**History of Western Civilization to 1500 Mr. Kirchberg**

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**The Hebrews:**

**“The Children** [**of**](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c2/12_Tribes_of_Israel_Map.svg/1200px-12_Tribes_of_Israel_Map.svg.png) **Israel”**

**I.** Israel’s influence on the West was great

**A.** Israel, small in stature, but its faith & its values

created a Judeo-Christian West

**1.** More influence than the great empires like Persia

**2.** Question**:** How did Israel survive**?**

**II.** Origins of the Hebrews

**A.** Nomadic Semitic people

**B.** According to tradition**:** All [descended](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/large-chart-lineage-abraham.gif) from

Abraham of Ur of the [Chaldees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haran)

**1.** Abe’s clan migrated to Canaan **(**Eastern Med.

Sea Coast**) ~** 1800 **B.C.E.**

**2.** Many migrated to Egypt during a severe

drought (**~**1600 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Settled NE Delta region

**b.** Lived peacefully with Egyptians

**c.** Put into **“**bondage**”** by Ceti I & RamsesII

**d.** Fled Egypt with Moses as leader and reunited

with the others in Canaan

**i.** Had established 12 tribes

**Sea peoples?**  **ii.** Fought the evil Philistines for control

**C.** The United [Kingdom](http://www.ldolphin.org/kings.html) of Israel

**1.** King Saul **(~**1020-1007 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** First king of [united](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Israel_(united_monarchy)) tribes

**b.** Fought Philistines who eventually killed him

**2.** [Ishbosheth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ish-bosheth#/media/File:Ishbosheth_is_slain.gif) **(~**1007-1005 **B.C.E.)**

**3.** King David **(**1000-970 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Lieutenant of Saul **(**[killed](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxeAXoLIQ1Y) [Goliath](http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view;_ylt=A0PDoQ4KUVpQZnwAiOOJzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBlMTQ4cGxyBHNlYwNzcgRzbGsDaW1n?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3Fp%3Dkilling%2Bgoliath%26ei%3DUTF-8%26fr%3Dyfp-t-701%26tab%3Dorganic%26ri%3D14&w=330&h=400&imgurl=0.tqn.com%2Fd%2Fancienthistory%2F1%2F0%2FH%2Fd%2F2%2FDavidGoliathCaravaggio.jpg&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fancienthistory.about.com%2Fod%2Fmonotheisticreligions%2Ftp%2F032808BiblePeople.htm&size=19.8+KB&name=David+and+Goliath.+Caravaggio+%281600%29&p=killing+goliath&oid=9619a9c84b013e1923988f4134457f0e&fr2=&fr=yfp-t-701&tt=David%2Band%2BGoliath.%2BCaravaggio%2B%25281600%2529&b=0&ni=21&no=14&ts=&tab=organic&sigr=12hinsotq&sigb=136dkkmnu&sigi=11vprem8t&.crumb=rwYdnWzLUQq)**)**

**b.** Brought order after Saul’s death

**c.** Defeated & pushed Philistines out of Canaan

**d.** Defeated and executed many Moabites

**e.** Made Jerusalem his capital

**f.** Expanded [Israel](http://www.bible-history.com/map-davids-kingdom/davids-kingdom.jpg) **(**to its greatest size**)** through

increased farming & building of cities

**4.** [King](http://gnosticwarrior.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/king-solomon.jpg) Solomon **(**970-930 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Encouraged trade

**b.** Strengthened his authority

**c.** Built the [Temple](http://www.templemount.org/solomon.html) fortress of Jerusalem

**i.** Center of faith & kingdom

**ii.** [Housed](https://vignette.wikia.nocookie.net/indianajones/images/d/da/ArkoftheCovenant.jpg/revision/latest/scale-to-width-down/350?cb=20080527221730) Ark of the Covenant

**(1)** Holder of Hebrew relics

**(2)** Represents throne for God

**d.** In the end, dissent tore his kingdom apart

**D.** [Two](https://vignette.wikia.nocookie.net/indianajones/images/d/da/ArkoftheCovenant.jpg/revision/latest/scale-to-width-down/350?cb=20080527221730) kingdoms

**1.** Israel to the north

**a.** Made up of ten of the [twelve](http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view;_ylt=A0PDoX61UlpQZDkAAdGJzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBlMTQ4cGxyBHNlYwNzcgRzbGsDaW1n?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3Fp%3D12%2Btribes%26n%3D30%26ei%3Dutf-8%26fr%3Dyfp-t-701%26tab%3Dorganic%26ri%3D5&w=800&h=600&imgurl=dwellingintheword.files.wordpress.com%2F2011%2F05%2F12_tribes1.jpg&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fdwellingintheword.wordpress.com%2F2011%2F05%2Fpage%2F3%2F&size=198.6+KB&name=12_tribes&p=12+tribes&oid=15c55b88a3619598063f795f2b21575e&fr2=&fr=yfp-t-701&tt=12_tribes&b=0&ni=48&no=5&ts=&tab=organic&sigr=11m9sqa2o&sigb=13422lh19&sigi=11ssi43dc&.crumb=rwYdnWzLUQq) tribes

**b.** Capital of Samaria

**c.** [King](https://media.freebibleimages.org/stories/FB_Moody_Ahab/overview_images/032-moody-ahab.jpg?1442928625) Ahab **(**869-850 **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Made alliances with Syrians to protect

against the Assyrians

**ii.** Continued tribute after Ahab’s death

**iii.** In 722**/**721 **B.C.E.** Assyria destroyed Israel

**(1)** 10 tribes merged with other peoples

**(2)**  Legendary **“**10 lost tribes**”** result

**iv.** Judah survived mostly by paying tribute

**2.** Judah to the south

**a.** Made up from the tribes of Judah & Benjamin

**b.** Conquered in 586 **B.C.E**.

by [Nebuchadnezzar](https://poetreecreations.files.wordpress.com/2012/08/dom_nebuchadnezzar.jpg) II

**c.** Babylonian Captivity (587-538 **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Many Upper-class Hebrews taken

back to Babylon

**ii.** Ended by Cyrus the Great of Persia

**iii.** Ended Hebrew independence for centuries

**III.** Religious perspective

**A.** Polytheistic at first

**B.** Yahweh, chief god of Israel

**C.** Jewish Bible **=** Old Testament

**1.** Created to teach the essential beliefs

**2.** Pentateuch **=** first 5 books

**a.** Cover creation to Canaan

**b.** Includes the Torah or law code

**c.** Shows interaction to obey God

**D.** Three perspectives of Jewish religious significance

**1.** Covenant **=** type of contract with one God only.

***a.*** *Began with Abraham to Moses & the Exodus*

***b.*** *Worship only one God*

***c.*** *One God would take care of them*

**2.** The Prophets

**a.** Chosen by God to be his voice

**b.** They reminded followers of the

covenant and dissuaded polytheism

***c.*** *Warned of retribution*

***i.*** *Amos predicted Israel’s demise*

***ii.*** *Isaiah predicted Judah’s demise*

***d.*** *Predicted a one universal faith one day*

***“Beat swords*** *and expressed concern for all humanity*

***into plowshares” e.*** *An end to all warfare one day*

***3.* Ethical*****f.*** *Called for social justice and how the*

**Monotheism** *rich should aid the poor*

***g*.** Taught to never bow to other gods, even

if under another nation’s rule

***IV.*** *Hebrew Social Structure*

***A.*** *Tribal to Kingdom*

***1.*** *King and those who served him on top socially*

***2. “****People of the land****”******(****artisans & farmers****)***

***3.*** *Commerce done by foreigners* ***(ex.*** *Phoenicians****)***

***4.*** *Diaspora* ***(****73 or 135 C****.****E****.)*** *forced the Jewish*

*people worldwide and many became merchants*

***B.*** *Patriarchal family*

***1.*** *Dad had absolute power*

***2.*** *Family was by common blood*

***3.*** *Marriages were arranged for teens*

***4.*** *Goal of marriage was lots of kids*

***5.*** *Up to 18 wives for kings and 4 for wealthy males*

***6.*** *Monogamy became the norm*

***7.*** *Wives are faithful and dedicated*

***8.*** *Education*

***a.*** *Girls learned domestic things from mom*

***b.*** *Sons were taught by mom & then a trade by dad*

**V.** Israelite Neighbors

**A.** Philistines **(**Sea Peoples**?)** had **5** towns in the region

**B.** Phoenicians

**1.** Semitic sea traders

**2.** Towns of Tyre, Sidon, & Byblos

**a.** Traded papyrus from Byblos

**b.** Greek word ***biblos*** **=** book

[Baal](https://i.pinimg.com/236x/76/0d/e1/760de1f49287c14e61b0ed5b1c533236--ancient-buildings-phoenician.jpg) **c.** [Other](https://jahiliyyah.files.wordpress.com/2009/12/baal-hammon.jpg?w=450) products included murex, glass,

wine, cedars for ships

**d.** Sailed the Mediterranean & west coast of Africa

**e.** Established settlements in Sicily, Spain,

Sardinia & Carthage on North Africa’s coast

**f**. [Phoenician](http://www.ancientscripts.com/protosinaitic.html) [Alphabet](http://www.phoenician.org/alphabet_phoenician.GIF)

**Phonograms**   **i.** Eventually [became](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proto-Sinaitic_script) the English alphabet

**ii.** Phoenician **→** Greeks **→** Etruscans **→**

Romans **(**Latin**)** **→** English

**iii.** Phoenician trade spread ideas and their

alphabet around the Medit. Sea region

**C.** Assyrians

**1.** [Originated](http://www.imninalu.net/maps_file/AssyrianEmpire.jpg) in the upper Tigris region

**2.** Originally Semitic people who survived under

others**’** rule **(**from Akkadians to Mitanni**)**

**3.** Freedom came **~** 1360 **B.C.E.**

**a.** Mitanni were destroyed by the Hittites

**b.** Growth was slow over a 250 yr. period

**4.** [Tiglath](http://studentreader.com/files/british/tiglath-pileser-iii-1-6734-large.jpg)-Pilesar I (1114-1076 **B.C.E.)** Son of Ashur-resh-ishi I

**a.** Used terror to build a mighty empire

**King was b.** Terror based upon bloody god of war**,** [Ashur](http://www.ashur.kz/UserFiles/Image/Ashur_history_600.jpg)

**Ashur on Earth** **c.** Their empire rose for the next two centuries

**5.** Continuous warfare and conquest occurred from

Canaan through Mesopotamia (858-705 **B.C.E.)**

**6.** [Ashurbanipal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Assurbanipal_als_hogepriester.jpg) ([669](http://www.ancientreplicas.com/ashurbanipal-feasting-o.jpg)-627 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Strife from within and without his empire

**Brutality** **b.** Nobles created competing powers

**rules a** **c.** Conquered people like the Babylonians rose up

**short time** **d.** Ninevah the capital fell in 612 **B.C.E.** to the

Medes and Chaldeans

**7.** Assyrian Government

**a.** A strong central king

**i.** Surrounded by loyal officials

**ii.** People very loyal as well

**iii.** Supported by the state religion

**b.** Great post system

**i.** Network of posting stages using

horses, mules and donkeys

**ii.** Answers to messages within a week

**c.** Military machine

**Cyrus of Persia** **i.** Years of experience and discipline

**vs.**  **ii.** Numbered in the 100s of 1000s

**Assyrian Kings** **iii.** Maintained a standing infantry army

**(p. 44)** **iv.** Used two-wheeled chariots

**v.** First to use iron throughout its military

**Used guerrilla** **vi.** Particularly adept at siege warfare

**warfare when vii.** Used terror and brutality especially

**needed** against subject peoples who rose up

**8. Society and Culture**

***a.*** *Policy of deporting the conquered to Assyria*

***i.*** *Result was a polyglot society*

***ii.*** *Assyrians remained separate through*

*faith* ***(****worshipped Ashur****)*** *and language*

***iii.*** *A farming people with few large cities*

***iv.*** *Trade was secondary to farming*

***(1)*** *Used grain, copper, bronze, silver*

*and gold as mediums of exchange*

***(2)*** *Based on their location, they also*

*acted as middlemen for distant nations*

***b.*** *They adopted many Sumerian & Mesopotamian*

*traits, including their gods and they saved*

*their books*

***c.*** *Art reflected a masculine brutal world*

*revolving around the king, war, & hunting.*

**D.** Neo-Babylonian Empire **(**626-539 **B.C.E.)**

**1.** Originated by the Semitic Chaldeans

2**.** King [Nabopolassar](http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-sR9I06ScCn0/UZOsRcwcE4I/AAAAAAAAF4o/RtmFNn2MYbA/s400/nabopolassar.jpg) **(**626-605 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Allied with the neighboring Medes

**b.** Smashed Ninevah in 612 **B.C.E.**

**3.** King [Nebuchadnezzar](http://www.build-a-beard.com/storage/post-images/babylonians-5.jpg?__SQUARESPACE_CACHEVERSION=1331732127144) II **(**605-562 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Son of Nab. & ended allAssyrian power

**b.** Made a new Babylonian Empire

**c.** Conquered Egypt, Canaan, Syria, & Judah

**i.** Smashed Jerusalem

**ii.** Took many of the Jews into captivity

**iii.** Made Babylon a magnificent city

**(1)** Famous for its massive 8 mile wall

system and protective moat **(Euphrates River)**

**(2)** Famed Ishtar Gate with the

Triumphal Way leading to the

precincts of the state deity, Marduk

**(3)** Ziggurat called the Hanging Gardens

***(a)*** *Built for the queen who*

*missed her home mtns. of Media*

***(b)*** *Complete with terraced streams*

*and gardens*

**4.** King [Nabonidus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nabonidus#/media/File:Nabonidus.jpg) **(**555-539 **B.C.E.) — No relation to Nebuch.**

**a.** Came to power as a usurper

***b.*** *Influenced too much by his mom*

***i.*** *Of the Assyrian city, Harran*

***ii.*** *She was the priestess of Sin****,*** *the Moon god*

***c.*** *Nab. worshipped Sin over Marduk*

***d.*** *Nab. seemed to prefer all things Sumerian*

***e.*** *Nab****.*** *was much hated by the people*

**5.** [Cyrus](http://www.biblesearchers.com/hebrewchurch/primitive/losttribesisrael11_files/image016.jpg) II of Persia [conquered](http://www.bible.ca/psychiatry/psychiatry-mental-illness-bible-nebuchadnezzar-god-struck-insanity-sin-pride-persian-cyrus-cylinder-nabonidus-ezra1-539bc.jpg) Babylon in 539 **B.C.E.**

**a.** He diverted the Euphrates River into a marsh

**b.** He had soldiers rush into the city via the

dried river bed

**c.** Cyrus was perceived by many as a liberator

**E.** Persian [Empire](http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view;_ylt=A0PDoQ1PVVpQchQAz3qJzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBlMTQ4cGxyBHNlYwNzcgRzbGsDaW1n?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3Fp%3Dmap%2Bof%2Bpersian%2Bempire%26n%3D30%26ei%3Dutf-8%26fr%3Dyfp-t-701%26tab%3Dorganic%26ri%3D1&w=786&h=600&imgurl=0.tqn.com%2Fd%2Fancienthistory%2F1%2F0%2Fk%2FT%2F2%2F786px-Persian_empire_490bc.gif&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fancienthistory.about.com%2Fod%2Fgeography%2Fig%2FMaps-of-Ancient-Greece%2FPersian-Empire-Map.--lv.htm&size=96.1+KB&name=Map+of+the+Persian+Empire+in+490+B.C.&p=map+of+persian+empire&oid=7b080ea63ac4815e92f40102cdc79ad8&fr2=&fr=yfp-t-701&tt=Map%2Bof%2Bthe%2BPersian%2BEmpire%2Bin%2B490%2BB.C.&b=0&ni=42&no=1&ts=&tab=organic&sigr=132oj8ako&sigb=13guseqhg&sigi=1237tb3f7&.crumb=rwYdnWzLUQq)

**1.** Persians were of Indo-European descent

**a.** Clannish herders headed by petty kings

**b.** The warriors were the nobility

**c.** Originally vassals to their fellow Indo-

European neighbors, such as the Medes

**2.** [Cyrus](http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view;_ylt=A0PDoV6jVVpQSDMAkPeJzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBlMTQ4cGxyBHNlYwNzcgRzbGsDaW1n?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3Fp%3Dcyrus%2Bthe%2Bgreat%26n%3D30%26ei%3Dutf-8%26fr%3Dyfp-t-701%26tab%3Dorganic%26ri%3D15&w=400&h=500&imgurl=4.bp.blogspot.com%2F_uS5WnoRKw7Q%2FTM3z2zAaLlI%2FAAAAAAAAB2c%2FJ6rnqmVI7dc%2Fs1600%2FIran_Koorosh_Cyrus_the_Great_Persian_Empire_Derafsh-e_Kaviani.jpg&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.pdmiran.org%2F2010%2F11%2Fcyrus-great.html&size=69.2+KB&name=PDMI%3A+Cyrus+the+Great&p=cyrus+the+great&oid=a5e61705119122f995491153f858f8d0&fr2=&fr=yfp-t-701&tt=PDMI%253A%2BCyrus%2Bthe%2BGreat&b=0&ni=48&no=15&ts=&tab=organic&sigr=11fa0e33u&sigb=13b5jphkl&sigi=14at38qp0&.crumb=rwYdnWzLUQq) **“**the Great**”** II **(~**590-529 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Minor king who unified his people under

the [Achaemenid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_kings_of_Persia) Dynasty

**b.** In 550 **B.C.E.** he conquered Media

**i.** Made it the first satrapy **(**province**)**

**ii.** In 547 **B.C.E**. Lydia did likewise

**iii.** He conquered Asia Minor, including the

Ionian Greeks & went as far as western India

**iv.** He entered Babylon in 539 **B.C.E.**

**Title: “King of All, great King, (1)** He showed tolerance and justice

**Mighty King**, **King of Babylon**, (**2)** Claimed descent from previous

**King of the Land of Sumer and**  Babylonian Kings

**Akkad, King of the Four Rims, (3)** Freed the Jews from captivity and he **the Son of Cambyses the Great** was their first Messiah

**King, King c.** Cyrus died in 530 during a campaign to

**of Anshan”** subjugate Massagetae **(**Iranian Confederation**)**

**d.** Life recounted by Herodotus **(**484-425 **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Portrayed Cyrus as wise & compassionate

**ii.** Supported local faiths and priests

**iii.** Allowed local rulers with Persian oversight

**iv.** Allowed foreign military commanders

**v.** He tried to create a world empire,

using traditions of all peoples

**3.** Post-Cyrus

**a.** [Cambyses](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/06/Cambyses_II_capturing_Psamtik_III.png/350px-Cambyses_II_capturing_Psamtik_III.png) II **(**530-522 **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Conquered Egypt & became 27th Dynasty

**ii.** Made Memphis his capital for the satrapy

**iii.** Made pharaoh on 525 **B.C.E.**

**b.** [Darius](http://www.cais-soas.com/CAIS/Images2/Achaemenid/Persepolis/Darius_relief.jpg) I **“**the Great**”** (521-486 **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Fought a civil war to succeed

**ii.** Connected Mediterranean Sea &

Red Sea with a canal

**iii.** Consolidated power east to Indus River

**iv.** Conquered Thrace north of Greece

**v.** Made the King of Macedonia a vassal

**vi.** The one who had the revolt in Ionia in

499 **B.C.E**. & lost to the Greeks at

Marathon in 490 **B.C.E.**

**4.** The Persian [Empire](http://www.worldmapsonline.com/persian_empire.htm)

**a.** The largest yet in history

**b.** 20 satrapies ruled by satraps

**i.** Acted as the king in his absence

**ii.** Hereditary Persian ruling positions

**iii.** Under-officials kept an eye on Satraps

with possible **“**king**’**s eyes**”** or **“**king**’**s

messengers**”** who did inspections

**c.** A good road & post system as well

**d.** The **“**Great King**”** was all powerful

**i.** Represented the Persian God**,** Ahura Mazda

**ii.** Splendid palaces at the capital of Susa

**(**Darius later moved the capital to Persepolis**)**

**iii.** Excesses of the Persian King weakened

the empire

**(1)** High Taxes

**(2)** Extravagant life styles **(**gold, & harems**)**

**e. “**Million Man Army**”**

**i.** Huge professional military with cavalry & navy

**ii.** 10**,**000 Immortals who always

maintained their numbers

**iii.** Problem of the military being a polyglot

**(1)** Language barrier for orders

**(2)** Not enough good weapons and armor

**f.** Zoroastrianism

**(~** 660 **B.C.E.)** **i.** Faith begun by Zoroaster**/**[Zarathustra](http://zoroastrianismbrink.blogspot.com/2011/01/zoroastrianism.html) **ii.** Message contained in the ***Zend Avesta***

**iii.** One God [Ahura](https://c1.staticflickr.com/5/4082/4879293845_068fdcd88f_b.jpg) Mazda **(“**Wise [Lord](https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTohWNRz2NnFEhhxpJBmTuXftc5lAMxDUFU5h7LPKeo_tD4evXf)**”)**

**Truth vs. disorder vs.** Angra Mainyu **(**[Ahriman](http://www.cais-soas.com/CAIS/Images2/Misc/Ahriman.jpg)**)**

**(1)** Humans had free will

as to whom to follow

**(2)** One day goodness would triumph

over evil and all would be judged

**(3)** Paradise for the good and an abyss

of torment for evildoers

**iv.** Eventually Persian nature gods

combined with the faith

**Future mystery god of Rome** **(1)** Including a sun god named Mithra

**(2)** Eventually Zoroastrianism became

the true monotheistic faith of today