

RELIGIONS OF SOUTHWEST ASIA: JUDAISM



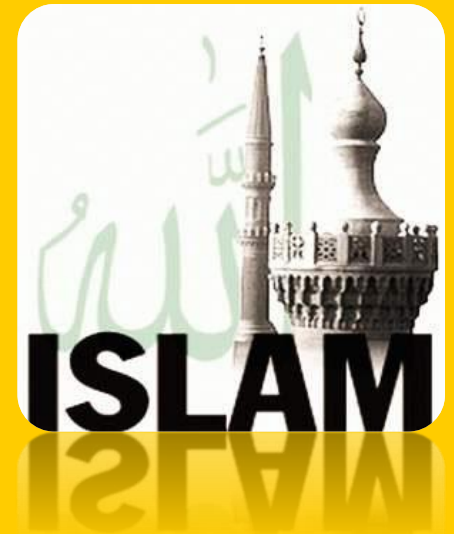
What do you **ALREADY** know?

- **Age of religion**
- **Founder/Important People/Prophets**
- **Holy Text(s)**
- **Beliefs**
- **Laws/guidelines**
- **Views on Jesus**
- **Holy Places**
- **Places of Worship**



Three religions originated in this region:

- Judaism
- Christianity
- Islam



TIMELINE OF ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS



1,400 BCE

TORAH ESTABLISHES THE JEWISH RELIGION

ISRAEL ENTERS RECORDED HISTORY WITH A PANTHEON OF GODS

ISAIAH WRITES "I AM THE FIRST AND I AM THE LAST; BESIDES ME THERE IS NO GOD" AND MERGES PREVIOUS GODS AND THEIR NAMES INTO ONE ENTITY. LEVITICUS IS WRITTEN AND EXODUS CHANGED TO COMBINE GODS.

600 BCE

OLD TESTAMENT WRITERS SWITCH FROM POLYTHEISM TO MONOTHEISM
BELIEF "ONE GOD" STARTS



4 BCE

"BIRTH" OF JESUS GIVES RISE TO CHRISTIANITY



610 AD

PREACHINGS OF MOHAMMED START THE ISLAMIC FAITH

Nonreligious

Confucianism

Secular Humanism

Animism

Judaism

Hinduism

Buddhism

Christianity

Islam

Sikhism

2000 BC

1500 BC

525

446 BC

30 AD

610 AD

1496 AD






prehistoric

520 BC

18th Century

MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

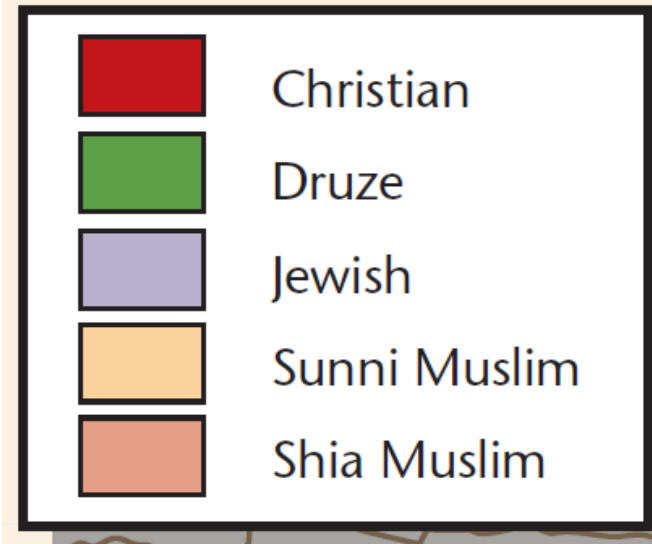


	Christian
	Druze
	Jewish
	Sunni Muslim
	Shia Muslim

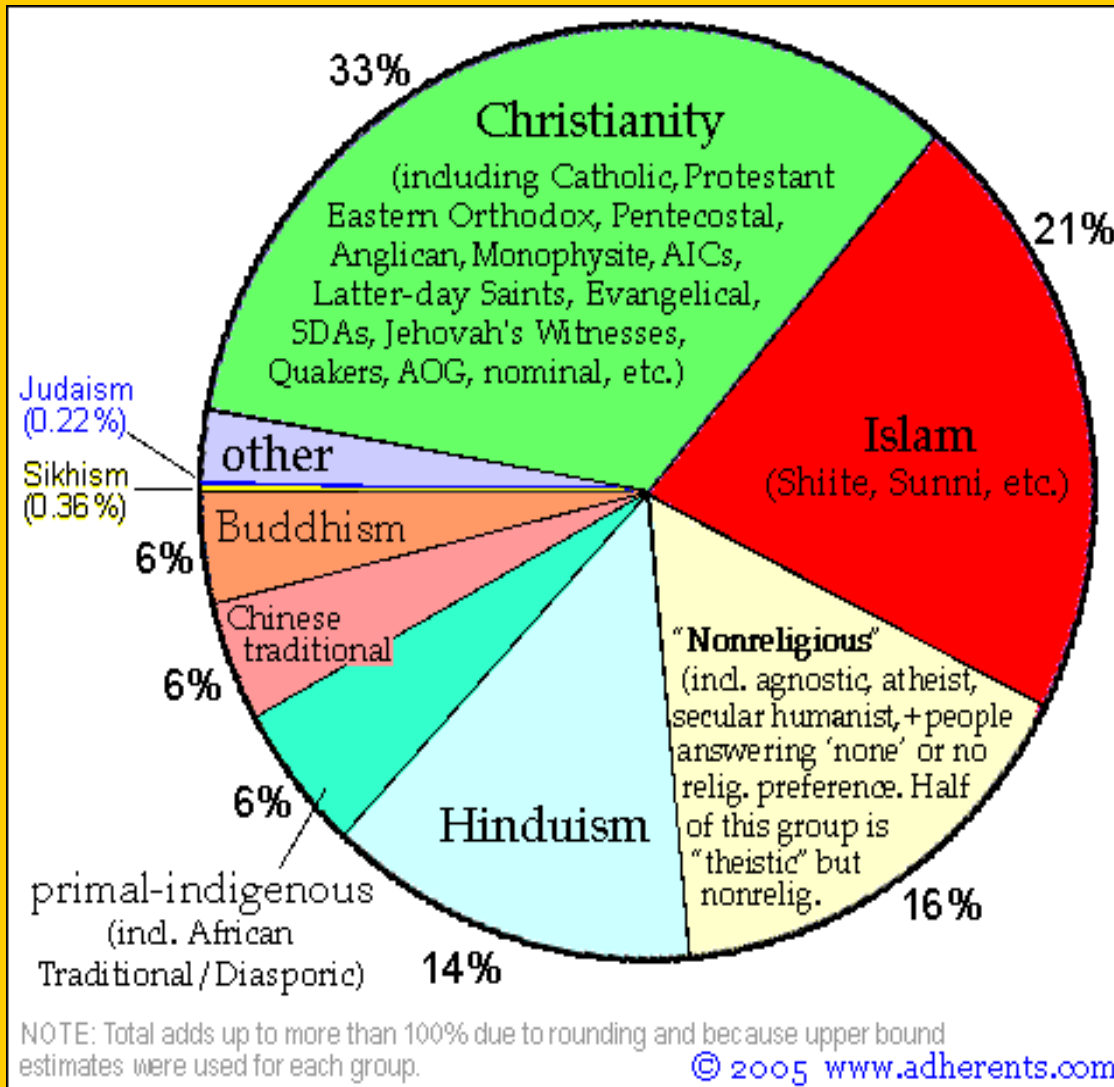
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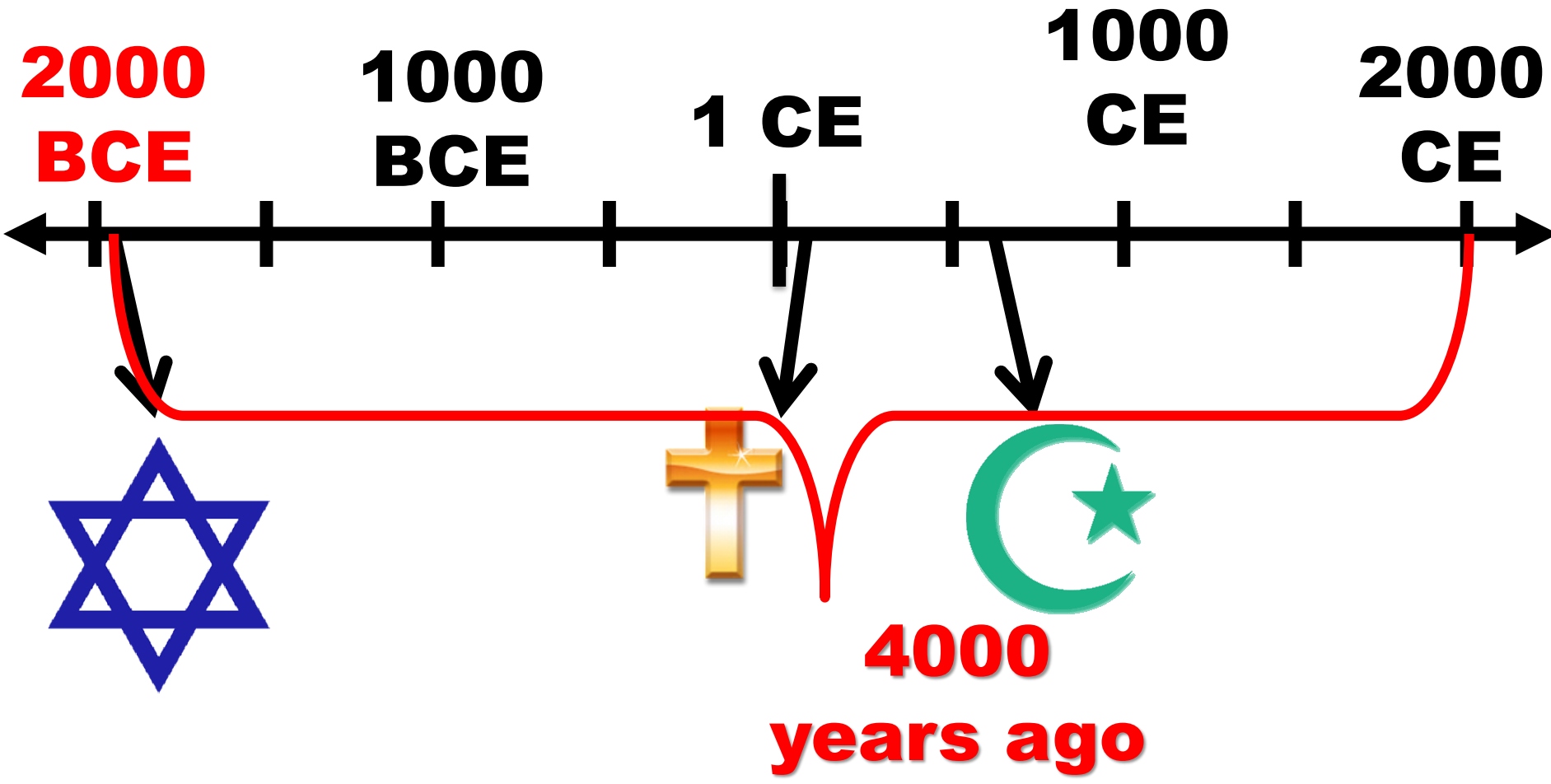
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ISRAEL
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GAZA STRIP
GOLAN HEIGHTS
Haifa
Akko
Tiberias
Nazareth
Nablus
Tel Aviv-Yafo
Jerusalem
Bethlehem
Hebron
Jericho
'Ammān
Dead Sea (Salt Sea)



JUDAISM: Size of Religion



- Judaism is the **12th largest** religion in the world.
- There are 14 million followers.



Monotheistic

Abraham was the first monotheist, a person who believes in only one God



Abraham's Genealogy

HAGAR = = = = ABRAHAM ::::: SARAH
(Judaism)

Ishmael

Isaac

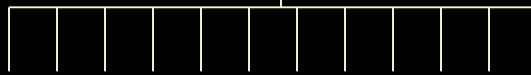


12 Arabian Tribes



Jacob

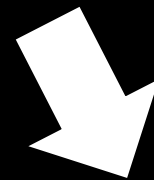
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12 Tribes of Israel



Muhammad (570 AD)
(Islam)



Hebrews & Jesus (1 AD)
(Judaism) (Christianity)



Western World



JUDAISM:

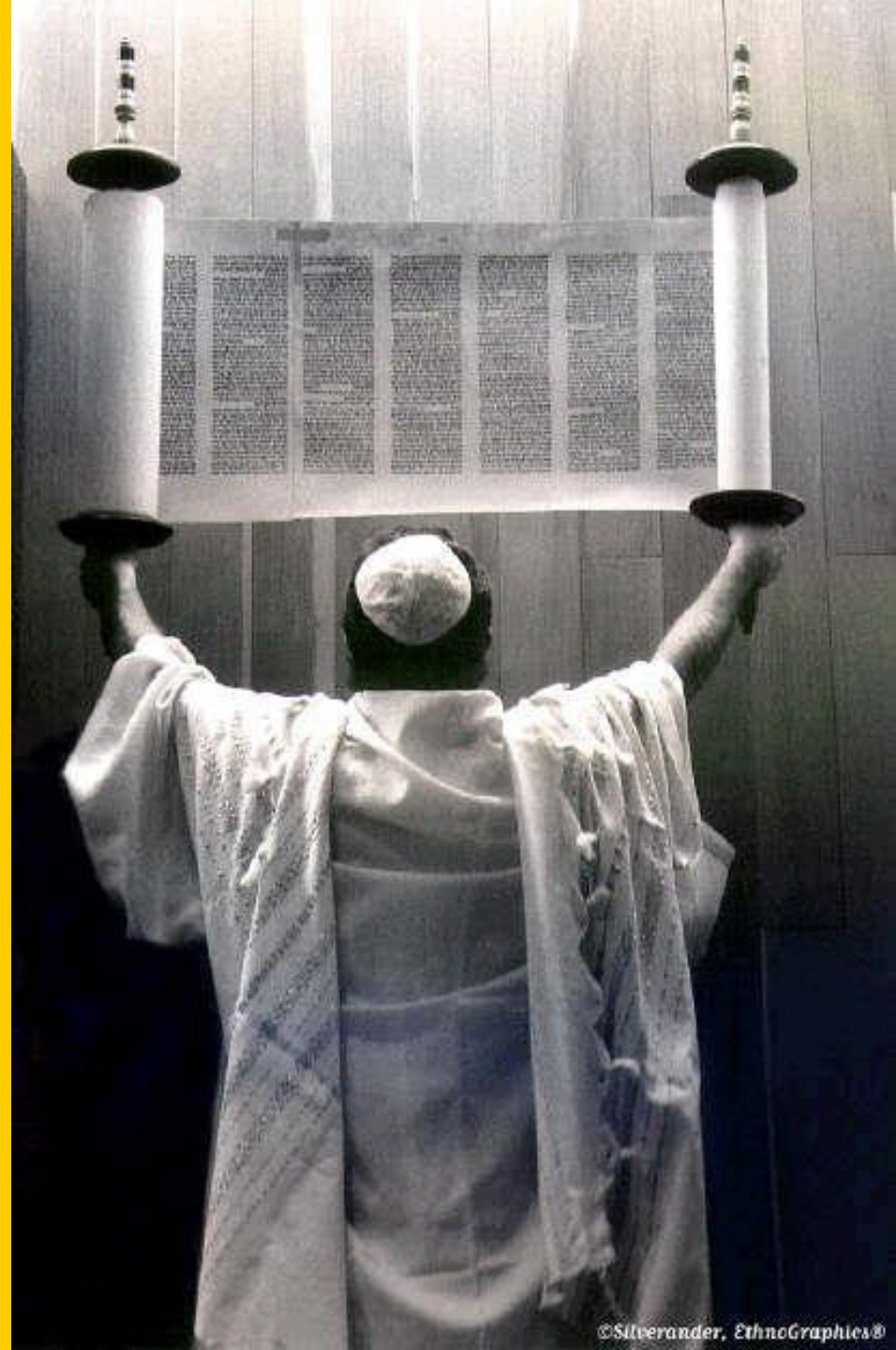
Founder / Important People / Prophets

- **Abraham** was the founder
- The **Hebrews** are the people who are descended from Abraham
- **Moses** was the man who lead the Jews out of slavery in Egypt. He received the **Ten Commandments** on Mt. Sinai



Sacred Text

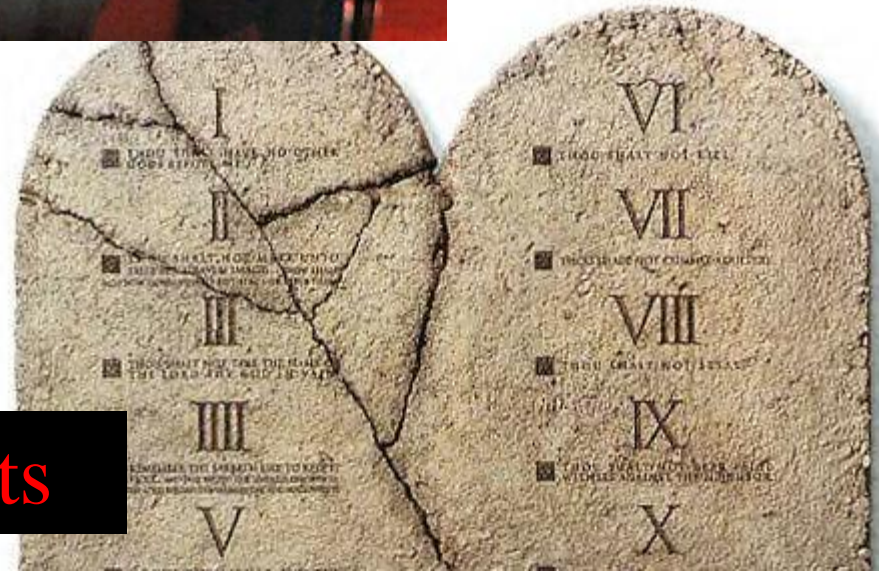
- **Torah:** the first five books in the Hebrew scriptures.
- **Tanakh:** the rest of the Old Testament
- **Talmud:** explanation of the Tanakh.



TORAH



10 Commandments

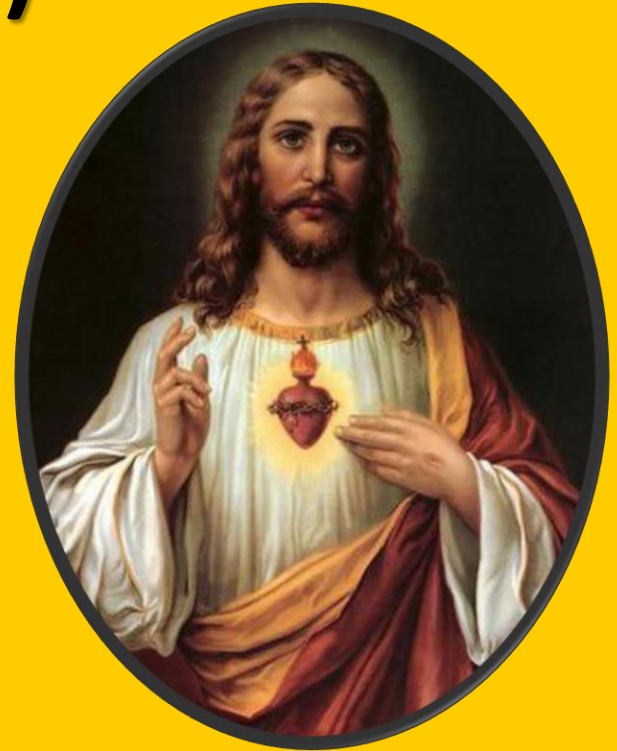


Country of Origin:
Israel / Canaan



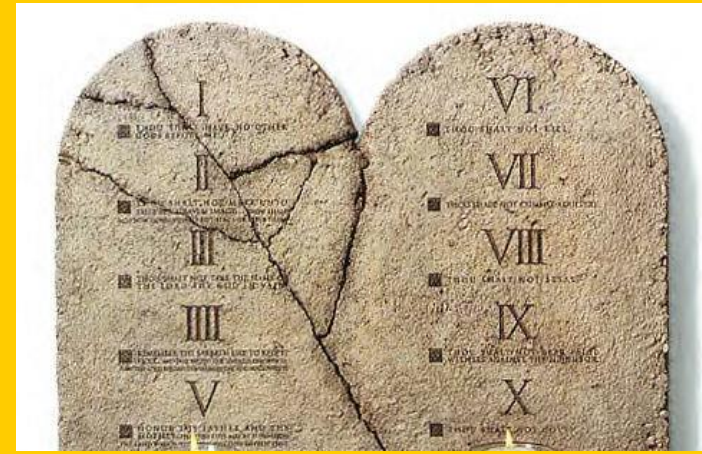
Jewish View of Jesus:

- Jews see Jesus as either a **false messiah (savior)** or a **good teacher**.
- **NOT** the son of God



Main Beliefs:

The 10 Commandments



1. I am God, the only God.
2. Only pray to God.
3. Use God's name only at special times.
4. Every week, celebrate a day of rest, peace and happiness.
5. Care about your parents.
6. Love life and living things.
7. Protect your family.
8. Do not steal.
9. Be honest.
10. Do not get jealous.

Jewish Beliefs cont. . .

- **Sabbath** (holy day) = Saturday
- **Dietary laws** – rules saying what foods they can eat & how they are prepared (ex. no pork)
- **Yom Kippur** – holiday asking for God's forgiveness for sins



Place of Worship/Holy Places

Synagogue/Temple

Jews go to the synagogue on the Sabbath (Saturday).



Jerusalem

- HOLIEST PLACE for Jews

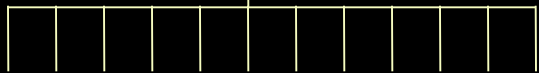
Capital of Israel
(home of the Jews)

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Don't get confused!

- All 3 Middle Eastern Religions are monotheistic
- Christians believe in god as a trinity (father, son, holy spirit) and that Jesus was god's *son*
- Muslims believe that Muhammed was god's *messenger* (not son)
- All 3 share the same foundation through the lineage of Abraham