

# Timeline Of Israel's History

## BCE

1700s - Abraham settles in the land of Israel (Canaan).

- 1500 - Joseph is sold into slavery. His family join him in Egypt.
- 1400s - The Hebrews are enslaved by the Egyptians.
- 1300 - Moses leads the Hebrews out of Egypt.
- 1200s - Joshua leads the Hebrews into Israel.

1020 - Saul is crowned the first King of Israel.

- 1000 - David becomes King of Israel.
- 922 - Israel is split into two nations: Israel in the north and Judah in the south.

722 - The Assyrians conquer the Northern Kingdom.

- 586 - Babylon, ruled by Nebuchadnezzar II, conquers Judah, and destroys the Temple and takes many Israelites captive.
- 538 - Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, conquers Babylonia. He allows the Jewish people to return home.
- 516 - The Second Temple is constructed in Jerusalem.

322 - The Greeks, led by Alexander the Great, conquer Israel along with all of Persia and Egypt.

167 - The Maccabean revolt occurs and brings independence to the Jews.

- 63 - Rome, led by Pompey the Great, conquers Israel.
- 37 - Herod the Great is made King of Israel by Rome.
- 3 - Estimated time of the birth of Jesus

## CE

30 - Jesus Christ is crucified.

- 70 - The Romans destroy the Second Temple and much of Jerusalem.
- 73 - The last of the Jewish rebels are defeated at Masada.

132 - The Jewish people revolt against Roman rule. Hundreds of thousands of Jews are killed.

- 200 - The Mishnah, the first portion of the Talmud, is written down. This is the oral traditions and law of the Jewish people.

- 350 - The Jerusalem version of the Talmud is completed. Another version, the Babylonian version, will be compiled around 500 CE.

614 - The Persians capture Jerusalem after the Siege of Jerusalem.

- 629 - The Byzantine Empire recaptures Jerusalem.
- 638 - Muslim forces capture Jerusalem.
- 691 - The Dome of the Rock is built on the Temple Mount.
- 1071 - The Seljuk Turks take control of Jerusalem and forbid Christians from entering the city.

1096 - Christians in Europe embark on the First Crusade.

- 1099 - Crusaders take control of Jerusalem.
- 1187 - Saladin, the Sultan of Egypt, captures Jerusalem. Jews are allowed to enter the city.

1517 - The Ottoman Empire conquers the Mamluk Sultanate and takes control of Israel. Suleiman the Magnificent rebuilds much of Jerusalem. The Ottoman Empire will rule until the 1900s.

## **Modern Day Israel**

1914 - World War I begins.

- 1917 - The Ottoman Empire is defeated by the British.
- 1918 - On November 11, WW1 ends.
- 1920 - The British take over Israel as part of the Palestine Mandate.

1939 - World War II begins. During the war 6 million Jewish people will be killed by Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany in the Holocaust.

- 1945 - World War II comes to an end.

1948 - The independent country of Israel is declared. The first Prime Minister of Israel is David Ben-Gurion.

- 1948 - Israel is immediately attacked by a coalition of Arab countries including Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon in the first Arab-Israeli War. The Israelis win the war.
- 1949 - The first Knesset (Israeli assembly) is held. Israel becomes a member of the United Nations.
- 1956 - The Suez Crisis occurs when Egypt takes control of the Suez Canal.

1967 - The Six-Day War is fought between Israel and a group of Arab nations including Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq. Israel won the war and took control of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and the Golan Heights.

- 1969 - Golda Meir is elected Prime Minister. She is the first woman prime minister of Israel.

1973 - The Yom Kippur War takes place when Egypt and Syria attack Israel on the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur. Israel was able to push back the Egyptian army.

- 1979 - Israel signs a peace treaty with Egypt at Camp David in the United States.

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