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|  | **Judaism** | **Christianity** | **Islam** |
| **Origins/Early History** | - began in the Middle East about 6,000 years ago- founded by Abraham- one of the world’s oldest religions | - developed out of Judaism about 2000 years ago in ME- based on teachings of Jesus |  - began in ME about 1400 years ago- founded by Mohammad- followers are called Muslims |
| **Major Beliefs** | - monotheistic- God is creator of Universe- God is a spirit- Ten Commandments | - monotheistic- believed Jesus was crucified & resurrected- Heaven- Jesus is son of God- Ten Commandments | - monotheistic: Allah is God- Islam= surrender to will of God- Allah has control over a person’s future- Mohammad was God’s last messenger |
| **Holy Books** | - Torah (first 5 books of O.T.)- Old Testament | - Bible: Old & New Testament | - Qu’ran/Koran |
| **Major Practices** | - Sabbath= Saturday- Ten Commandments- do not eat pork- Kosher (not mixing meat and dairy)- pray - Bar/Bat Mitzvah- Passover - Rosh Hashanah- Hanukkah - Yom Kippur | - Sabbath= Sunday- Ten Commandments- Treat others with love and respect- Christmas- Easter | - Sabbath=Friday\* 5 Pillars of Faith - Allah is all-powerful God - Pray 5X/day, face Mecca  when praying - Give to charity - Fast during Ramadan - Pilgrimage to Mecca |
| **Important Religious Figures** | - Abraham- Moses-Rabbi | -Jesus- God- Pope- Priests/ministers/Pastor | - Muhammad- Allah - Imam |
| **Places of Worship** | synagogue/temple | church | mosque |
| **Main Divisions** | - Orthodox- Conservative- Reform | - Roman Catholic- Eastern Orthodox- Protestants | - Shi’ites- Sunnis |