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The Jews

Abraham											
Ishmael			Isaac			Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, Shuah					
			Esau			Jacob					
Reuben	Simeon	Levi	Judah	Dan	Naphtali	Gad	Asher	Issachar	Zebulun	Joseph	Benjamin

Some important dates in Jewish history

66-70	Jewish revolt against Rome ends with the destruction of Jerusalem
130-135	Most Jews in Israel killed by the Romans; others scattered throughout the world
7th century	Rise of Islam
1290	Jews expelled from England by Edward I (not readmitted until 1655)
1306-1394	Jews repeatedly expelled from France, and have to pay to return
1490's	Jews expelled from Spain, Portugal and much of Germany; many go to Poland
1516	Jews in Venice forced to live in a ghetto; many other cities in Europe follow suit
1648	By now over half the world's Jews live in Poland
1880-1920	Jewish persecution in Russia. Thousands killed, many emigrate to America
1917	Balfour Declaration
1938-1945	The holocaust. Nearly 6 million Jews murdered in Europe, especially Poland
1948	The State of Israel declared. Surrounding nations attack but fail
1967	The 6-day war. Israel pre-empts attack by neighbours and gains territory
1973	The Yom-Kippur war. Syria, Egypt and Morocco attack Israel, nearly succeed
1990	Russian Jews allowed to return to Israel

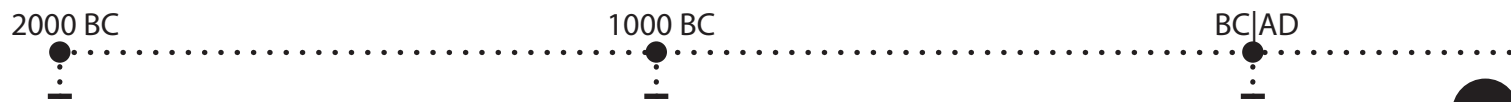
If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, and heirs according to promise.
Galatians 3:29

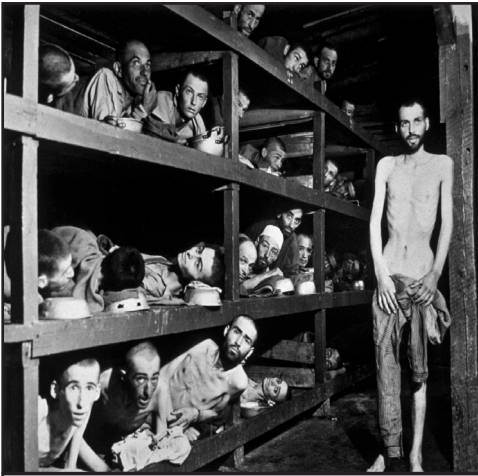
- Jeremiah 9:16
- Deuteronomy 28:65-67
- Luke 21:24
- Ezekiel 37:21
- Matthew 24:2
- Ezekiel 11:17
- Zechariah 14:2
- Zechariah 12:10
- Isaiah 35:10

I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.
Isaiah 42:6, NIV

"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour.
Isaiah 43:10-11

watch the news for the Jews. They are always in it.





Slave labourers in the Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany in April 1945. Around 240,000 people, mostly Jews, passed through the camp. About a quarter of them died of disease or starvation.



'The Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem', painted by Nicolas Poussin in the 17th century.



Exodus 1947 was a ship that carried Jewish refugees who wished to live in Israel. Most of them were Holocaust survivors who had no legal immigration certificates to Palestine. The British Royal Navy seized the ship, and deported all its passengers back to Europe. However, millions of Jews have since returned to their land.

Still to happen:

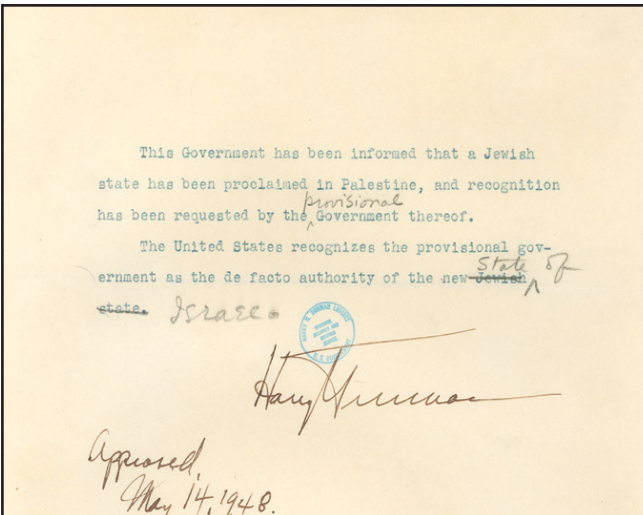
DIVIDED JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY PLACES, 1949 - 1967

Under Article VIII of the Israel-Jordan Armistice Agreement of 3 April 1949, Israeli Jews were guaranteed free access to the Western (or Wailing) Wall, but not to the Mount of Olives cemetery, the Kidron valley tombs, or the tomb of Simon the Just. In fact, no Israeli Jews were allowed to visit even the Western Wall during the nineteen years of Jordanian rule, a motor road was built through the Mount of Olives cemetery, tombstones were used as building materials, the Tomb of Simon the Just used as a stable, and the synagogues of the Old City were demolished or desecrated.

From 1949 to 1967 the Christian and Muslim shrines under Jordanian rule were open to all Christians and Muslims, except those resident in Israel. Thus thousands of Israeli Arabs found themselves prevented, by Jordan, from praying at Al Aqsa Mosque, or setting foot on the Haram al-Sharif. In November 1949 the United Nations rejected an Israeli proposal for the internationalization of the Old City (6.5% of the municipal territory of Jerusalem). On 5 January 1951 Jordan appointed a Muslim Arab as Supreme Custodian of the Holy Places.

- ★ Jewish Holy Places, according to United Nations Map No. 229 of November 1947.
- ⦿ Christian Holy Places, according to the same map.
- ⦿ Muslim Holy Places, according to the same map.
- Boundary between Israel and Jordan, 1949-1967.

Jerusalem was in the hands of other countries from AD 70 until 1967. Map ©Martin Gilbert, 1977



Harry S. Truman was President of the USA from 1945 to 1953.

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Israel	5314
USA	5275
France	491
Canada	373
UK	297
Russia	228
Argentina	185
Germany	118
Australia	103
Brazil	130
Ukraine	80
South Africa	106
Hungary	80
Mexico	41
Belgium	40
Italy	35
Uzbekistan	35
Venezuela	35
Uruguay	32
Azerbaijan	30
Moldova	30
Netherlands	30
Iran	25
Turkey	25
Sweden	18
Switzerland	18
Georgia	17
Chile	15
Kazakhstan	15
Latvia	15
Romania	14
Spain	14
Austria	10
Poland	8
Morocco	8
Hawaii	7
Panama	7
Czech Republic	6
India	6
Lithuania	6
Slovakia	6
Columbia	6
Greece	5
New Zealand	5
Kyrgyzstan	5
Bulgaria	3
Estonia	3
Peru	3
Puerto Rico	3
Costa Rico	3
Hong Kong	3
Croatia	2
Japan	2
Tunisia	2
Tajikistan	2
Norway	2
Guatemala	1
Finland	1
Paraguay	1
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Estimated World Jewish Population (in thousands) (Source: American Jewish Year Book, 2006)

1000 AD

2000 AD