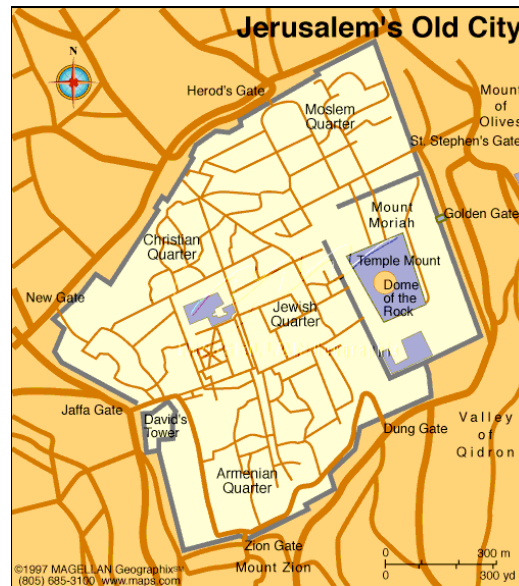


PART A

The documents that follow relate information about Jerusalem. Examine each document carefully and then answer the question(s) that follow it. These answers will help you in Part B.

Document 1

The present walls of the Old City were built by the Ottoman ruler Suliman the Magnificent, between 1537-1542 C.E. The walls of the time of Jesus were further to the south than the walls of today. The Old City is divided into four sections: the Christian Quarter to the northwest, the Muslim Quarter to the northeast, the Armenian Quarter to the southwest, and the Jewish Quarter to the southeast.



1. What four sections was Jerusalem's Old City divided into? _____

_____ [1]

2. Name two gates that surround the perimeter of Jerusalem. _____

_____ [1]

3. What is one reason that gates surround Jerusalem? _____

_____ [2]

Document 2

“Jerusalem, by virtue of the number and diversity of people who have held it sacred, may be considered the most holy city in the world. To the Jewish people it is the Biblical Zion, the City of David, the site of Solomon's Temple and the eternal capital of the Israelite nation. To Christians it is where the young Jesus impressed the sages at the Jewish Temple, where he spent the last days of his ministry and where the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection took place. Also greatly venerated by the Muslims, it is where the prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven. While highly charged with intense religious devotion and visited by countless pilgrims and sages, Jerusalem has also been ravaged by thirty centuries of warfare and strife. It is a place of beauty and divinity, mystery and paradox; a sacred site which no modern spiritual seeker should fail to experience.”

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1. What is one reason Jerusalem is important to Christians? _____

_____ [1]

2. For Christians, Jesus Christ is the central figure. Who is the central figure for Muslims? _____

_____ [1]

3. Why is Jerusalem considered a “holy city”? _____

_____ [2]

Document 3

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam Similarities and Differences

	Judaism	Christianity	Islam
God	One God	One God	One God
Central Figure	Moses	Jesus Christ (as the son of God)	Muhammad
Scripture	Torah, Prophets, Writings from the Talmud (oral and traditional commentary)	Bible (Old Testament and New Testament)	Qu'ran (direct revelation from God) and Hadith (Muhammad's teachings and sayings)
Holy City	Jerusalem	Jerusalem	Mecca
Jesus	A historical figure; not the Messiah.	The Son of God	Highly respected as the second-to-last prophet, Muhammad was the last prophet
House of Worship	Synagogue	Church	Mosque
Main day of Worship	Saturday	Sunday	Friday
Diet	Must keep "kosher": no pork or certain seafood; other meat to be killed by kosher method; separation of meat and dairy.	None	No pork. No alcohol.
Life after Death	No immediate life after death; life in the "world to come" after the coming of the Messiah.	Day of Judgment, followed by Heaven and Hell.	Day of Judgment, followed by Heaven or Hell.

This chart has been duplicated and adapted from: abcnews.com website

http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/islam_special_report_011009_belief3.fb

1. Name one way Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are similar. _____

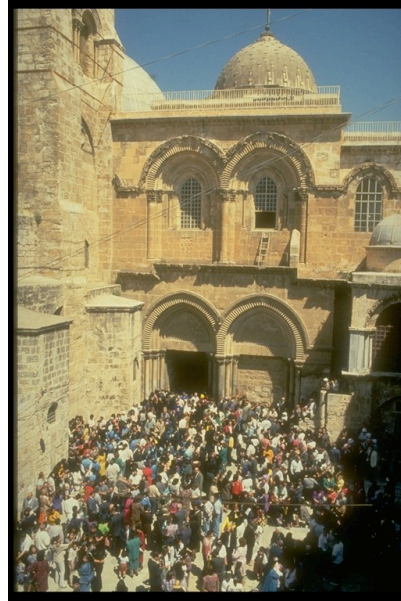
_____ [1]

2. Name two ways Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are different. _____

_____ [2]

Document 4

"At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden, a new tomb... and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there." (John 19:41-42)



The church of the Holy Sepulchre is the holiest Christian site in Jerusalem. The church was first built in the 4th century by Emperor Constantine's mother Helena over the site of a Roman pagan temple to Venus. The present building is Crusader (12th century) and contains the last five Stations of the Cross. The church is divided among several denominations, each responsible for its own section.

Source: *Catalog* prepared by Dr. Harold L. Osher with the assistance of Peggy L. Osher and Yolanda Theunissen

1. What is the holiest Christian site in Jerusalem? _____

_____ [1]

2. Why is this a holy site for Christians? _____

_____ [1]

3. Who are the people in the photos and what are they probably doing there? _____

_____ [2]

Document 5

This is the third most important holy site in Islam. The Dome of the Rock, the first Muslim masterpiece, was built in 687 A.C. by Caliph Abd al-Malik, half a century after the death of the Prophet Muhammad. The rock marks the site from where Prophet Muhammad made his Miraaj or Night Journey into the heavens and back to Makkah (Qur'an 17:1). It is here the Prophet Muhammad rose to heaven from the rock es-Sakhra. The rock is now enclosed within the Dome of the Rock. This magnificent mosque and the nearby Mosque of el-Aqsa are the principal remaining shrines on the Temple Mount. The structure has undergone many repairs and decorative additions through the centuries, but its basic design has remained substantially unchanged and it stands as one of the greatest achievements of Islamic architecture.

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1. What is the third most important holy site in Islam? _____

_____ [1]

2. Why is this an important religious site for Muslims? _____

_____ [1]

Document 6

The Western "Wailing" Wall is one of the few surviving sections of the huge Temple Mount enclosure built by King Herod 2,000 years ago. When Rome destroyed the Second Temple in 70 C.E., only one outer wall remained standing. The Romans probably would have destroyed that wall as well, but it must have seemed too insignificant to them; it was not even part of the Temple itself, just an outer wall surrounding the Temple Mount. For the Jews, however, this remnant of what was the most sacred building in the Jewish world quickly became the holiest spot in Jewish life. Throughout the centuries Jews from throughout the world made the difficult pilgrimage to Palestine, and immediately headed for the (the Western Wall) to thank God. The prayers offered at the (wall) were so heartfelt that people began calling the site the "Wailing Wall." This undignified name never won a wide following among traditional Jews; the term "Wailing Wall" is not used in Hebrew. During the more than one thousand years Jerusalem was under Muslim rule, the Arabs often used the Wall as a garbage dump to humiliate the Jews who visited it.

Source: Jewish Virtual Library



http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/Judaism/Western_Wall.html

1. What is the holiest spot in Jewish life? _____

[1]

2. What structure was the Western Wall once a part of? _____

[1]

3. Why is The Western Wall considered holy by the Jews? _____

[2]

Document 7



http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/Judaism/Western_Wall.html

Temple Mount can be described as the single most important religious site that is sacred to three great religions of the world - Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. After the destruction of the second temple, the mountain remained empty until the Moslem conquest in the year 638. The temple complex is located on a raised platform, in the eastern part of the old city of Jerusalem. It is known by many names, specific to each religion, such as Holy House, Mount Moriah, al-Haram ash-Sharif (The Noble Holy Place), and Har ha-Bayt. The complex is home to many well-known religious structures like Dome of the Rock, al-Aqsa Mosque, Western Wall. These apart, there are many synagogues, mosques, and churches in the Temple Mount Complex.

1. Temple Mount is important to which three religions? _____

_____ [1]

2. Name one religious structure important to Jews that is located at the Temple Mount.

_____ [1]

3. Why might the Temple have been destroyed at one time? _____

_____ [2]