

# Judaism

## Types Of Judaism:

(Rabbinic Judaism: Religion of the rabbis developed from 200BC. & crystallized with the destruction of the Temple in 70AD.)

- Orthodox (strict traditional observance of Old Testament Law and practices interpreted by the rabbis)
  - Hasidism (Ultra/separatists)
  - The Torah is primary/Law is absolute
  - Personal Messiah still coming to restore Jewish kingdom
  - "Sh'ma" Deut. 6:4 "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one."
- Conservative (universal people/not limited to Palestine)(traditional yet changeable to modern times/practice)
  - Reconstructionists (American adaptation to contemporary life)
  - The whole Old Testament is scripture/ yet law is relative
- Reformed (modernization and assimilation: liberal, culture, ethics, and racial heritage)
  - Old Testament is only historical record/law is evolving, relative, & must adapt to contemporary society
  - Messianic Age (utopia)
- Other: Atheists, agnostics, or secular
- Messianic Jew: A Jewish person who believes that Yeshua (Jesus) is their Messiah. (Jesus was Jewish)

## Holy Days: (Jewish holiday observance)

(Days which remind Jews of significant historical events which God displayed His covenant with the Jewish people.)

Leviticus 23; Deuteronomy 16

- Sabbath (weekly day of rest)(Exodus 20:8-11)
- Passover (Seder meal/matzah/read Exodus events/yearly observance of Jewish deliverance from Egypt)(Mar./Apr.)  
Ex. 12:1-14,43-49; Num. 28:16; Deut. 16:1,2
- Feast of Unleavened Bread (remembering Israel's departure from Egypt and hardships in desert)  
Ex. 12:15-20; 13:3-10; 34:18-26; Num. 28:17-25; Deut. 16:3-8
- First Fruits (harvest dedication)  
Ex. 29:40; Lev. 23:9-14; Num. 28:26
- Feast of Purim (Feb./Mar.)(Jewish deliverance during Esther)  
Esther 9:18-32
- "Shavuot/os" Feast of Weeks or Pentecost (first fruits of wheat harvest and giving/reading the 10 commandments)  
(May/June)(remembrance of Law given at Mt. Sinai) Ex. 23:16; Num. 28:26-31; Deut. 16:9-12
- Rosh Hashanah/Trumpets (New Year/time of reflection/sabbatical month)(Sept./Oct.)  
Num. 29:1-6
- "Yom Kippur" (Day of Atonement)(confession of sin and reconciliation with God)(Sept./Oct. 10 days after Rosh Hashanah)  
Lev. 23:26-32; 16:1-34; Num. 29:7-11
- "Sukkot/os" Feast of Booths/Tabernacles (commemorated God's deliverance)(Sept./Oct. 5 days after Yom Kippur)  
Ex. 23:16; Num. 29:12-38; Deut. 16:13-17; Neh. 8:13-18
- "Hanukkah" or Feast of Lights (menorah lit/gift giving)(Maccabean revolt over Syrian army)(Nov./Dec.)

## Other:

- Rabbis (office/religious authority/"teachers of the law")
- Synagogue (house of worship since the destruction of temple 70AD - no sacrifices or priesthood)
- Kosher ("clean" blessed by a rabbi, strict dietary laws/practices)
- Bar (boy)/Bat (girl) mitzvah (coming of age ceremony - 13)
- Talmud (Mishnah/Gemara)(rabbinic interpretations of Old Testament)
- Sabbath observance (abstain from work)
- Circumcision (8<sup>th</sup> day)("brit milah")
- "Tefillin" (phylacteries: small black boxes containing Scripture)
- "Mezuzah" (small rectangular box containing Scripture placed on doorposts of home)
- Zionists (A political movement that desires the return of Jews to the land of Israel)
- Torah: first 5 books of Moses

## **Basic Beliefs:**

- **Messiah**
  - \* Future Deliverer/Prophet/Priest/King
  - \* Messianic age/peace and freedom
- **God: Immaterial/Only One (Deut. 6:4)**
- **Old Testament Scriptures (Law/Prophets/Writings)**
  - \* Torah (first five books most authoritative)
- **Salvation from sin**
  - \* Atonement accomplished by sacrifice, repentance, and good deeds.

## **The Gospel Throughout The Old Testament: (Luke 24:25,27,32)**

Genesis 3:7,15,21; 15:5 (Rom. 4); 22:7,8,13  
Exodus 12:7,13  
Leviticus 17:11  
Numbers 21:8,9  
2 Samuel 14:14  
Job 9:33,34; 14:17; 16:19-21; 33:27,28  
Psalms 32:1,2,5; 49:15; 51:1-5,9,10; 65:3; 103:10,12; 130:3,4  
Isaiah 43:25; 53:11; 59:16  
Jeremiah 31:34; 32:39,40  
Ezekiel 16:63  
Daniel 9:18  
Habakkuk 2:4  
Zechariah 3:4,9  
(Jeremiah 31:32-34; Exodus 17:6; Genesis 22:1-18; Jonah 1:17)

## **The Messiah And The Old Testament:**

- **He is Deity.**
  - Psalms 2:6,7; Proverbs 30:4; 2 Samuel 7:14 (Sonship)  
(Heb. 1:5; 5:5; Acts 13:33)
  - Psalms 45:6,7; 110:1
  - Isaiah 40:3,9,10; 48:16 (see context/"I" "me")
- **He is the suffering servant**
  - Isaiah 52:14; 53:3-5,7-9
  - Psalms 16:10,11
- **He is the substitutional, sacrificial atonement for sin**
  - Isaiah 53:5,6,11,12
- **He is fulfilled in Jesus Christ: (Luke 24:44)**
  - (There are over 300 Messianic prophecies, all which Jesus fulfilled perfectly.)
  - Birth place: Micah 5:2/Matt. 2:1,5,6; Lk. 2:4-6
  - Birth line: Jer. 23:5/Rom. 1:3; Acts 13:23; Matt. 1:6; Lk. 3:31  
Descendant of Abraham: Genesis 12<sup>1</sup>-3; 22:18/Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16  
Tribe of Judah: Genesis 49:10/Luke 3:23,33; Hebrews 7:14  
House of David: 2 Samuel 7:12-16/Matthew 1:1
  - Virgin birth: Isaiah 7:14/Matt. 1:23,25; Lk. 1:27,31,34,37
  - Killing of children: Jer. 31:15/Matt. 2:16-18
  - Taken to Egypt: Hosea 11:1/Matthew 2:14,15
  - Preceded by John: Is. 40:3; Mal. 3:1/Matt. 3:3
  - Anointed by the Holy Spirit: Isaiah 11:2/Matthew 3:16,17
  - Donkey entrance: Zech. 9:9/Matt. 21:1-5
  - Betrayed by a friend: Ps. 41:9; 55:12-14/Jn. 13:18; Lk. 22:3,4
  - Rejected by the Jews: Ps. 118:22/1 Peter 2:7
  - 30 pieces of silver: Zech 11:12/Matt. 26:15
  - Purchase of potter's field: Zech. 11:13/Matt. 27:7
  - Trial treatment: Is. 50:6/Mk. 14:65
  - Mocking: Ps. 22:7,8/Matt. 27:31,39-44

- Spit upon: Isaiah 50:6/Matt. 27:30
- Mode of death- Crucifixion: Zech. 12:10; Ps. 22:16; Dan. 9:26/Jn. 20:25; 19:18,34,37; Matt. 27:29,31 (pierced hands/feet)
- Drink on cross: Ps. 69:21/Matt. 27:34; Lk. 23:36
- Garments divided: Ps. 22:18/Matt. 27:35; Jn. 19:23,24
- Company: Is. 53:12/Mk. 15:28
- Side pierced: Zech. 12:10/Jn. 19:34
- No bone broken: Ex. 12:46;Ps. 34:20/Jn. 19:32-36
- Burial in rich man's tomb: Isaiah 53:9/Matt. 27:57-60
- Resurrection: Ps. 16:10; Is. 53:10/Acts 2:27-32; Matt. 17:22,23; Mk. 16:6; Lk. 24:6; Acts 2:31
- Ascend into heaven: Ps. 68:18/Acts 1:9
- God in human form: Isaiah 9:6; Ps. 2:7/Lk. 1:32
- Miraculous Signs: Is. 61:1,2; 35:4-6/Matt. 9:35; 11:2-5; 15:30,31
- Preacher of Good News: Isaiah 61:1/Luke 4:14-21

### Sacrificial System Fulfilled In Jesus The Messiah:

Leviticus 17:11 "the blood makes atonement for the soul"  
 Hebrews 9:6-15,22,25,26,28; 10:1-4,10-14,18  
 Romans 5:6-11

### The High Priest Fulfilled In Jesus The Messiah:

Psalms 110:4; Zechariah 6:13; Exodus 40:15  
 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-3; 6:19,20; 7:11-28

### Jesus The Messiah Is Our Mediator:

Job 9:32,33; 16:19-21/Galatians 3:20

### Gospel Presentation:

- What does God expect of me?  
 Habakkuk 1:13; Psalms 5:4-6; 1 Samuel 6:20; Isaiah 5:16 (God is Holy)  
 Leviticus 19:2; Micah 6:6-8 (He expects personal holiness/obedience)  
 Exodus 20/Deuteronomy 5 (His Law is clearly revealed)  
 Deuteronomy 6:4,5; 10:12,13; 2 Kings 23:25; 1 Chron. 28:9 (He desires all our heart)
- Why do I feel alienated from God?  
 Isaiah 64:6; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Proverbs 20:9; Psalms 53:1-4; 14:1-3; 1 Kings 8:46 (We are all sinners)  
 Psalms 51:3-5; 58:3; Jeremiah 13:23; Psalms 36:1-4 (We are sinners by nature)  
 Isaiah 59:2 (Our sin separates us from God)  
 Ezekiel 18:20,22; 2 Kings 14:6; Jeremiah 31:30 (The wages of sin is death)  
 Job 9:15,20; 13:9; 31:14; 34:21; Psalms 143:2 (We are guilty and condemned)  
 Job 9:2,32-34; 25:4 (How does a guilty person become right before God?)
- Can Mitzvahs (good works) restore me to God? No!  
 Ezekiel 33:12,13; Psalms 49:8,9 (man's good works can not save him)  
 1 Samuel 15:22,23 (man's empty religion does not save him)
- What must I do to be saved? (redemption)  
 Confession/Repentance: Psalms 32:5; Isaiah 55:6-8; Lam. 3:39-42; Prov. 28:13; Ezek. 18:30-32; 33:11  
 Believe in God's Atonement: Genesis 15:6; 22:8; Isaiah 26:3,4; 53:6,12; Job 9:33,34; 16:19-21; 19:25,26;  
 Ps. 49:16; Hab. 2:4
  - Christ's blood cleanses us from sin (Lev. 17:11; 10:17; 4:35; Hebrews 9:12-14,22; 10:1-4,11,18)

### Things To Consider:

1. "A Christian is someone who is a follower of the Jewish Messiah" ("Christ" is Greek for Messiah)
2. "Christians believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."
3. A Jew does not abandon his/her Jewish identity to consider Jesus as Messiah (Christianity).
4. A Jew presumes a standing with God.

### **Key Questions:**

- How can the Messiah be God's Son? (Psalms 2:7; Prov. 30:4; 2 Sam. 7:14)
- How can the Messiah suffer? (Isaiah 53)
- How can anyone be righteous before God? (Job 9:2,14,15,20)  
If I am a sinner and continue to sin, how can I be reconciled to Holy God?  
How can I make reconciliation for the wrongs I have committed?
- How can I get a clean conscience (Ps. 32:1-5; Heb. 9:9,14,15; 10:2-4,10,14,22,23) and a new heart (1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Kings 8:39,58; 2 Chron. 6:26-38; 16:9; Ezek. 18:30,31; 11:19; 36:26,27; Jer. 17:9; 24:7; 32:39)?

### **Jewish Christian Websites:**

<http://jewsforjesus.org>

<http://www.chosenpeople.com>

<http://www.foi.org>

<http://www.AllAboutTruth.org/messianic-prophecies-video.htm>

### **A Jewish Site Challenging Christianity:**

<http://www.jewsforjudaism.org/>

<http://www.be-true.org/>

### **Combination Sites:**

<http://ffoz.org>