

# Judaism and Christianity in the Roman Empire

## People and Their Environments

1. Turn to pages 38–39 of the Atlas. Read the introduction to help you fill in the blanks below. Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
  - a. Judaism and Christianity started in the Middle East. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Judaism and Christianity spread beyond where they first developed. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Jews and Christians lived in many parts of the Roman Empire. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Christianity had few followers. \_\_\_\_\_

## Time and Change

2. Look at timeline A, “Jews and Christians Under Roman Rule.” Sequence the following events in chronological order. Write 1 next to the event that occurred first and 5 next to the event that occurred last.
  - a. Christianity spreads among non-Jews. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Christianity becomes the official religion of Rome. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Jews are forbidden to live in Jerusalem. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Jesus is born. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Rome conquers Judea. \_\_\_\_\_

## Gathering the Facts

3. Use map B, “Jewish Migration During the Roman Empire,” to answer the following questions.
  - a. When did Judea become part of the Roman Empire? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. To which culture region outside the Roman Empire did Jews migrate by 300 A.D.? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Which Spanish city had a Jewish community by 300 A.D.? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What were two places where Jewish revolts occurred?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. What was the westernmost region that Jews migrated to? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. What is the migration of Jews from their homeland called? \_\_\_\_\_

**History Through Maps**

4. Use map C, “Spread of Christianity During the Roman Empire,” and map B, “Jewish Migration During the Roman Empire,” to answer the following questions.

- a. Who helped to spread early Christianity? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. How did Christianity spread to distant cities by 300 A.D.? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Which African cities had Christian communities by 300 A.D.? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Which half of the Mediterranean region had more Christian communities by 100 A.D. — the eastern or western half? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Which six cities in the Roman Empire had both Jewish and Christian communities by 300 A.D.? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- f. By what year had Rome established a Christian community? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. What was the northernmost city with a Christianity community by 300 A.D.? \_\_\_\_\_

**People and Cultures**

5. Look at picture D and read its caption. Then read the history question, “What is Christianity?” to answer the following questions.

- a. Whose teachings is Christianity based on? What do Christians believe about this person?  
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- b. Why was Paul important to Christianity?  
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