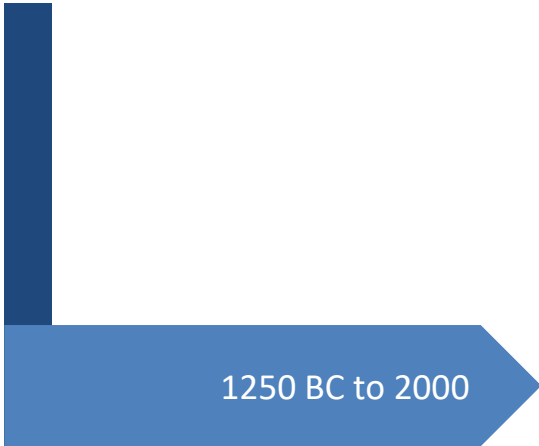
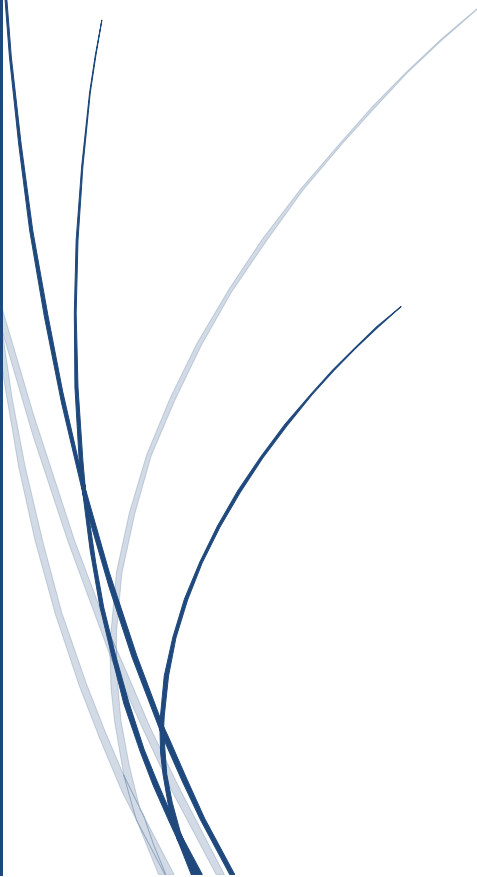




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FROM THE PROMISE TO THE CAPTIVITY

- 2126 B.C. God calls Abraham to the land of [Canaan](#) (Gen. 12:1-3).
1913 B.C. God cuts an unconditional [covenant](#) with Abraham and tells him the boundaries of the land He has given to him and his seed forever (Gen. 15).
1800 B.C. God confirms the Abrahamic Covenant with Isaac (Gen. 26:1-5).
1760 B.C. God confirms the covenant with Jacob (Gen. 28:13-15).
1728 B.C. Joseph is sold into slavery in Egypt (Gen. 37:36).
1706 B.C. Jacob (now called Israel, Gen. 32:28) and family move to Egypt (Gen. 46:1-26).
1446 B.C. [The Exodus](#) from Egypt (Ex. 14).
1406 B.C. The Israelite Conquest of Canaan begins.
1375 B.C. Period of the judges.
1050-930 B.C. The united kingdom ([Saul](#), [David](#), [Solomon](#)). In 1000 B.C. David conquers [Jerusalem](#) and makes it Israel's capital.
930-722 B.C. The divided kingdom (called Israel in the north, Judah in the south). Jerusalem is the capital of Judah.
722 B.C. Assyrian conquerers take the northern kingdom into [captivity](#).
605-586 B.C. Babylon conquers the southern kingdom and destroys [Solomon's Temple](#). The [Babylonian Captivity](#) begins.

FROM THE RETURN TO HEROD THE GREAT

- 539 B.C. Babylon falls to [Media-Persia](#) (Dan. 5).
538 B.C. Persian King Cyrus allows the Jewish people to return home (Ezra 1).
537 B.C. Jewish people return to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel.
516 B.C. [Second Temple](#) is completed.
458 B.C. More Jewish people return under Ezra.
445 B.C. [Artaxerxes I](#) sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem to rebuild its walls (Neh. 2).
430 B.C. Malachi becomes the last prophetic voice, after which begin the 400 "silent" years.
333 B.C. [Alexander the Great](#) conquers Persia, beginning the Greek, or Hellenistic, period.
323 B.C. Alexander the Great dies and his kingdom is divided between his four generals.
167 B.C. [Antiochus IV](#) (Epiphanes) defiles the Temple.

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- 165 B.C. Judas, or Judah, [Maccabee](#) leads a revolt against Antiochus, cleanses the Temple, and reestablishes Jewish independence under a [Hasmonean dynasty](#).
- 63 B.C. Roman General [Pompey](#) enters Jerusalem, ending Jewish independence; [Julius Caesar](#) assassinated.
- 37 B.C. The Romans appoint [Herod the Great](#) “king of the Jews” and give him authority over Judea, Samaria, and Galilee.

FROM HEROD TO MUHAMMAD

- 20 B.C. Herod begins remodeling the Temple.
- 6-5 B.C. Jesus is born in Bethlehem.
- 4 B.C. Herod dies; [Caesar Augustus](#) divides the territory: [Herod Archelaus](#) gets Judea, [Herod Antipas](#) gets the Galilee, and [Herod Philip](#) gets northeast of Galilee.
- A.D. 26-36 Roman Procurator [Pontius Pilate](#) rules Judea.
- A.D. 30 Messiah Jesus dies, arises, and ascends to heaven.
- A.D. 66-73 First Jewish uprising. Romans destroy Jerusalem and the Temple (A.D. 70) and attack [Masada](#), where 960 Jews commit suicide rather than surrender (A.D. 73).
- A.D. 132-135 Second Jewish uprising. Emperor [Hadrian](#) attempts to rebuild Jerusalem as a pagan city called Aeolia Capitolina. [Rabbi Akiva](#) leads a rebellion and proclaims military leader [Simon Bar Kochba](#) messiah. Jewish people lose access to Jerusalem *only* and disperse throughout the land. Rome renames Judah, Samaria, and Galilee *Palestina*, later known as Palestine.
- A.D. 200 Many dispersed Jews return.
- A.D. 312-313 Emperor [Constantine](#) embraces a false form of Christianity.
- A.D. 330 Constantine moves to [Byzantium](#), renames it Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey), and keeps control over Palestine.
- A.D. 570 [Muhammad](#) is born in [Mecca](#) (Saudi Arabia)

FROM MUHAMMAD TO THE OTTOMAN TURKS

- 622 Muhammad moves to [Medina](#) (Saudi Arabia). His move is called the *hijrah*, Arabic for “emigrate.” The Muslim calendar begins with this date, which is 1 A.H.
- 610 Muhammad claims the angel Gabriel showed him a tablet stating he was to become God’s messenger. From then until his death, Muhammad has “visions,” Thus begins the Muslim religion of [Islam](#) meaning “submission to Allah.”
- 630 Arab Omayyads become the first Muslim presence in Jerusalem.
- 632 Muhammad dies.
- 639-661 Arab Muslims rule. *This 22-year-periodic the only time Arabs ever rule the land. Even then it was part of a greater empire.*
- 661-1099 Muslims rule Palestine; however, they are not Arabs. The [Abbassids](#) came from Baghdad; the [Fatimids](#) from Cairo; the [Seljuks](#) from Turkey.
- 1099-1187 [Catholic Crusaders](#) under [Pope Urban II](#) conquer Jerusalem and massacre Jews and Muslims.
- 1187 [Saladin](#), a Muslim Kurd from Damascus, recaptures Jerusalem and a large part of Palestine.
- 1244-1303 Asian Mongols depose Saladin’s dynasty. Muslim Mameluks and Mongols

struggle for power. The Crusader presence ends in 1291.
1513-17 Muslim [Ottoman Turks](#) conquer Palestine.

FROM THE OTTOMAN TURKS TO THE BRITISH & NATIONHOOD

- 1517 Muslim Ottoman Turks rule Palestine as part of their empire.
- 1840 Turkish rule fully restored. English leaders begin to discuss the possibility of restoring the Jewish people to their homeland.
- 1882 Jewish people make [aliyah](#) from Romania to Palestine.
- 1890-91 Large wave of Jewish people arrive from Russia.
- 1894-95 French Capt. [Alfred Dreyfus](#) is convicted of espionage on falsified evidence amid rampant anti-Semitism.
- 1896 [Theodore Herzl](#) writes *Der Judenstaat*, "The Jewish State."
- 1897 First Zionist Congress meets in Basle, Switzerland, convened by Herzl. More than 200 participate from 17 countries, establishing the [World Zionist Organization](#) "to create for the Jewish people a home in [Eretz-Israel](#) secured by law." The Congress met every year from 1897 to 1901, then every second year, and still meets today.
- 1901 Zionist Congress establishes the [Jewish National Fund](#) (JNF) to raise funds to purchase land in *Eretz Yisrael*. The JNF is the largest land owner in Israel (12.5 percent of all land) and purchased more than half of that amount before the reestablishment of the nation.
- 1904 Second wave of immigration, mainly from Russia and Poland
- 1906 First Hebrew high school is founded in Jaffa and art school founded in Jerusalem.
- 1908-14 Second Yemenite *aliyah*.
- 1909 Tel Aviv, the first all-Jewish city, is founded in Palestine.
- 1910 Kibbutz Degania is founded.
- 1914-18 World War 1.
- 1917 British General [Edmund Allenby](#) conquers Palestine, east and west of the Jordan, ending the Ottoman reign. In November the British issue the [Balfour Declaration](#), supporting a "Jewish Homeland."
- 1920 League of Nations gives Britain a mandate over Palestine, with orders to implement the Balfour Declaration.
- 1917-1921 During the Revolution and the Civil Wars in Russia (1917-1921) factions connected to the [White movement](#) used the book entitled "[The Protocols of the Elders of Zion](#)" to perpetrate hatred and violence against the Jews. An estimated 70,000 to 250,000 civilian Jews were killed in atrocities during that Wars leaving more than 300,000 Jewish orphans. The idea that the Bolshevik movement was a Jewish conspiracy for world domination sparked worldwide interest in the *Protocols*. The book first appeared in print in 1903. Scholars generally agree that the [Okhrana](#), the secret police of the Russian Empire, fabricated the infamous "Protocols" and passed off as Jewish plot to take over the world (but they may be of Freemason origin). Hitler used them to incite the German people and Islamic Arabs still used them in their Anti-Semitic propaganda.
- 1939-45 World War 2.
- 1948 [Israel reestablished](#) as a nation on May 14, 1948. President Harry S. Truman on the behalf of [the United States formally recognized the new State](#) of Israel just

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