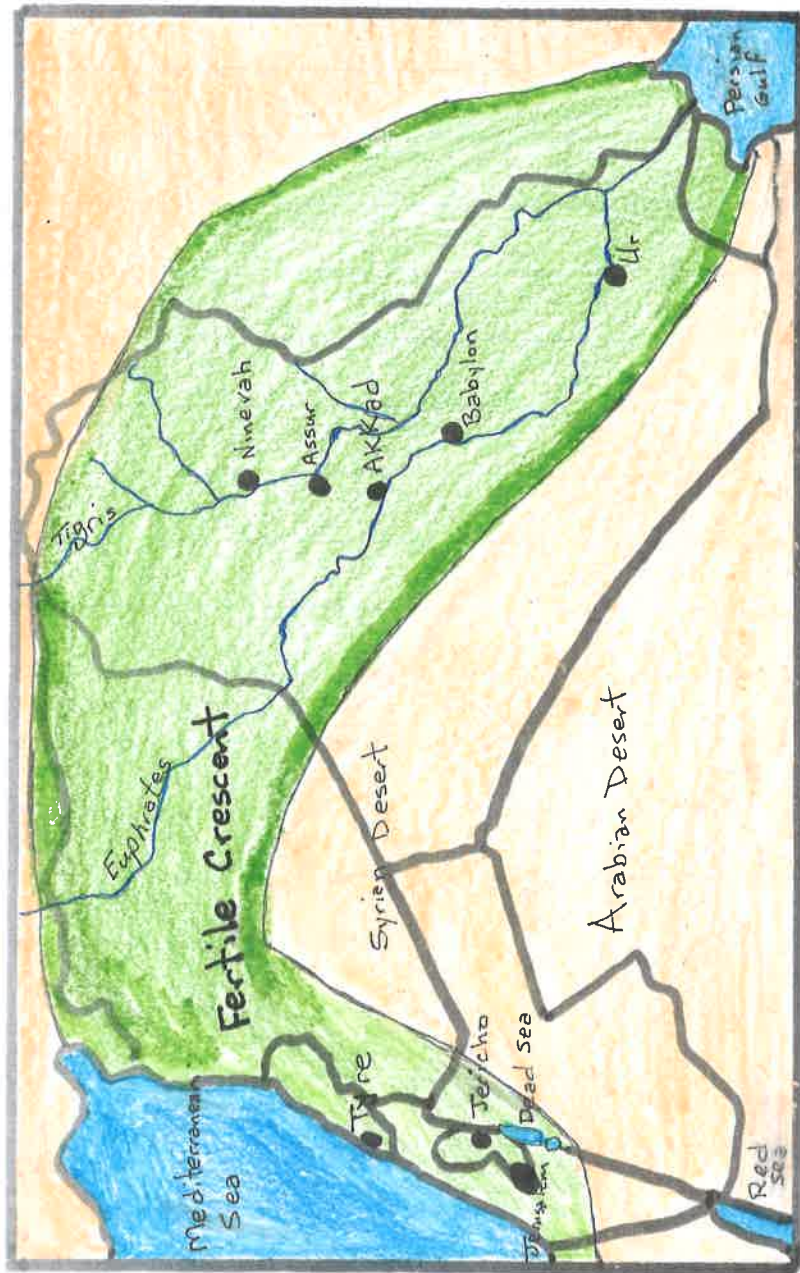


Ancient Mesopotamia



Judaism

Judaism is a monotheistic (one God) religion based upon the Hebrew Bible (which comprises the Christian Old Testament)

Some consider Abraham to be the founder of Judaism. Abraham left Uruk (city on the southern Euphrates River) circa 2000 B.C. on a quest for land that God would give to his descendants (i.e. Israel)

Christianity and Islam trace their roots to Abraham

(Jews claim descent from Abraham through his son Isaac, Arabs claim descent through Ishmael.)