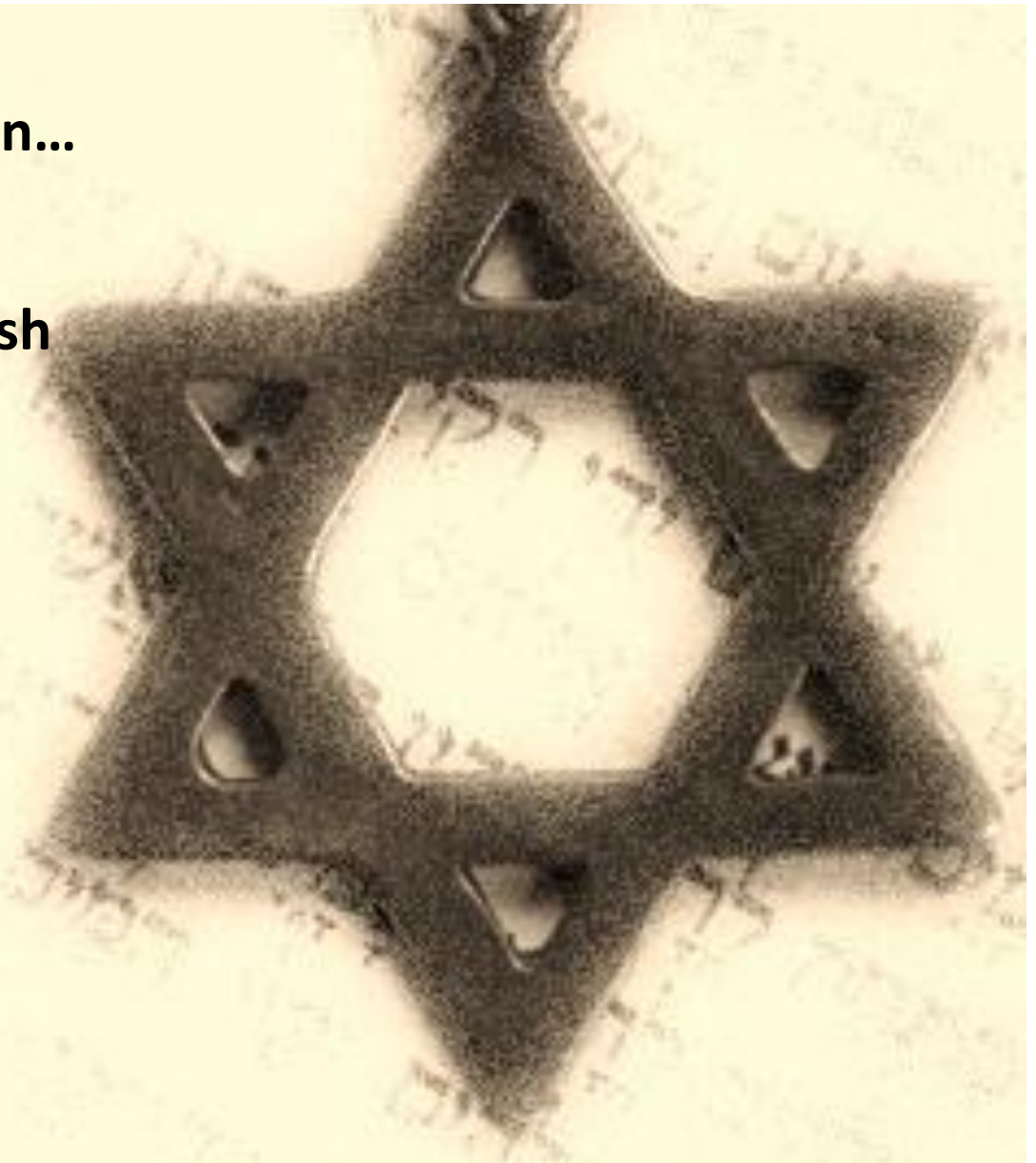




**All of these people would
identify themselves as Jewish.**

Judaism is a world religion...

... though someone who considers themselves Jewish may not be **religious.**

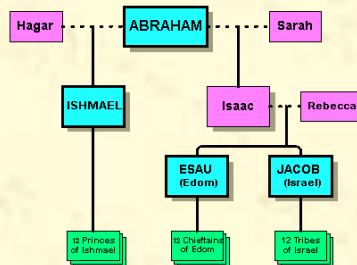


A religious person is someone who practices a religious belief.

Being Jewish is not limited to a **geographic** location.

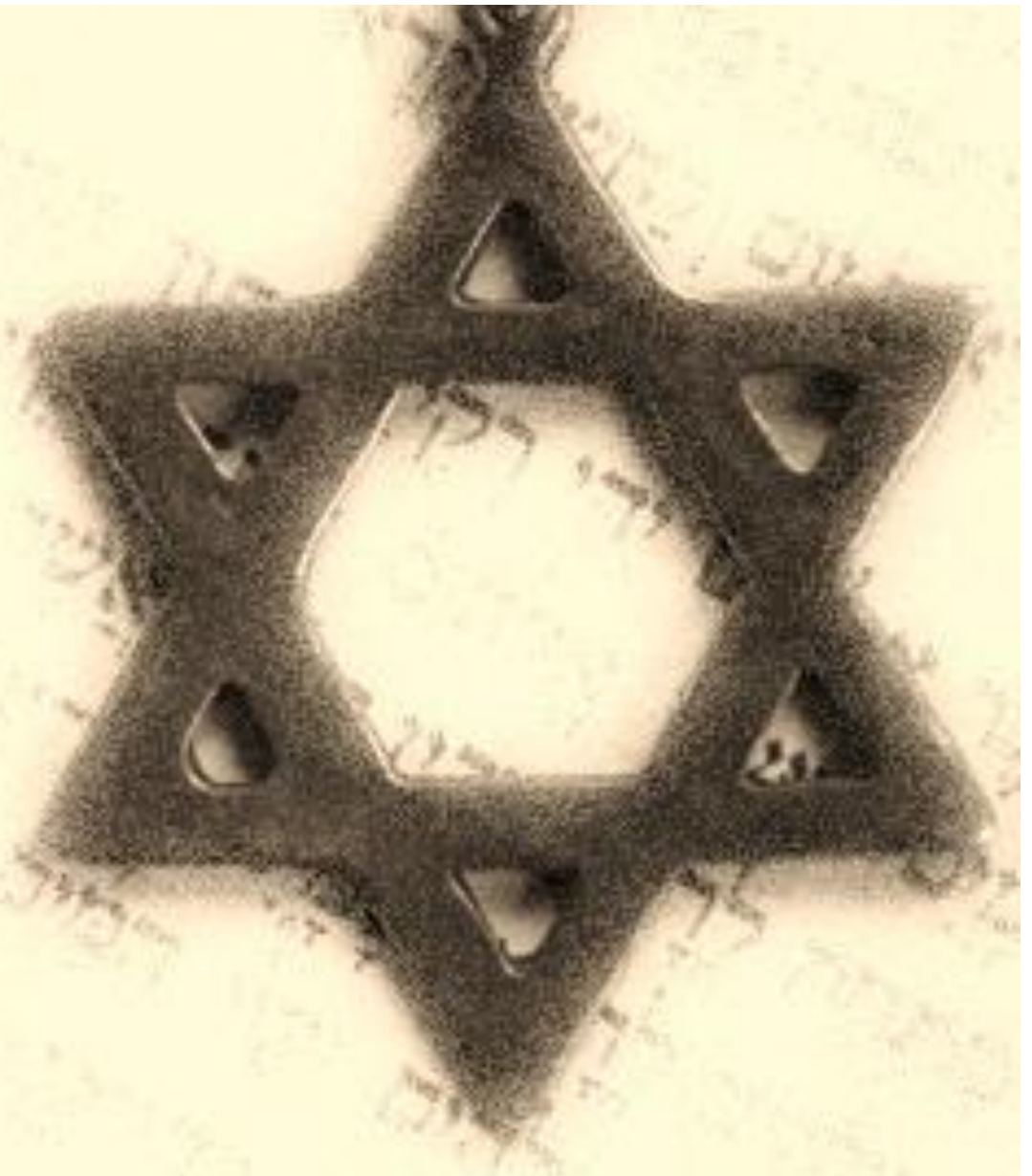


To be Jewish means to be part of the Jewish **race**.



Race is a group of persons related by common descent.

**So...if someone
says they are
Jewish they may
be one by
ethnicity,
religion or both.**

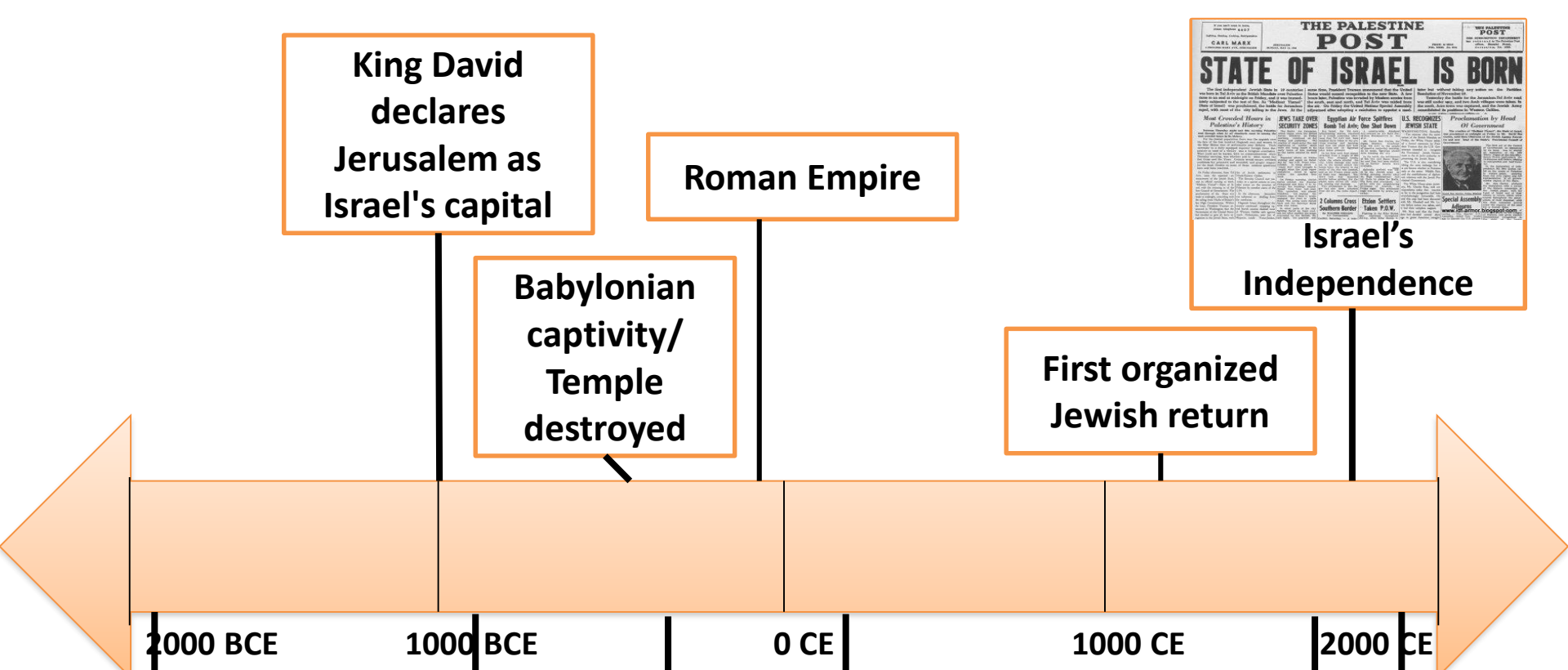




**Israel
and Jewish
Identity**



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mR2W43t6tl>



King David declares Jerusalem as Israel's capital

Roman Empire

**Babylonian captivity/
Temple destroyed**



Israel's Independence

First organized Jewish return

Abraham settles in the Promised Land

The Temple rebuilt

Re-established Jewish majority

Diaspora & Temple destroyed

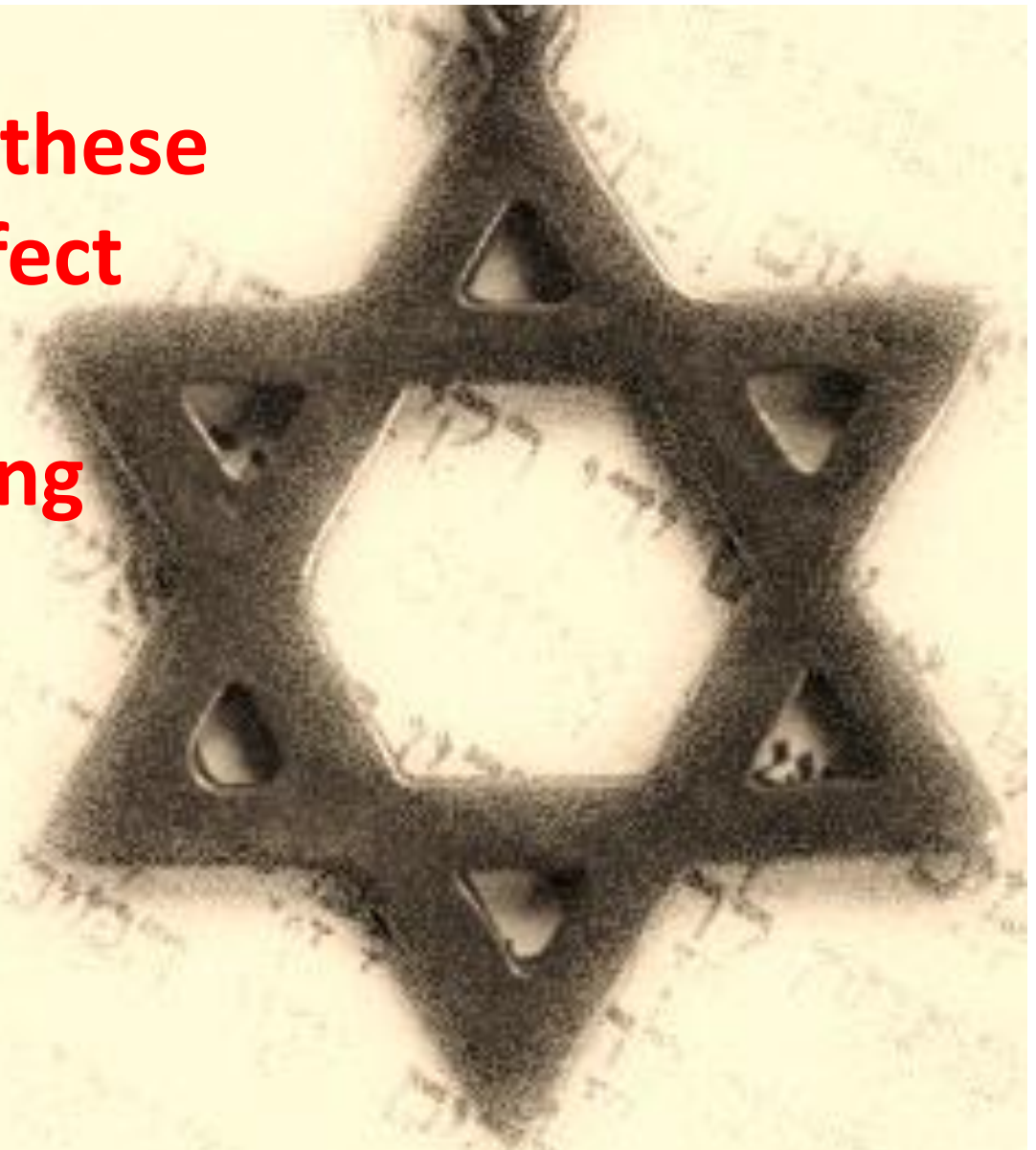
6 Day War



Solomon's Temple

History of the Jewish People in Israel

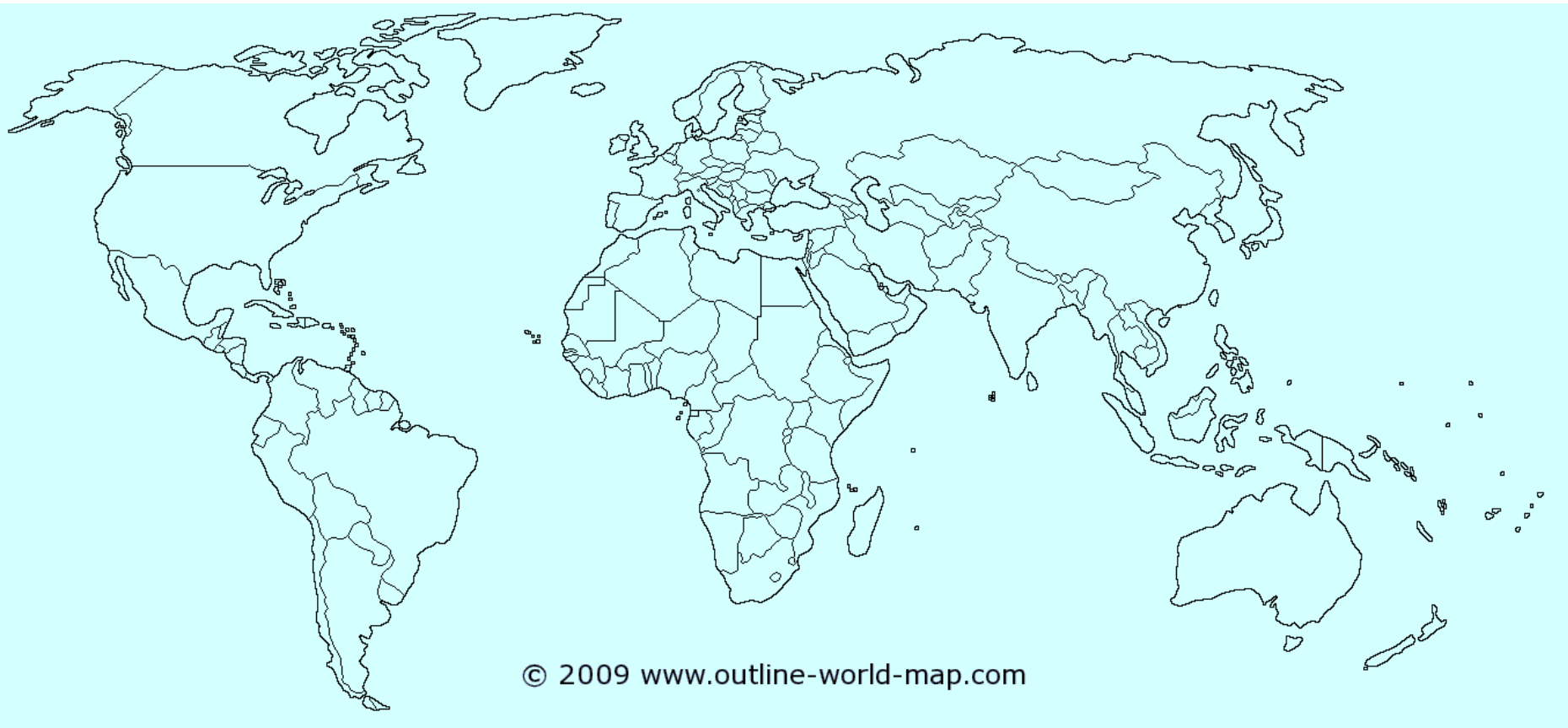
**How do you think these
events might effect
how a Jew
feels about being
Jewish?**



Diaspora:

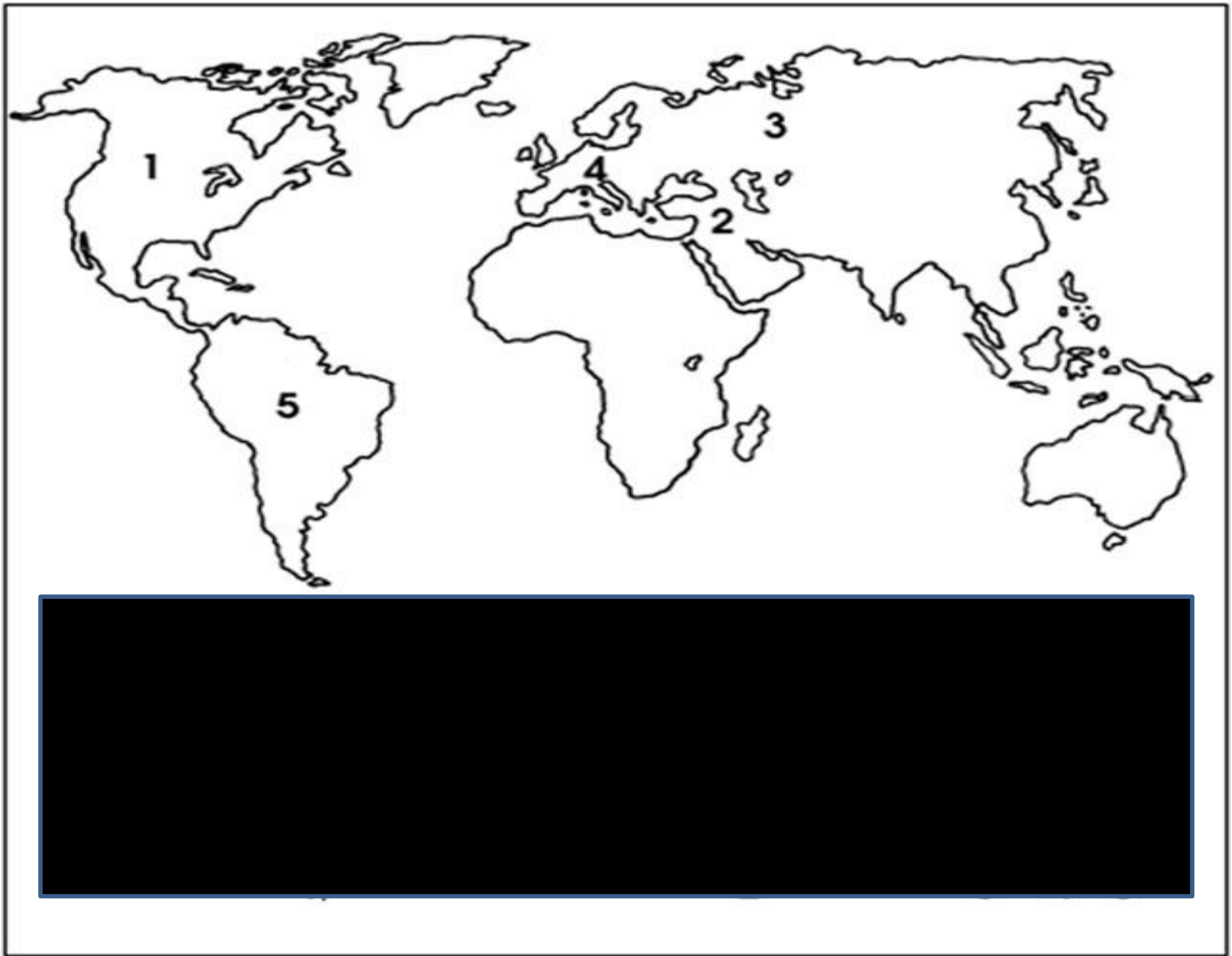
When many Jews were taken away from Israel and scattered across the Roman Empire.





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Promised Land:

Where Abraham took his family to settle, originally called Canaan but is now known as Israel.

Solomon's Temple:

Holy temple originally built 3000 years ago, dedicated to God. Now only one wall remains- known as the *Western or Wailing Wall*.

Diaspora:

When Jews were taken away from Israel and scattered across the Roman Empire.

