

WHEN & WHERE DID THE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS ORIGINATE?

JUDAISM began more than 5000 years ago; it is the oldest of the three Abrahamic religions: *Judaism*, *Christianity*, and *Islam*. The Bible recounts that God told Abraham to go to Canaan. It is now known as ISRAEL, named after Abraham's grandson. The land is often referred to as the Promised Land because of God's repeated promise to give the land to the descendants of Abraham.

Christianity originated in the 1ST century. The Bible recounts that Jesus was born in BETHLEHEM. Although the Western system for dating years is based on the birth of Jesus, historical evidence suggests that he was born around 4 BCE.

Muhammad proclaimed that he first received Allah's (GOD in Arabic) revelations in a cave near MECCA, in present day Saudia Arabia, beginning in 610 CE; he continued to receive new revelations until his death in 632 CE.

