Timeline

Ancient Egytian empire

Babylon is the dominant world empire

BC 3100 — 2100 — 1900 — 1800 — 1700 — 1500 — 1250 — 1200 — 1000 — 960 — 715 — 671 — 621 — 610 — 587 — 539 — 525 — 516 — 435 — 332

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Joseph

Moses

Joshua leads the children of Israel to claim the Promised Land

King David claims Jerusalem as the capital city

Ethiopia conquers Egypt temporarily

Assyria invades Egypt and sacks key cities

Babylon conquers and destroys Assyrian kingdom

Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon conquers Jerusalem and destroys the temple

Persia overthrows Babylon under the leadership of Cyrus the Great. Jews are allowed to return to their homeland.

The rebuilding of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem is completed

King Artaxerxes allows Nehemiah to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem

AD 70 — 476 — 570 — 600 — 627 — 638 — 691 — 732 — 1095 — 1291

Rome destroys Jerusalem and levels the Temple

Western Roman Empire falls

Muhammed, founder of Islam, is born in Mecca

Islam advances rapidly across Arabia; Islam also conquers Syria, Palestine, Egypt and North Africa

Muslims led by Muhammed murder 600-800 Jewish men of Medina

Muslims conquer Jerusalem

Muslims complete the Dome of the Rock on the site of the ancient Jewish Temple

France defeats the Muslims, stopping their spread into Europe

The Christian Crusades

1453 — 1492 — 1897 — 1914 — 1917 — 1941-1945 — 1945 — 1947 — 1948 — 1956 — 1967 — 1969 — 1973 — 1978 — 1990 — 1991

The Ottomans conquer Constantinople, the eastern headquarters of Christianity and the final stronghold of the Eastern Roman Empire

Christians expel Muslims and Jews from Spain; era of European colonial expansion begins; Muslims retreat to central Asia and the Middle East

Theodor Herzl organizes the first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland

Turkey (Muslim Ottomans) joins Germany in WWI

Balfour Declaration is issued calling for a national homeland in Palestine for the Jews

Jewish Holocaust

Mar 22 Arab League is formed

Nov 29 United Nations passes a resolution calling for a Jewish and Arab state in a divided land of Palestine

May 14 Israel is officially declared a nation

May 15 Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt declare war on Israel

Oct 29 Israel launches preemptive attackon Egypt

Jun 5-10 Six-Day War

Yasser Arafat is elected chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)

Yom Kippur War

Sep 17 Camp David Accords

Persian Gulf War