

A TIMELINE of JERUSALEM'S PAST and FUTURE

ABRAM blessed by MELCHIZEDEK, king of SALEM (Gen. 14:18)	ABRAM offers ISAAC on MORIAH (Gen. 22)	ADONI-ZEDEK, king of Jerusalem, defeated at GIBEON (Josh. 10)	Name URIU-SA-LIM found in cuneiform tablets at Tell-el-Amarna, Egypt	DAVID captures city from JEBUSITES and makes it his capital (2 Sam. 5)	King SOLOMON constructs temple and expands city (1 Ki. 5-6)	Temple plundered by SHISHAK, king of Egypt (1 Ki. 14:25-26)	JEHOASH, king of Israel, breaks n. wall and strips temple (2 Ki. 14:13-14)	SENNACHERIB lays siege in days of HEZEKIAH (2 Chron. 32)	Good king JOSIAH brings partial revival in the city (2 Ki. 22-23)	NEBUCHADNEZZAR, king of Babylon, pillages temple (2 Chron. 36)	NEBUCHADNEZZAR again attacks city, takes JEHOIAKIM (2 Chron. 36)	NEBUCHADNEZZAR razes Jerusalem to the ground (2 Ki. 25)	The PERSIANS take ownership of the city under DARIUS (Dan. 5)	ZERUBBABEL and JESHUA return to rebuild temple (Ezra 1)	NEHEMIAH returns to oversee rebuilding of walls of city (Neh. 2)
c. 2000		1450	c. 1400	1048	c. 959-952	950	826	701	641-610	606	597	587-586	539	c. 536	446-445
ALEXANDER the GREAT takes ownership of city	After ALEXANDER's death, the Egyptian PTOLEMIES and Syrian SELEUCIDS battle over city (Dan. 11)	ANTIOCHUS IV (Epiphanes) desecrates temple, offers a sow on great altar	Jewish (HASMONEAN or MACCABEAN) revolt against Seleucids	JUDAH Maccabaeus takes temple mount; temple cleansed (Hanukkah)	SIMON Maccabaeus takes Akra fortress from Syrian garrison; city in Jew's hands	Simon succeeded by JOHN HYRCANUS who consolidates nation	Rift in Maccabee family; one faction invites ROMANS; POMPEY takes the city	HEROD the Great marries MIRIAMNE (a Maccabee); becomes ruler in Jerusalem after 3-month siege	HEROD begins reconstruction and beautifying of Second Temple	Birth of JESUS the MESSIAH in Bethlehem; His presentation in Jerusalem			The matchless life of CHRIST climaxes with His trial and crucifixion outside the city wall	The birth of the CHURCH in Jerusalem "when...Pentecost was fully come" (Acts 2)	
332	320-170	168	167	165	141	137	63	38-37		20	c. 4	BC	AD	c. 29	29
Start of Jewish REVOLT; martyrdom of PAUL in Rome	TITUS captures city after four-and-a-half month siege	Second Jewish REVOLT under BAR KOCHBA; Jerusalem razed	HADRIAN renames the city AELIA CAPITOLINA; Jews forbidden access	CONSTANTINE declares Christianity the state religion; The name Jerusalem restored	JULIAN the Apostate attempts to rebuild the temple	Roman empire divides; Jerusalem under BYZANTINE rule	CHOSROES II, a Persian king, lays "Christian" Jerusalem waste	Emperor HERACLIUS retakes the city of Jerusalem	Caliph OMAR captures city; the beginning of Arab rule	First DOME of the Rock built by ABD al-MALIK	FATIMID Caliphs of EGYPT take over rule of Jerusalem	SELUK TURKS capture the "City of Peace"	CRUSADERS enter the city; GODFREY de BOUILLON elected king	OTTOMAN Turks defeat Crusaders at Horns of Hattin; SALADIN enters Jerusalem	FREDERICK II, German emperor, negotiates 10-year treaty to regain control of city
66	70	131-135	312-337		361	395	614	629	638	687	969	1077	1099	1187	1229
The KHWARIZAMIANS, Tatar tribe from central Asia, put the city to the sword	MAMELUKE period begins; extends for 260+ years	Jewish refugees from SPAIN arrive in the land	The Turk, SULEIMAN (the Magnificent), builds present walls of Old City	The French, under NAPOLEON, invade Palestine but are driven back	First Jewish settlements outside ancient wall; JEWS approach majority in city for first time in 1800 years	Palestine Exploration Fund launched to begin archeological exploration of underground Jerusalem	Theodor HERZL, founder of ZIONISM, publishes his book, "The Jewish State," calling for a Homeland	Turkey enters World War I on the side of the Germans; the British make plans to invade	British General Sir Edmund ALLENBY accepts surrender of the city on Dec. 9	Turkey renounces sovereignty over Palestine; Hebrew recognized as official language	Ratification by U.N. of British Mandate for Palestine (July 24, 1922—May 14, 1948)		Arabs call general strike in Jerusalem to protest rising Jewish population		
1244	1250	1492	1537	1799	1860	1865	1895	1914		1917	1920		1922	1933	
The British appoint PEEL Commission; Lord Peel puts forward partition plan	The British issue a WHITE PAPER limiting Jewish immigration to Palestine	On Nov. 29, the U.N. votes to accept Partition Plan for Palestine; Jerusalem comes under siege	Mandate terminates; on May 14, David BEN GURION proclaims the State of Israel; War of Independence begins	Israel admitted to the U.N.; capital moved from Tel Aviv to JERUSALEM	Israeli Knesset passes Law of Return; 48,000 Jews airlifted from Yemen; new immigration from 70 nations	King ABDULLAH of Transjordan is murdered on Temple Mount by a militant Muslim	On Cairo Radio NASSER calls for war against Israel; orders U.N. out; Sinai Campaign	Six-Day War; Israelis take Golan Heights, West Bank, Gaza Strip, Sinai, and Old City	NASSER initiates War of Attrition across Suez Canal	Yom Kippur War, begun on the Jews' most holy day (Day of Atonement), catches Israel by surprise. They win, but with heavy losses	Egyptian President Anwar SADAT gives unprecedented address to Knesset pledging "no more war." Sadat shot dead in Cairo Oct. 6, 1981				
1936	1939	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1956	1967	1968	1973	1977				
Jerusalem is "a cup of trembling" still "trodden underfoot of the Gentiles" and will not be the City of Peace until the Prince of Peace arrives			The CHURCH will be raptured, making Jerusalem again the center of God's purposes on earth (1 Thess. 4)												
			144,000 Jews who await the Messiah's return become God's witnesses during the Tribulation (Rev. 7:4-8; 14:1-5)												
			Anti-Messiah covenants with the Jews, makes it possible to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, but then places his image there (2 Thess. 2:3-4)												
			After 7 long years, when it seems Israel will be annihilated, will "the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His rays" (Mal. 4:2)												
			Rescuing this "nation born in a day," Messiah crushes the anti-God forces at Armageddon, then comes up to Jerusalem for His triumphal entry (Ps. 24:7-10)												
			Following the Sheep & Goats judgement on Olivet (Mt. 25:31-33), the new administration of the world will be established in Jerusalem (Zech. 14:16-17)												
			For 1000 years of earthly bliss, the Lord once crucified at Jerusalem will be glorified there (Isa. 62:1-12)												
			The Last Battle is fought after Satan is released, following White Throne judgement, new heavens and earth made "wherein dwell righteousness"												
AT PRESENT			THE CITY OF PEACE HAS HAD VERY BRIGHT DAYS—AND VERY DARK DAYS, BUT JERUSALEM'S DARKEST AND BRIGHTEST DAYS STILL LIE IN THE FUTURE.												

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Ps. 122:6).

