



HEBREW LITERATURE

ISRAEL

- ❖ Canaan – ISRAEL
- ❖ Hebrew – YISRAEL
- ❖ Arabic – ISRAIL

HEBREW

- ❖ Middle English word – EBREU
 - ❖ Latin – HEBRAEUS
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- Hebrew is the people and the language
 - Ancient middle East
 - Ancestors of Samaritans and Jews
 - Descendants of the Hebrew
 - Descendants of Biblical patriarch (Abraham)

ABOUT ISRAEL



House – Made of sand dried mud bricks

Clothes – Designed with fringes and tekhelet

Jerusalem Temple – By King Solomon son of King David

Rabbi – Teacher in temple

ANCIENT HEBREW LITERATURE

- ❖ *Leshon Hakodesh – Oral literature, holy language*
- ❖ *Tanakh – Hebrew bible, the most important work*
- ❖ *Mishna – Primary rabbinic, codification of laws*

MEDIEVAL HEBREW LITERATURE

- ❖ *Fox fables* – work of fiction which was written in Hebrew
- ❖ *Liturgical Piyyutim* – by: Yose , Yanai and Eleazar Kalir
- ❖ “*The Siddur*” – Amram Gaon and Saadia Gaon (book)

MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE

18TH CENTURY

- ❖ *La- Yesharim Tehllah* – First product by Moses Hayim Lozatto
– Allegorical Drama
- ❖ *Shinetif Eret and Mosiade* – by Nephtali Hirz Wessely
– Poem

MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE

19TH CENTURY

- ❖ Joseph Perl – Writer and Educator 1819 “Revealer of Secrets”
– (First Novel)
- ❖ Nachman Krochmal – Philosopher, Theologian and Historian
- ❖ Solomon Sudah Loeb Rapoport – Rabbi, Poet and Biographer
- ❖ Isaac Erter – Satirical poet “Ha-trofeh le-Bet Yisrael”
– (Purest work of modern literature)
- ❖ Meir Halevy Letheris – Lyrical poet
- ❖ Julius Barasch – Notable Jewish author in Romania

MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE

20TH CENTURY

- ❖ *Hayim Nahman Bialik – One of the pioneers of Hebrew poets*
- ❖ *Yitzhaq Shami – Novelist, Palestinian Jewish native of Hebrew
– One of the important Palestinian writer*
- ❖ *Leah Goldberg – Public writer and pioneer of Children literature*

CONTEMPORARY HEBREW LITERATURE

- ❖ *My Michael and Blackbox* – by Amos Oz
- ❖ *The Lover and Mr. Mani* – A.B. Yenoshua
- ❖ Anton Shammas – “Arabesque”

BIBLE

- Consist of 60 books

Genesis – The Beginning

Revelation – Last book of the bible “prophecy”

Abraham – Father of all Nations

Sarai – Wife of Abraham, a barren

Isaac – Son of Abraham and Sarai/Sarah

SOME OF THE BEST LITERARY WORKS

- ❖ *The prophet*
- ❖ *Bewilder Arab*
- ❖ *12 Apostles*
- ❖ *The food of paradise*
- ❖ *The greedy jackal by Mudit Jahwr*
- ❖ *Love by Kalil*
- ❖ *Don't count your chicken before they hatch*

FROM THE BIBLE

- ❖ *THE BOOK OF RUTH*
- ❖ *THE STORY OF JOSEPH*
- ❖ *THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN*
- ❖ *GENESIS THE CREATION*
- ❖ *THE PARABLES OF TALENT*

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- ❖ Latin “SERMON IN MONTE”
- ❖ Collection of sayings and teachings of Jesus
- ❖ Found on the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 5, 6 and 7
- ❖ First of the discourse of Matthew
- ❖ Longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, found in New Testament
- ❖ Most widely quoted elements of the Canonical Gospels
- ❖ Best known teachings of Jesus

ECCLESIASTES

- ❖ Latin – Ecclesiastes, Greek – Ekklesiastes, Hebrew – Kohelet
- ❖ Meaning – Gatherer but translated as Teacher/Preacher
- ❖ Dated from 450 – 180 BC
- ❖ Middle Eastern tradition of the autobiography
- ❖ Author introduce himself as “Son of David, King of Jerusalem” Solomon
- ❖ One of 24 books of Tanakh or Hebrew bible
- ❖ One of ketuvim (writings)
- ❖ Canonical wisdom books in the Old Testament of most denominations in Christianity

PSALM 23

- ❖ 23rd psalm in the Old Testament Book of Psalms
- ❖ Describes God as his shepherd
- ❖ Traditionally sung by Jews in Hebrew at the third Shabbat meal on Saturday afternoon
- ❖ Read at a cemetery funeral service instead of the traditional prayer during Jewish holidays
- ❖ Long tradition ascribes authorship to King David, said in the Hebrew Scriptures
- ❖ Orthodox Christian include this Psalm in prayers of preparation for receiving the Eucharist
- ❖ The Psalm is a popular passage for memorization and often used in sermons

PSALM 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever