

Chapter 6
Lesson 3
The Development of Judaism

Return to Judah

- Judeans exiled to Babylon were known as the Jews
 - had no temple to worship in
 - met in **synagogues**, or Jewish homes of worship
 - worshipped on the **Sabbath**, weekly day of worship and rest

Rebuilding Judah

- Persians defeated the Chaldeans and took over Babylon
 - king Cyrus II let Jews return to Judah
- constructed new temple, the Second Temple
- Persians did not allow Jews to have own government or king
 - priests were religious scholars
 - understanding of the Jewish faith
 - scribes lectured in synagogues
 - taught in schools
 - wrote five books of the Torah on **scrolls**, long document made from pieces of parchment sewn together

What is in the Hebrew Bible?

- three parts: the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings
- presented laws and rules of Israelites
- Genesis, first book of the Torah
 - human beginnings
 - describes how God punished world for wicked behavior
 - Noah built an ark; Earth flooded; only ones on ark escaped drowning
 - world speaks several languages because city of Babel tried to build tower to reach heaven
 - God disapproved
- book of Daniel explains evil and suffering would be replaced by goodness
- Daniel was a trusted adviser to Babylonian King
 - refused to worship Babylonian gods
 - Chaldeans threw Daniel into a lion's den
 - God protected him

Jewish Daily Life

- Torah provided teachings for daily living
 - instructions about what foods to eat
 - what clothes to wear
 - to help the poor
 - deal honestly with neighbors
 - apply laws fairly
 - individual worth and responsibility and self-discipline

The Jewish Family

- family life was very important
- so was education
- boys learned to worship God, a trade, and to read the Torah
- girls were educated at home, learned about women of ancient Israel

Dietary Laws

- Jewish laws states what they can eat
 - laws known as kashrut, that which is proper
- only meat of certain animals, no pork
- food prepared according to Jewish dietary laws is called **kosher**
 - meat must be killed in a certain way
- can not eat meat and dairy products together, shellfish (crab or shrimp)
- Seder is a special meal eaten during the festival of Passover
 - celebrates the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt