

Hebrew Kingdoms

➤ Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to page 14 of the Atlas. Use the introduction and map A, "Biblical Migrations to Canaan," to answer the following questions.
 - a. Where did the Hebrews originally come from?

 - b. The Hebrews migrated from an area near the Persian Gulf to the coast of what other body of water? _____
 - c. What year did the migrations begin? _____
 - d. Who led the Hebrews from Ur to Canaan? _____
 - e. What forced the Hebrews to leave Canaan and move to Egypt?

 - f. Who led the Hebrews from Egypt back to Canaan? _____
 - g. Where did Moses get the Ten Commandments? _____

★ Time and Change

2. Use map A, "Biblical Migrations to Canaan," and map B, "Attacks on Hebrew Kingdoms," to sequence the following events in chronological order. Write 1 next to the event that occurred first and 5 next to the event that occurred last.

Event

Year

- a. Hebrews return to Canaan and form a kingdom. _____
- b. Babylonia conquers Judah. _____
- c. Assyria conquers Israel. _____
- d. Hebrews rebuild their temple. _____
- e. Hebrews are sent to Babylon. _____

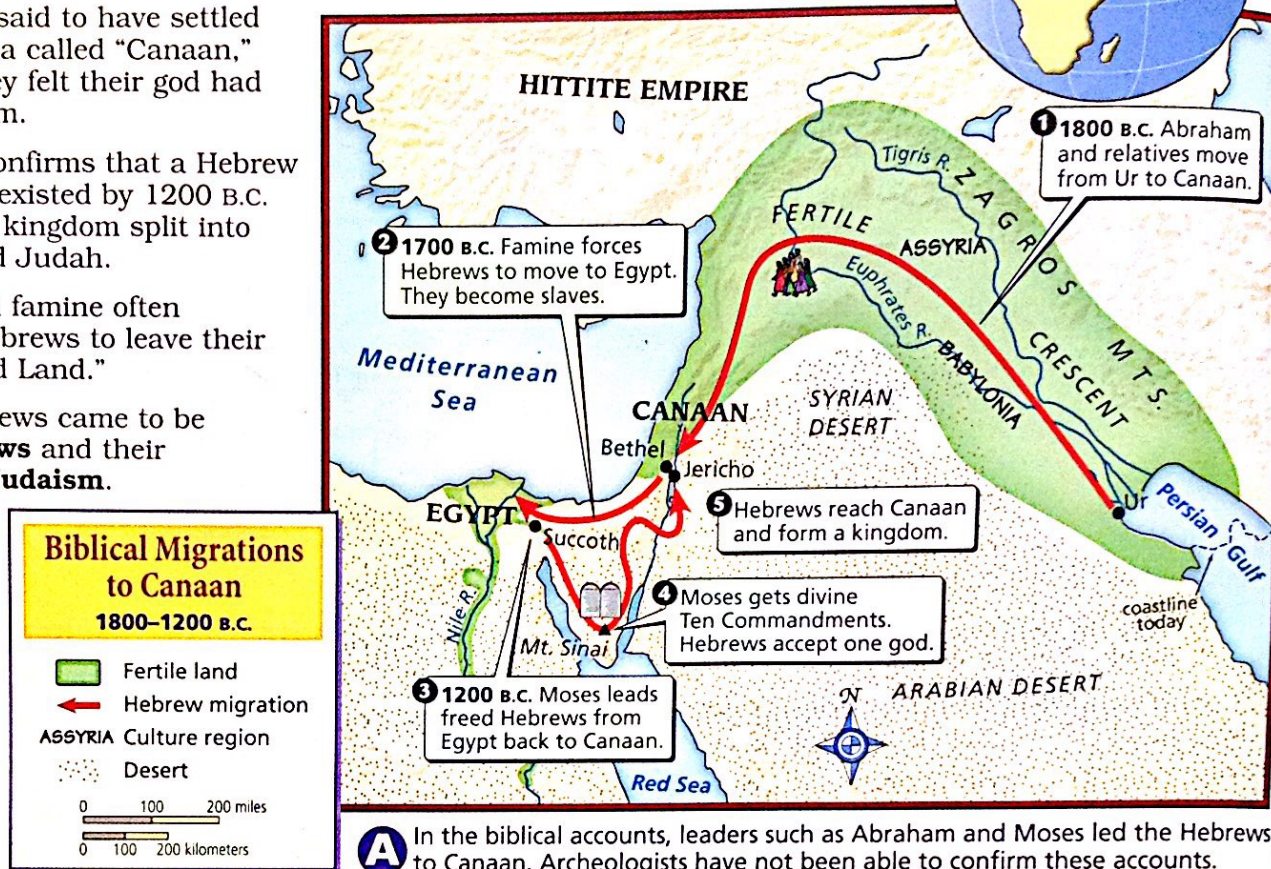
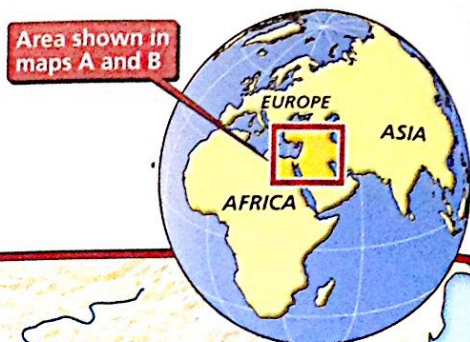
➤ People and Cultures

3. Read the history question "God or gods?" Write **T** if each of the following statements is true or **F** if the statement is false.
 - a. It is forbidden for Jews to worship only one god. _____
 - b. Islam and Christianity developed from Judaism. _____

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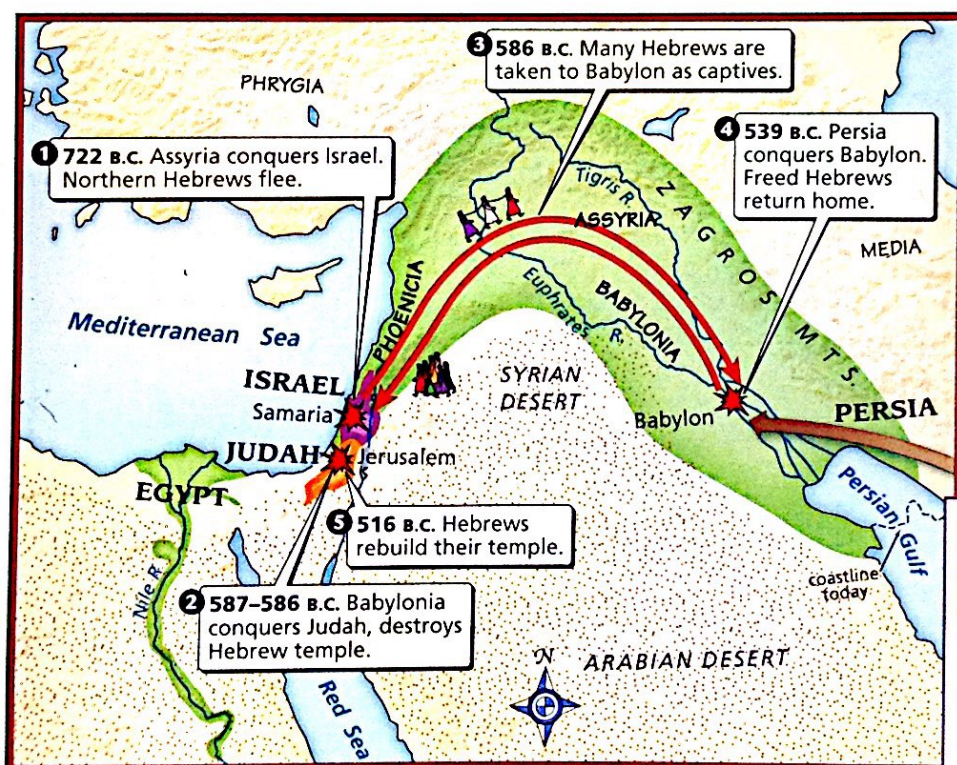
According to the Hebrew Bible, Hebrews came from southeastern Mesopotamia near the Persian Gulf. Around 1800 B.C., they migrated west to the Mediterranean coast.

- They are said to have settled in the area called "Canaan," which they felt their god had given them.
- History confirms that a Hebrew kingdom existed by 1200 B.C. Later the kingdom split into Israel and Judah.
- Wars and famine often forced Hebrews to leave their "Promised Land."
- The Hebrews came to be called **Jews** and their religion **Judaism**.



God or gods?

Unlike their neighbors in the Fertile Crescent, many Hebrews worshipped only one god. Eventually worship of any other god was forbidden. Christianity and Islam, which developed from Judaism, also worship just one god.



- B** After the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C., leaders and skilled craftsmen of Judah were sent to Babylon. There they wrote down their traditions, laws, and beliefs in part of what is now known as the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament.