**Phoenicians, Persians and Judaism**

What were pastoral nomads?

How did they contribute to cultural diffusion?

Who were the Indo-Europeans?

Why is their language important?

What made them powerful?

What led to the rise of smaller kingdoms and city states in the region?

**Phoenicians**

Who were the Phoenicians?

Where was their empire located?

What were they known for?

How did they promote trade?

How was the Phoenician alphabet different that earlier forms of writing?

What did they record with their alphabet?

What did the Phoenician alphabet influence?

**Persian Empires**

Who conquered the Babylonian Empire in 539 B.C.?

The Persian Empire stretched from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What were they tolerant of?

Which emperor unified the Persian Empire?

What was the basic political unit of the Persian Empire called?’

Who ruled each one?

How was each satrap taxed?

How did officials travel across the empire?

Why was the Royal road important?

What made trade easy across the empire?

What was the basis of power in the Persian Empire?

What was Persian religion called?

What is the sacred book of Zoroastrianism called?

What type of religion was it?

What was the Supreme Being called?

Who is the evil god?

According to this religion what did the gods allow humans to do?

What else did Zoroastrians believe?

What did this religion influence?

**Judaism**

Where did the Semitic people live before 2000 B.C?

Where did they migrate to? (TWO PLACES)

Who was the first king to unify them?

What happened after the death of Solomon?

What was the Babylonian Captivity?

What ended the Babylonian Captivity?

How did this affect the Jews?

What did the Jew believe Yahweh did?

What was the role of the 10 commandments to the Jews?

Why did Yahweh use prophets?

How did the Jews maintain their sense of identity?