

## **I. Beliefs of Judaism**

### **A. Basic Beliefs**

- 1. The Israelites were monotheistic, believing in only one god**
- 2. Israelite beliefs developed into the religion we know today as Judaism**

### **B. A Promise to the Israelites**

- 1. Israelites believed that God is present everywhere**
- 2. The Israelites believed god made a promise to them that he would make them kings and build a nation for them**
- 3. Israelites considered themselves God's "chosen people"**

### **C. Ten Commandments**

- 1. The commands set out religious duties and correct behaviors for the Israelites to follow**
- 2. Like Hammurabi's code, many Israelite laws tried to match the punishment to the crime**

### **D. Justice and Morality**

- 1. Prophets preached a code of ethics, or moral behavior that urged people to live good and decent lives**
- 2. They also called on the rich to protect the poor and weak**
- 3. To the Israelites all people were equal before god, whether a King or a Shepard**

## **II. Effects of Judaism**

### **A. On Christianity and Islam**

- 1. Both religions originated in the same geographical area as Judaism**
- 2. They both followed the Israelite belief of one God**
- 3. Jews, Christians, and followers of Islam all honor Abraham, Moses, and the Prophets**
- 4. All share the same moralities the Israelites developed**