

## ANCIENT ISRAEL: (2000 BC-70 AD)

The history of **Ancient Israel** is documented in one of the world's most widely read books: the **Bible**. This history is told through the lives of famous biblical characters as well as remains and inscriptions found in the Middle East.



**Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**, the three founding patriarchs of Israel, settled in **Canaan** almost four thousand years ago. The people of Canaan were divided into tribes and were ruled by judges.

Eventually, the Israelites, whom became known as the **Israelites**, turned to the **Commandments** written on stone tablets, built by the **Israelites** monarchies.

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Throughout history, many Jews were banished from their homeland and were forced to start new communities in places other than Israel. Around 70 BC, the Romans took over **Jerusalem** and destroyed the temple, ending another era in Israel's rich history.

