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Ancient Israel made enduring cultural contributions to Western ethical and religious literature and thought. The California History-Social Science Framework emphasizes that students “*should read and discuss Biblical literature that is part of the literary heritage and ethical teachings of Western civilization; for example, stories about the Creation, Noah, the Tower of Babel, Abraham, the Exodus, the Ten Commandments, Ruth and Naomi, David, and Daniel and the Lion’s Den; selections from the Psalms and Proverbs; and the Hebrew people’s concepts of wisdom, righteousness, law and justice.*”



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The birth of Christianity occurred in Ancient Israel. Today, over a third of the world's population (over two billion) worship some form of Christianity and it is important that those in western society learn the circumstances in which it started.



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Students need to appreciate the enormous contribution made by Ancient Israel to present day society. It is crucial that students learn this in ways that relate to their mindset and our material facilitates this. Through an experiential approach students feel and think what it was like to live in Ancient Israel. They achieve this, in part, through stories which include “*Abraham*”, “*Joseph, son of Jacob*”, “*Moses*”, “*The Covenant*”, “*David meets King Saul*”, “*Solomon King of Israel*”, “*Esther*”, “*Judah Maccabee*”, “*Story of the Dead Sea Scrolls*” and “*The Life of Jesus*” while students act the drama “*The Trial of Jesus*”.



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<http://members.cox.net/e-lessons/Israelites/OverviewElessonsIsraelites.htm>

Details of e-lessons at <http://members.cox.net/e-lessons>
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The Israelites 25 e-lessons are based on the Waldorf-
WideHorizon Packs: Ancient Civilizations

Details of WideHorizon Resources (9 Teacher Packs) at:
<http://members.cox.net/waldorfedu/weredu/index.html>

Details of Waldorf Resources lessons and packs(9 Units
divided into 32 SubUnits) at:

<http://members.cox.net/waldorfedu/waldorfeduPages/WorldH.html>



23 e-lessons on Israelites E-L 5.01-5.05

Teachers' Education Institute

1. E_L 5.01 introduces teachers to the study of the Ancient Israelites.
2. In E-L 5.02 students are involved in locating Ancient Israel through a variety of map activities.
3. The geography and climate of Ancient Israelites is the subject of E-L 5.03.
4. An historical overview of the Ancient Israelites is the main subject of E-L 5.04.
5. E-L 5.05 introduces students to the life and work of Abraham and includes a story and guided reading activity.



23 e-lessons on Israelites E-L 5.06-5.10

1. E-L 5.06 covers the period from Joseph to Moses and includes a story and activities that introduces students to the life and work of Joseph, Son of Jacob.
2. E-L 5.07 and E-L 5.08 are about the life and legacy of Moses.
3. E-L 5.07 includes a story about the life of Moses while E-L 5.08 is about the Passover, the Covenant and Spirituals and includes guided reading and various other activities.
4. The period from Judges to Kings is covered in E-L 5.09 and includes information and activities on Solomon's Temple.
5. E-L 5.10 introduces teachers to the study of Esther, festivals, and the life of Jesus of Nazareth.



23 e-lessons on Israelites E-L 5.11-5.15

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1. The life and work of Solomon, King of Israel is introduced to students in E-L 5.11 and includes a story and various activities.
2. E-L 5.12 covers the period from Solomon to Cyrus and includes the story of Esther and the festival of Purim.
3. Return to the Promised Land is the subject matter of E-L 5.13 and includes a readers' theatre exercise.
4. E-L 5.14 is about the life of Judah Maccabee and includes a story, various activities and guided reading activity.
5. A variety of subject areas is covered in E-L 5.15. They include Hanukkah, a recipe for Hanukkah, the establishment of Roman rule, the Hasmonaean Dynasty, the Essenes and a story about Dead Sea Scrolls.



23 e-lessons on Israelites E-L 5.16-5.19

1. In E-L 5.16 students learn about the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth. The lesson includes a story and guided reading activity as well as activities on his travels and the song “Lord of the Dance”.
2. E-L 5.17 involves students in the drama “The Trial of Jesus”.
3. Students examine primary sources in E-L 5.18. They include “Pilate Holds Special Court” and “Parable of the Sower”. The lesson also includes directions for the students to produce a newssheet, activities based on the journeys of the gospels and the parables.
4. The final lesson, E-L 5.19, is about loss of the Promised Land, Jewish Symbols and glossary and dictionary activities.



23 e-lessons on Israelites E-L 5.20-5.25

1. E-L 5.20 to E-L 5.25 consist of review exercises.
2. E-L 5.20 contains review exercises on the geography and climate of Ancient Israel.
3. E-L 5.21 covers the areas of the history of the Ancient Israelites and the life and work of Abraham.
4. E-L 5.22 contains review exercises on the period from Joseph to Moses and the Passover.
5. The exercises in E-L 5.23 are about the Covenant, the Israelites defeat the Philistines, Solomon's Temple and the Queen of Sheba.
6. E-L 5.24 contains exercises on milestones in the history of the Israelites, place names, from Persian to Roman rule and Greek and Roman rule.
7. The subject areas of E-L 5.25 include Who's Who in Judaism and Jesus of Nazareth.