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| **Judaism** | **Early Christianity** | **Islam** |
| Monotheistic | Monotheistic | Monotheistic |
| Judaism began 2000 year before the common era | Christianity was spurred by Judaism and officially began 33 CE | Began with the Prophet Muhammad in 622 CE |
| Jews believe that God made a *covenant*, with their ancestors, the Israelites, and they are God’s chosen people. | Christians believe in original sin and that Jesus died in their place to save them from that sin. | Muhammad is their last and greatest prophet of God (Allah).  The messenger of God through whom Islam was revealed 600 years after Jesus’ death. |
| All Three believe that the same God of Abraham created and rules the universe, and hears the prayers of the faithful | | |
| Judaism’s sacred place is Jerusalem | Christianity’s sacred place is Jerusalem | Muslim have a yearly pilgrimage to Mecca, where Allah spoke to Muhammad, in Saudi Arabia. He died on “the Rock” in Jerusalem, which is also a sacred place for Muslims. |
| They await the coming of the *Messiah*, “the anointed one.”  Judaism originated with a divine covenant between the God of the ancient Israelites and Abraham around 2000 BCE. | Christians believe that Jesus of Nazareth was that Messiah (the name Christ is derived from the Greek term meaning “Messiah”) Before his death he created the Christian church and left in the hands of his 12 *apostles*. His closest *disciples*. | Muslims don’t agree that it is the youngest religion. They feel that their prophets are also Abraham, David, Moses, and Jesus. The role of Muhammad as the last prophet was to formalize and clarify the faith and purify it by removing ideas which were added in error. |
| The Jewish Holy Book is the *Torah*. | The Christian Holy Book is  *The Bible* | The two sacred texts of Islam are the *Qur'an*, which are the words of Allah 'the One True God' as given to Muhammad from the archangel Gabriel, and the *Hadith*, which is a collection of Muhammad's sayings. |
| All three are “religions of the book.” Therefore they have written records of God’s will and words. | | |
| Judaism has the “ Maimonides' 13 Principles of Faith.” | Christianity has “the 10 commandments” | Muslims have the “Five Pillars of Islam” |
| Jews believe in one creator who alone is to be worshipped as absolute ruler of the universe. He monitors people’s activities and rewards good deeds and punishes evil. | Christians believe that Jesus was fully human as the Son of God and is part of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. All Christians believe in heaven and that those who sincerely repent their sins before God will be saved and join Him in heaven. | Muslims follow a strict monotheism with one creator who is just, omnipotent, and merciful. Muslims who sincerely repent and submit to God will return to a state of sinlessness and go to Paradise after death. |
| Judaism believes in the “Soul of Life.” The creation of man testifies to the eternal life of the soul. But, Ultimate justice is found in another dimension. | Christians vary on their believe of hell and satan. | They also believe in satan who drives people to sin, and that all unbelievers and sinners will spend eternity in Hell. |