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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 |