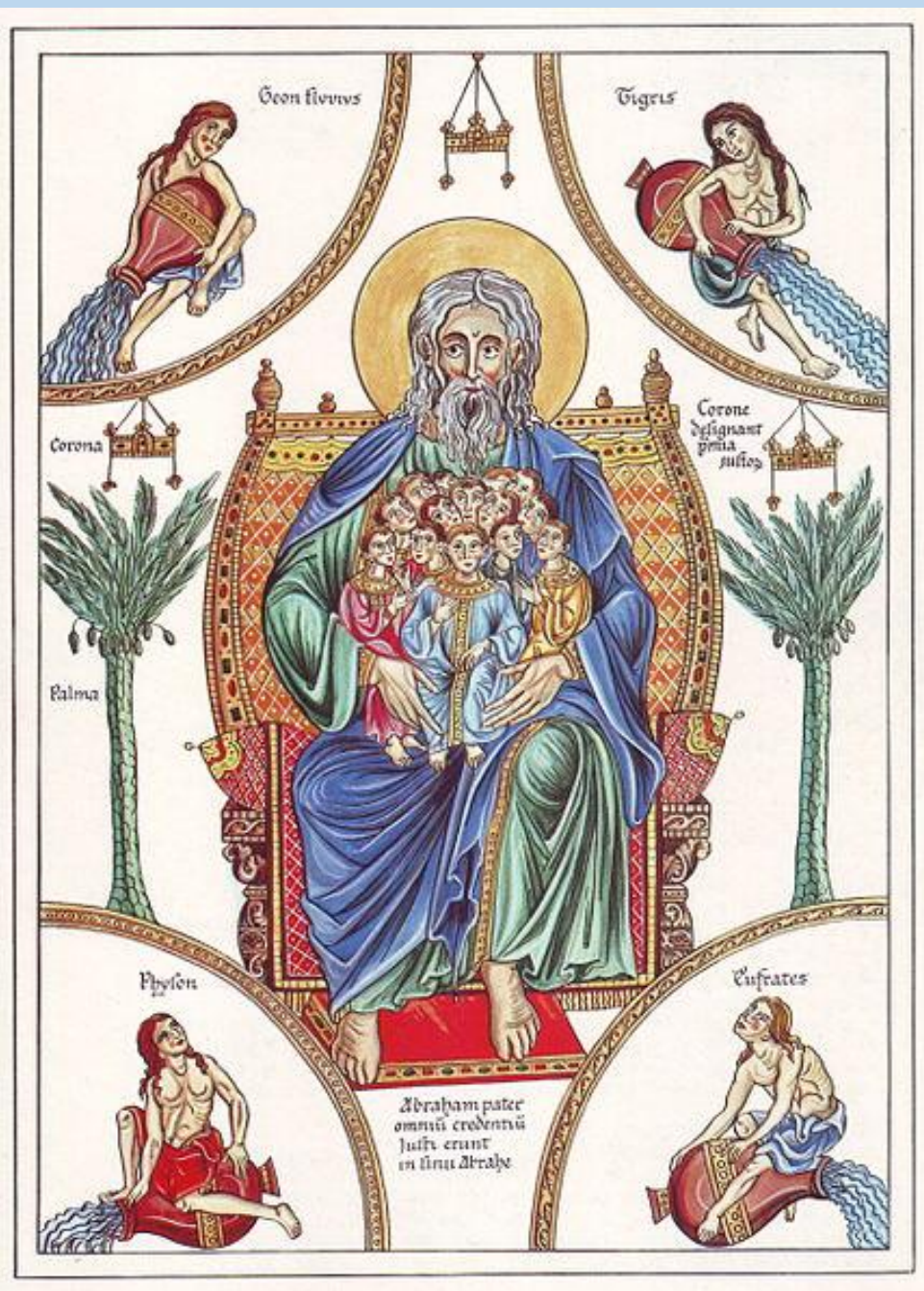
Ancient Israelites

- a group of people who lived in the kingdom of Israel in the Middle East from starting around 1030 BCE-1020 BCE until it was conquered by the Assyrian empire in 722 BCE. The Israelites were the first people to practice a religion that became known as Judaism.

Judea

- a province of the Roman Empire where Jewish people lived.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tK2Kw0Qagww>



Abraham

- Father of Judaism
- Life story is told in the book of Genesis in the Hebrew Bible
- God made a covenant with Abraham promising to bless him with descendants “like the sands of the sea” and a nation for him and the Israelites



Moses

- Life story told in the Torah
Freed the Israelite slaves from Egypt
- God gave Moses the Ten Commandments
- Many Jewish people believe he wrote the Torah

Torah

first five books of the Hebrew scriptures – books of Moses

Diaspora

- the spreading out of a group of people from the place where they originally came from



A map illustrating the location of synagogues in antiquity (1st-11th century CE). Each circle or star represents a location where there is some evidence of the existence of a Jewish temple created as a

- Scribe - a person whose job is to copy letters, books, or other written materials by hand
- Ten Commandments - the moral code of Judaism and Christianity that according to the Torah was given to Moses by God

- ethnic group - a group of people with a common cultural background or descent
- Second Temple - a temple in Judea built to worship the god of the Jewish people which was destroyed by the Romans in 66 CE

- **Geographic context** - where a historical event took place and why it took place there; includes location, location relative to other places, geographic features, and climate
- **Historical circumstances** -the events that led to an event; includes the time period and larger historical trends as well as causes