

Judaism and Christianity in the Roman Empire

► People and Their Environments

1. Turn to pages 38–39 of the Atlas. Read the introduction to help you fill in the blanks below. Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
 - a. Judaism and Christianity started in the Middle East. _____
 - b. Judaism and Christianity spread beyond where they first developed. _____
 - c. Jews and Christians lived in many parts of the Roman Empire. _____
 - d. Christianity had few followers. _____

► Time and Change

2. Look at timeline A, "Jews and Christians Under Roman Rule." 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.
 - a. Christianity spreads among non-Jews. _____
 - b. Christianity becomes the official religion of Rome. _____
 - c. Jews are forbidden to live in Jerusalem. _____
 - d. Jesus is born. _____
 - e. Rome conquers Judea. _____

► Gathering the Facts

3. Use map B, "Jewish Migration During the Roman Empire," to answer the following questions.
 - a. When did Judea become part of the Roman Empire? _____
 - b. To which culture region outside the Roman Empire did Jews migrate by 300 A.D.? _____
 - c. Which Spanish city had a Jewish community by 300 A.D.? _____
 - d. What were two places where Jewish revolts occurred?
_____ and _____
 - e. What was the westernmost region that Jews migrated to? _____
 - f. What is the migration of Jews from their homeland called? _____

► History Through Maps

4. Use map C, "Spread of Christianity During the Roman Empire," and map B, "Jewish Migration During the Roman Empire," to answer the following questions.

- a. Who helped to spread early Christianity? _____
- b. How did Christianity spread to distant cities by 300 A.D.?

- c. Which African cities had Christian communities by 300 A.D.?
_____, _____, and

- d. Which half of the Mediterranean region had more Christian communities by 100 A.D. — the eastern or western half? _____
- e. Which six cities in the Roman Empire had both Jewish and Christian communities by 300 A.D.? _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____, and

- f. By what year had Rome established a Christian community? _____
- g. What was the northernmost city with a Christianity community by 300 A.D.?

► People and Cultures

5. Look at picture D and read its caption. Then read the history question, "What is Christianity?" to answer the following questions.

- a. Whose teachings is Christianity based on? What do Christians believe about this person?

- b. Why was Paul important to Christianity?

Judaism and Christianity in the Roman Empire

Followers of Judaism and Christianity settled in many regions of the Roman Empire. Both religions spread far beyond where they first developed.

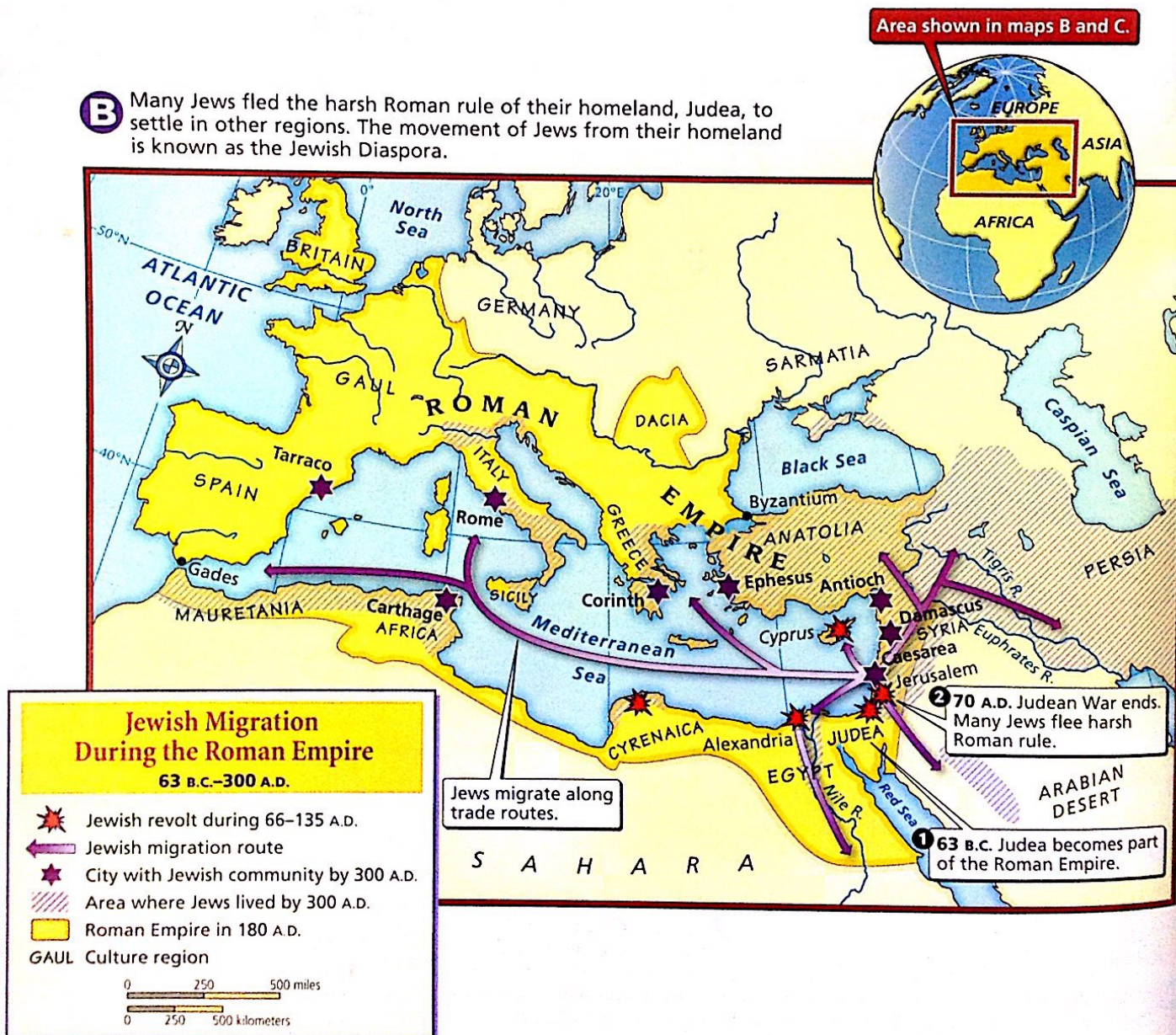
- Both Judaism and Christianity began in the Middle East.
- Jews migrated from their homeland to settle in other parts of the Roman Empire.
- Christianity, a new religion, began to spread throughout the Empire. It attracted many followers, called Christians.

Jews and Christians Under Roman Rule

	63 B.C. Rome conquers Jewish kingdom of Judea.	135 After revolts, Jews forbidden to live in Jerusalem.	392 Christianity becomes the official religion of Rome.			
100	B.C. <	> A.D.	100	200	300	400
	About 4 B.C. Jesus, the central figure of Christianity, is born.	45-62 Paul spreads Christianity among non-Jews.			303-312 Persecution of Christians intensifies.	

A Roman leaders persecuted both Jews and Christians, but Jewish and Christian communities continued to spread. Eventually Christianity became the main religion in the Roman Empire.

B Many Jews fled the harsh Roman rule of their homeland, Judea, to settle in other regions. The movement of Jews from their homeland is known as the Jewish Diaspora.





C Christianity first spread in the eastern Mediterranean region, helped by the travels of the early Christian leader Paul. Later Christian communities were established along important trade routes in other parts of the Roman Empire.

What Is Christianity?

Christianity is based on the teachings of Jesus, whom Christians believe is the son of God. Today Christianity, which began as a branch of Judaism, has more followers than any other religion in the world.

D Paul was a Jew who converted to Christianity. He traveled from city to city preaching Christian ideas and helped establish many early Christian communities.

