

Vocabulary Builder



The Israelites

A. Content Vocabulary

Directions Match the vocabulary term in the left column to the correct definition in the right column. Write the letter of the matching definition on the line next to each term.

Column A

- 1. prophet
- 2. monotheism
- 3. Exodus
- 4. Torah
- 5. proverb
- 6. covenant
- 7. exile
- 8. Sabbath
- 9. kosher
- 10. Diaspora
- 11. commandment
- 12. rabbi

Column B

- A.** the laws that make up the first part of the Hebrew Bible
- B.** Jewish religious leader and scholar
- C.** a messenger of God
- D.** a period of time in which a group is forced to live far away from its homeland
- E.** groups of Jews living outside of the Jewish homeland
- F.** a weekly day of worship and rest
- G.** the departure of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt
- H.** a wise saying
- I.** a rule that God wanted the Israelites to follow
- J.** an agreement with God
- K.** the belief in one all-powerful, just, and personal God
- L.** prepared according to Jewish dietary laws

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B. Academic Vocabulary

Directions Complete the following sentences by selecting the correct academic vocabulary term from the word bank.

Word Bank

cooperate	devote	tradition
community	ensure	version

1. A Greek _____ of the Hebrew Bible helped people who were not Jews to understand Jewish ideas.
2. The Samaritan _____ emerged when Assyrian settlers mixed with the Israelites still living in Israel.
3. According to _____, Jews met to pray and discuss their religion on a weekly day of worship and rest.
4. The Israelites carried the Ark of the Covenant into battle because they believed that it would _____ victory.
5. The Sadducees decided to _____ with the Romans in order to maintain peace in Judaea.
6. The Pharisees urged Jews to _____ greater time to the teachings of the Torah as a way to resist Roman control.

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C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

Directions Complete the following sentences by selecting the content or academic vocabulary term that best fits the intended meaning. You may need to change the form of the word to fit the sentence. For example, **cooperate** might need to be changed to **cooperation**. You may use a dictionary to help you. Not every word will be used.

Content and Academic Vocabulary Words

alphabet	Diaspora	prophet	synagogue
commandments	ensure	proverb	Torah
community	exile	rabbi	tradition
cooperate	Exodus	Sabbath	tribes
covenant	kosher	scrolls	version
devote			

1. Scribes demonstrated their _____ to the Jewish faith by creating long _____ on which the five books of the Torah were written.
2. According to the Hebrew Bible, Jacob’s 12 sons became the leaders of different _____. These groups became an important part of the Jewish _____.
3. On their journey from Egypt, the Israelites received a _____ from God. This agreement included a series of _____ that God wanted the Israelites to follow.
4. The Phoenicians developed an _____ to _____ that they keep accurate records of their trade.

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5. The groups of Jews that settled outside the Jewish homeland became known as the _____. In Alexander's Greek empire, they helped spread their ideas throughout the Mediterranean world. Jewish scholars even created a _____ of the Hebrew Bible written in Greek.
6. While living in Babylon, meeting to worship in a _____ became an important _____, or way of doing something, for many Jews.
7. Various Jewish groups responded differently to Roman rule. Some thought it was best to _____ with the Romans. Other groups planned to revolt against the Romans.