





# Warm Up Question

**Why does evil exist in the world?**

**Do you believe in heaven and hell?**

**Why or why not?**

# Search For the Promised Land

- A group of people claimed an important piece of land- Palestine/Israel.
- This region sat on the eastern edge of the Mediterranean Sea and on the Red Sea, which led to the Indian Ocean.
- Advantageous location for trade.





Caspian Sea

Elburz Mts.

Mediterranean Sea



Tigris R.

Euphrates R.

Haran

AKKAD

Babylon

SUMER

Ur

Zagros Mountains

Dead Sea

Shechem

EGYPT

Nile R.

Red Sea

Nile R.

Persian Gulf  
(Lower Sea)

Arabia

<http://www.bible-history.com>

# The Ancient World at the Time of Abraham



200 Miles

INDIAN  
OCEAN

# Ancient Israelites

**Ancient Israelites: Were called Hebrews**

– **Were monotheistic: believing that there was only one God.**

– **At the time, all other peoples worshiped many gods.**

– **The Torah: Includes the first five books of the Hebrew Bible- that is the books of *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy***

# Abraham

- Abraham is considered the **FATHER OF JUADISM**
- According to the **Torah**, a man named **Abraham** lived near Ur in Mesopotamia.
- God told him to move his family to **Palestine**, where he would prosper. Abraham promised that he and his people would always **obey God**.
- God, in turn, promised to always **protect** them from their enemies.



# The Exodus

- Later the Hebrews suffered from the failure of their crops. They moved to Egypt, but over time they were made into slaves.
- After many years, they left in a mass departure that Jews called the Exodus.
- According to the sacred book of the Jews, a man named Moses led them out of Egypt. They wandered 40 years in a wilderness.

# The Second Covenant

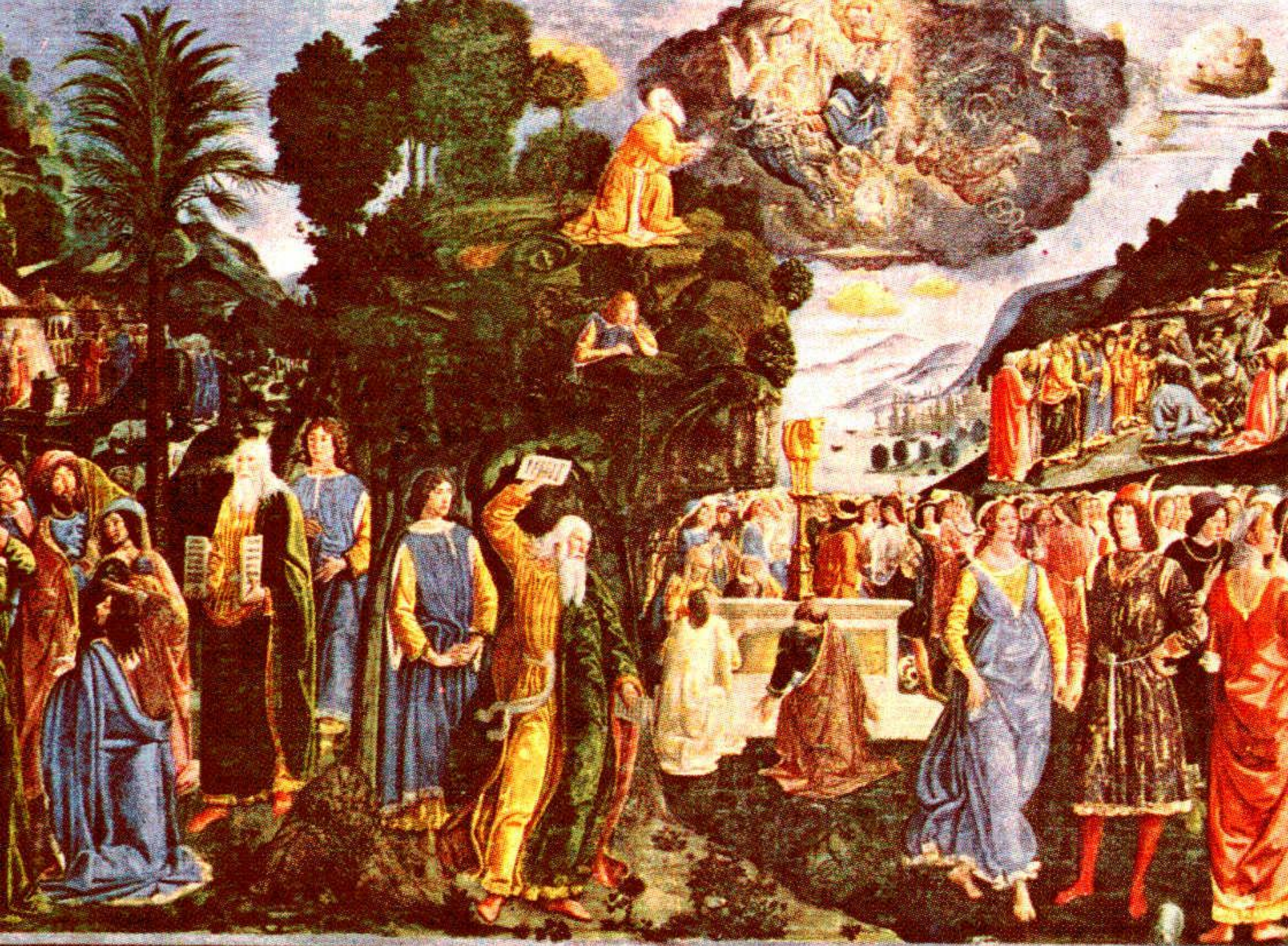
- During that time, the story says, Moses received from God the Ten Commandments.
- These were the laws that the Hebrews were to follow. For the second time, God promised to protect these people in return for their obedience to his laws.



*Moses came and called to the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him.*

✠ Exodus 19:7 ✠







# Duties of the Hebrews

- The Hebrews had other leaders called prophets. They said that they were messengers sent by God to tell the people how he wanted them to act.
- These prophets told the people that they had two duties:
  1. To worship God
  2. To deal in just and fair ways with each other.



# Significance of Monotheism

- With monotheism, religion was changing.
- Each person was expected to live a moral life.
- The idea emerged that each individual was important and valuable to God; and God was available to everyone