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The Hebrew Scripture

- A Story of Vocation -

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JUDAISM

**A Western Religion with Unique
Vocation Stories**



OBJECTIVES:

- To know, understand, and learn how the Scripture developed from Judaism to Christianity
- ◆
- To appreciate how God calls certain people for a particular mission
- To discover how God inspires our vocation to follow him more closely.





INTRODUCTION

- **Think-Pair-Share**
 - **Career vs Vocation**



- Career

- *Carrus* (Latin): a course to take

- ◆ You choose your path

- Vocation

- *Vocare* (Latin): To call

- God calling, we respond,

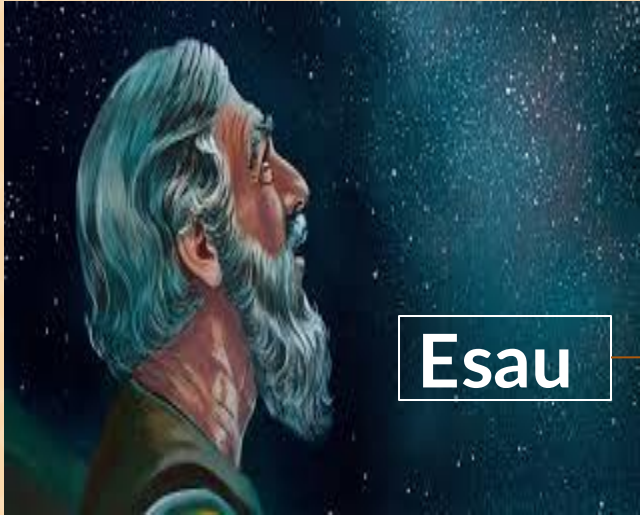
- God guides, we follow & discern

Origin of Judaism

- The CALL of Abram from the Land of Ur
- God made a Covenant with Abram...
 - *Covenant*: sacred oath
 - *Abraham*: “Father of many nations”



Forerunners



Abraham

- Ishmael: from Hagar (servant)
- Isaac: from Sarah (wife)

Esau

Jacob

Israel

12 Children

“The one who
wrestled with
God”

The Significant People

The Call of Moses



- Free the Israelites from slavery
- God made a Covenant with Moses...
 - “I will never leave you”
- God manifested Himself to Moses...
 - Burning Bush
 - YHWH (Yahweh): “I AM Who AM”

The Significant People

The Call of the Judges

- God called & chose Judges (to be leaders for Israel)
- *Deborah, Gideon, Samson, etc...*

The Call of the Judges

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOYy8iCflJ4&t=79s>

The Significant People

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The Call of the Kings

- God called & chose Kings (Act as Judges & leaders)
- *King Saul, King David, King Solomon, etc...*

The Significant People

The Call of the Kings of Israel

Saul

1st King

Anointed by
Samuel

David

Son of Jesse

Young shepherd who
killed Goliath

Wrote the
Book of Psalms

Sinned against God

Solomon

The Star of David



- It symbolizes God as the protector of David (God's protection)
- It represents the identity of the Jewish people and their relationship with God
- It foreshadows the coming of the Messiah which pertains to **"THE"** Star of David – the King of kings, and Lord of lords

The Significant People

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Anointed by
Samuel

David

Son of Jesse

Young shepherd who
killed Goliath

Wrote the
Book of Psalms

Sinned against God

Solomon

Son of David

Wisest King;
Built the Temple of
Jerusalem

Wrote the
Book of Proverbs,
Ecclesiastes & Book
of Songs

The Significant People

The Kings of Israel

Saul

David

Solomon

- Book of Proverbs



- Advices & Words of Wisdom

- Book of Ecclesiastes



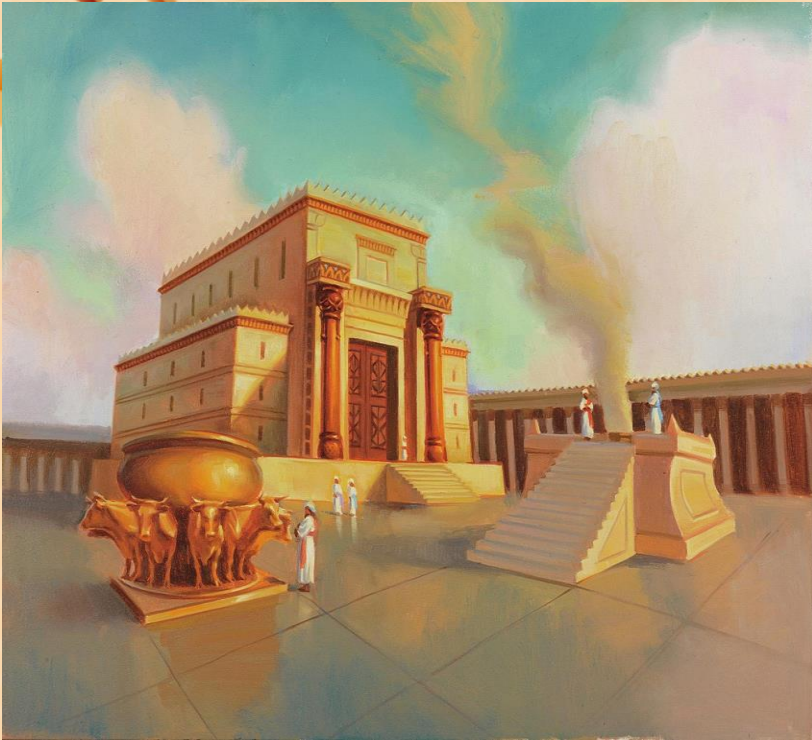
- Contemplation & Reflection

- Book of Songs



- Love Letters

The Temple of Solomon



- Built by King Solomon
- The symbol of the Jewish covenant with God, and center of the Jewish faith
- Currently, what remains of the Temple is just a "wall"

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The Call of the Prophets

- God called & chose Prophets (to be messengers)
- *Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Jonah, etc...*

The Significant People

The Call of the Prophets

Propeta: *one who speaks for God; mouthpiece*

Major Prophets (5)

Their written books
were longer

- *Ezekiel, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations*

Minor Prophets (12)

Their written books
were shorter

- *Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Obadiah, etc...*



The Call of the Prophets



JEWISH SCRIPTURES

Jewish Historians & Writers

- Who is Yahweh?
- Books of the Law
- Books of Wisdom
- Books of the Prophets

HIStory BOOK or a collection of events of the Chosen People with Yahweh

- God's Story
- People's History

Who is God?

- Transcendent
- Omniscient
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent

Central Teachings

- Benevolent
- Beyond time
- Just and merciful
- Charity

Torah



Central Teachings

- The Law Books
- First 5 Books of the Bible *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Number, Deuteronomy*
- The 10 Commandments
 - *The 1st three commandments referring to God*
 - *The 7 commandments referring to self and neighbors*



JEWISH SACRED TEXTS

- Tanakh: a collection of books
- The Sacred Text: written in Hebrew

Torah

LAW
Books

Nevi'im

PROPHETIC
Books

Ketuvim

WISDOM
Books

JEWISH SACRED TEXTS

Torah (5)

LAW Books

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Nevi'im (8)

PROPHETIC Books

Joshua
Judges
Samuel (1&2 comb.)
Kings (1&2 comb.)
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve

Ketuvim (11)

WISDOM Books

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Ruth
Lamentations
Esther
Daniel
Nehemiah
Chronicles



TANAKH

- Sacred Text term of the Hebrew People based on Judaism
- **CANON:** Three Main Parts with 24 Books
- Covenant of God with the Israelites and anticipates for the coming of the Messiah

Compare and Contrast

Similarities

Written in Hebrew

Same Books of the Law (Torah / Pentateuch)

Guides the Israelites on how to live a life with God



OLD TESTAMENT

- Sacred Text term of the Hebrew people based on Christianity
- **CANON:** Four Main Parts with 46 Books
- Covenant with God with the Israelites which was fulfilled in the New Testament, in the person of Jesus, the Messiah

The Hebrew Bible (Tanakh & O.T. Canon)

LAW

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

PROPHETIC

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Judges
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Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve
Lamentations
Baruch
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakuk
Zephaniah
Hagai
Zechariah
Malachi

WISDOM

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Ruth
Lamentations
Esther
Daniel
Nehemiah
Chronicles
Wisdom
Sirach

HISTORICAL

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Tobit
Judith
Esther
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees

In the O.T. Canon,
the 46 Books were
written before the
coming of Jesus

Jewish Scripture



- The Jewish history & God's HIStory and story with the chosen people
- A series of various vocation stories

Judaism?

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