

Aim: How did Judaism spread?

Homework: p. 52 (due tomorrow)
& Belief System Chart- due Thursday.

Introduction

→ **Directions:** Examine the images below, then fill out the chart with what you see, think, and wonder.



A map illustrating the location of synagogues in antiquity (1st-11th century CE). Each circle or star represents a location where there is some evidence of the existence of a Jewish temple created as a result of the Jewish diaspora caused by the Roman destruction of the Second Temple and resulting conflicts.

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See	Think	Wonder
List three things you <i>see</i> in map above.	Based on your observations, who do you <i>think</i> diaspora means and what do you think caused the Jewish diaspora?	Write two questions you have about the map.

See	Think	Wonder
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Handwritten notes in red and black ink:

- Cities
- literature
- rivers
- legends
- Key
- how people live
- dynasty
- Culture
- Scattered
- Population
- destruction
- people
- ethnic group

Vertical handwritten notes in black ink:

- Did Judaism spread the way the Neol. Re. spread?
- How many people lived in cities?
- How far were the cities from one another?

UNIT 2 | The First Civilizations | SQ 24: What are the major beliefs of Judaism? How does Judaism impact the lives of Jewish people?

Spread: The Jewish Diaspora

→ Directions: Read the text and analyze the map below, then answer the questions that follow.

The term **diaspora** (in Ancient Greek, διασπορά – "a scattering or sowing of seeds") refers to any people or ethnic group forced to leave its traditional homeland, and the spreading out of those people that results from it. It is especially used to with reference to the Jewish people, who have lived most of their historical existence as a *diasporan* people.

The Jewish diaspora began with the Babylonian Exile. Although some of the captives that were forced to live in Babylon returned to Judea after they were released by the Persian King Cyrus the Great, others settled elsewhere. They were *dispersed* in lands around the Mediterranean Sea. Major centers of Jewish diasporan culture emerged in such places as Alexandria, Asia Minor, and Babylonia.

A second major expulsion and diaspora of the Jewish people from Judea took place between 66 CE and 136 CE. In 66 CE, the Roman Empire had been in control of Judea for some time, but had mostly respected the rights of the Jewish people to practice their religion. Due to Roman administrators who were disrespectful towards their religion, and disagreements over taxes, the Judeans rebelled against the Romans. In response, the Roman military destroyed most of Jerusalem including the Second Temple to the Jewish God. For the next 66 years tensions between the Judeans and Romans intensified with riots and wars and calmed. At the end of this period, much of the Jewish population had either chosen to leave Judea or were forced out.

Some Jewish people remained in Judea or the surrounding area, but most left. In the sixth century there were 43 Jewish communities in Palestine, scattered along the coast, in the Negev, east of the Jordan, and in villages in the Galilee region, and in the Jordan River valley. Jewish communities expelled from Judea were sent, or decided to go, to various Roman provinces in the Middle East, Europe, and North Africa.

D = diaspora
 ○ places they went
 Key facts

1. Why did the Jewish diaspora occur?

2. Where did Jewish people spread their religion after they were expelled from Judea?

<p>The Jewish diaspora occurred because... the Jewish people either chose to leave or were expelled by the Babylonians first, then by the Romans.</p>	<p>After they were expelled from Judea, the Jewish people spread to Alexandria, Asia minor, and Babylonia. They also spread to North Africa, Middle East + Europe.</p>
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→ **Directions:** Based on what you have learned, complete the task below.



Contextualize

Part I

Define Judaism. **Explain** how Judaism spread.

Part II

→ **Directions:** Pretend that you were a Jewish person who left Judea during the diaspora to find a new home in the Mediterranean world. As you enter a new city, you are approached by a local who wants to know more about your religion. Respond to the questions below.

The Local's Questions	Your Response
How did you end up in my city? Why didn't you stay in Judea?	

