**Israel Through the Ages**

*c2000 /BCE The Binding of Isaac on Mount Moriah…4000 years ago*

**KING DAVID’S MONARCHY - 3000 years ago…**

1000-960 The reigns of King David

960 King Solomon’s Temple

920 Division of Kingdom into Israel and Judah

586 Destruction of Jerusalem and of the Temple and the exile of the Jews to Babylon

**THE PERSIAN PERIOD: 537 BCE — 332 BCE**

538 Edict of Cyrus allowing Jews to return to Jerusalem

515 Completion and rededication of the Second Temple

**THE HELLENISTIC PERIOD: 332 BCE — 63 BCE**

332 Alexander the Great captures Jerusalem

169 Seleucid king, Antiochus IV outlaws Judaism

**THE HASMONEAN PERIOD: 167 BCE — 63 BCE**

167 Hasmonean rebellion against the Greeks begins

164 Judah Maccabee recaptures Jerusalem, restores and re-dedicates the Temple – Hanukah Story

**THE ROMAN PERIOD: 63 BCE — 324 CE/AD**

63 General Pompey captures Jerusalem for Rome

37 King Herod the Great captures Jerusalem

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66-73 The Great Revolt against the Romans

70 Fall of Jerusalem and destruction of the Second Temple

73 Fall of Masada

200 Mishnah codified by Rabbi Judah the Prince (Judah HaNasi)

**THE BYZANTINE PERIOD: 324 — 638**

315 Queen Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, visits Jerusalem

325 Rome converts to Christianity

400 Jerusalem Talmud codified in Tiberias

425 Sanhedrin outlawed and disbanded

500 Babylonian Talmud codified

614 Persian conquest of Jerusalem —Destroy most churches and expel Jews

**THE EARLY MUSLIM PERIOD: 638 — 1099**

622 Mohamed embarks on the Hijrah, his great escape from Mecca to Medina

638 Middle East conquered by Islam and Caliph Omar enters Jerusalem and Jews are readmitted to Jerusalem

691 Dome of the Rock completed by Caliph Abd al-Malik

711 The construction of the al-Aqsa mosque completed

**THE CRUSADER KINGDOM: 1099 — 1291**

1095 Pope Urban II announces Crusades at the Council of Clermont

1099 Crusaders, led by Godfrey de Bouillon, capture Jerusalem

1135 Maimonides born in Cordoba, Spain

1187 Saladin captures Jerusalem from Crusaders. He permits Jews and Muslims to return and settle in the city

1191 Second Crusader Kingdom established in Akko, led by Richard the Lionheart

**THE MAMELUK PERIOD: 1291 — 1516**

1291 The Mameluks of Egypt capture Jerusalem

1267 Rabbi Moshe Ben Nahman (Nahmanides) arrives from Spain, revives the Jewish community

**THE OTTOMAN TURKISH PERIOD: 1516 — 1917**

1517 Ottomans peacefully takeover Jerusalem

1537-1541 Sultan Suleiman ("The Magnificent") rebuilds the city walls including the present day 7 gates.

1860 First neighbourhood built outside walls of Old City

**Early Zionism: Mid 19th Century- WWI**

1882 Wave of Yemenite immigration

1882-1903 First Aliya (wave of immigration)

1894 Dreyfus Trial in Paris

1897 First World Zionist Conference convined by Theadore Binyamin Ze’ev Herzl

1903 Kishinev Pogrom

1909 Kibbutz Degania founded, Tel Aviv founded

1915 McMahon-Hussein Letters

1916 Sykes- Picot Agreement

1917 Balfour Decleration

**THE BRITISH MANDATE PERIOD: (1917) 1922 — 1948**

1917 British conquest and General Allenby's entry into Jerusalem

1922 League of Nations formally presents Britain with Mandate over Palestine

1920’s/30’s/40’s Immigration, Riots, White Papers

1937 Peel Partition Plan

1947 United Nations Resolution recommending the partition of Palestine

**THE STATE OF ISRAEL: 1948**

14 May 1948 British Mandate ends and State of Israel proclaimed; and War of Independence

April 1949 Israel-Jordan Armistice Agreement signed, and Jerusalem divided between the two countries

June 1967 Israeli capture Jerusalem’s Old City and Judea & Samaria/Occupied Territories/ West Bank from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria, the Sinai from Egypt

October 1973 Yom Kippur war with Syria and Egypt

March 1979 Peace Treaty with Egypt

June 1982 Operation for the Peace of Galilee/ First Lebanon War

1984 Operation Moses

December 1987 First Intifada

1990 Immigration from FSU begins in waves

1991 Gulf War, Operation Solomon

1993 Mutual recognition of Israel and the PLO signed in Washington, D.C.

1994 Peace Treaty with Jordan

November 4 1995 Yitzchak Rabin is assassinated

2000 Withdrawal from Lebanon, Second Intifada

2005 Disengagement from Gaza

2006 Second Lebanon War

2011 Social Protests redirect government budget priorities

Gil’ad Shalit released from Hamas captivity and returned to family in Israel

2012 Israel Para Olympic team brings back the gold (the other Olympic team fares less well)

2013 Elections, Binyamin Netanyahu returns as Prime Minister, President Obama arrives in Israel

2014 Maccabi Tel Aviv wins the European Basketball Cup (again), beating Real Madrid 98-86

July-August 50 days during the summer - Operation Protective Edge: Israel defends its border with Gaza. 67 IDF casualties and 5 civilian casualties, discovery and destruction of attack tunnels, rocket launch sites and Hamas headquarters.

2015 Likud Party, headed by Binyamin Netanyahu, forms government in wake of Israeli elections

2016 Israel wins two bronze medals in Judo at the Olympic Games in Rio and three bronze medals in the Paralympics in rowing, swimming and shooting.

September 28 Shimon Peres, former President and Prime Minister of Israel, dies at the age of 93.

November Forest Fires and Arson Fires ravage parts of Israel including 7,500 acres of forest and 2,700 acres of urban areas

2017 Gal Gadot saves the world as Wonder Woman.

2018 Neta Barzilai wins the Eurovision competition.

2019 Israel goes to elections…twice.

2020 Israel joins the world in dealing with the Corona virus pandemic, sometimes successfully, sometimes less so, but is able to inspire world with its vaccine rollout already in December, third elections.

2021 Israel goes to elections…. a fourth time

Israeli police continue to attempt to eradicate rising number of deaths amongst Israelis from within Arab community, due to crime and internal violence.

April 45 are killed during Lag b’Omer celebration on Mt. Meron. Worst civilian tragedy in history of the state.

May Operation Guardians of the Walls: 11 days of intense rocket fire from Gaza and major unrest amongst Jewish and Arab Israelis in ‘mixed cities’ throughout Israel.

June National Unity Emergency Coalition is formed with very strange bedfellows, including right-wing and left-wing parties, Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs, a PM (Naftali Bennet) and an alternative PM (Yair Lapid).

Israel continues with some success and some failure as it tackles the Corona virus, but does lead the world with the pace of its vaccine rollout and later with its third booster rollout.

July Israel sends the Home Front Command search and rescue team to assist in the Surfside building collapse tragedy, working shoulder to shoulder with the American rescue teams.

Israel has great success at the Olympics and at the Para Olympics (relatively speaking of course).

December World enters new slowdown and challenge with Omicron, Israel as well.

2022 Israel is 74 years old; travellers begin to return to Israel and Israel votes for a 5th time in three and a half years with the ‘Coalition of Change’ led by Yair Lapid voted out, and a right-wing coalition headed by Binyamin Netanyahu seemingly ending the loggerhead with a 65 seat bloc.

2023 New government pushes to implement changes to Israel's judicial system…large protests throughout Israel against proposed reforms throughout the first 10 months of the year. Unprecedented in Israel and in the world.

October 7 Hamas attacks Israel at 6:30am and war begins, Swords of Iron…. changing Israel forever.