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## Stills from the Film

**Do you remember? Each still shows one setting of the film. Describe with your own words what the stills show us about Judaism!**



1. Around four million Jews live in Israel, which is a small country on the Mediterranean coast in between Egypt and Syria.

2. The people of Chaldea believed in many gods. They made statues of the gods and prayed to them. Abraham taught that there is only one God. This belief is called monotheism. But the people wouldn't listen to him and continued to worship their idols.



3. The Jews prospered in Egypt until they were enslaved by the Pharaohs – the rulers of Ancient Egypt. They were slaves for about 400 years. The Pharaohs made them build pyramids and other huge monuments to glorify them.

4. As a punishment for the enslavement of the Hebrews in Egypt, God sent ten plagues to Egypt. The final plague was an angel who killed the first born child in every Egyptian household. The angel passed by the Hebrew houses as God had told them to smear lambs blood on the doors of their homes.



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5. Moses led his people to Mount Sinai, where he received the Ten Commandments, the laws of God that had been inscribed on two stone tablets. This event marked the beginning of the agreement between God and the Hebrews.



6. In 63 B.C. the Roman Empire took control of Judea and installed Herod as the king. King Herod rebuilt the temple at Jerusalem. It became known as Herod's temple.

7. A group of Jews took refuge from the Romans on a mountain. When the Roman army finally entered the fort they found that all the Jews had chosen to commit suicide, rather than be captured.



8. The Jews were often persecuted in the countries where they settled. The worst atrocities<sup>1</sup> happened during the Second World War when about six million Jews were killed in the Nazi concentration camps.

9. The first part of the Hebrew Bible is The Torah. The name refers to the five books of Moses. Torah scrolls<sup>2</sup> are treated with great respect. A pointer is used to prevent dirt from the fingers smudging the scroll.



<sup>1</sup> atrocity = Gräueltat

<sup>2</sup> scroll = (Schrift-)Rolle

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10 The Jews consider The Temple Mount to be their most sacred place. It is the site of the Second Jewish Temple. Now there's a magnificent Muslim house of prayer on this holy site. Only the western side of the ancient Temple is still standing.

11. Hanukkah, also known as the festival of lights, is celebrated every year. Usually it falls in between November and December. Many Jewish parents give presents to their children during the Hanukkah festival.



12. During the Purim festival in March Jews come together to listen to a reading from the Book of Ester. Ester was a Queen who lived in Persia during the fifth century B.C. She prevented Haman, the Prime Minister, from killing the Jews in the country. Each time Haman's name is mentioned in the story, the Jews shake rattles in defiance<sup>3</sup> of him.

<sup>3</sup> defiance = Auflehnung, Verachtung