

Temple Mount / Al Aqsa Haram al-Sharif

Chronology in connection with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
1st holy place for Jews / 3rd holy place for Muslims / A holy place for Christians

History usually starts with or after Kings David and Solomon. Previous to this, it is considered as “*tradition*” which cannot be scientifically proven. Genesis for instance is primarily “mythical” but carries fundamental teachings.

“Tradition”

	<i>Adam & Eve</i>
- 1700	Binding of Isaac (for Jews and Christians) or Ishmael (for Muslims) by his father Abraham

“Tradition” or History (according to sources)

- 10th Century	King David buys the Mount (threshing floor) and builds the foundations of the Temple
- 10th Century	The 1 st Temple is built under King Solomon (reigns from -970 to -931)

History

- 587	The Temple is destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar II, King of the Neo-Babylonian (=Chaldean) Empire
- 538 to -516	Emperor Cyrus of Persia allows Jews to come back to Jerusalem and to rebuild the Temple (completed in -515)
-1 st Century	King Herod (reigns from -37 to -4) expands the temple. The surface of the esplanade of the Temple is doubled. The western wall is a remnant, other archeological remains have been found.
+ 70	The Temple is destroyed by Roman Emperor Titus. Jerusalem is renamed Aelia Capitolina and Romans call the area Palestine.
313 – 638	Byzantine empire (except for 614 – 628 : Persian period)
570-632	Prophet Muhammad <i>Muslim tradition: night journey of Muhammad to and from Haram al-Sharif. Al-Aqsa is named in the Koran 17,1 as the remote mosque)</i>
637	Jerusalem is conquered by the Muslims. Almost 12 centuries of Muslim governance
Circa 637	The 1 st Al Aqsa Mosque is built (the actual date is debated)
698	The Dome of the Rock is built (architecture with Christian Byzantine and Persian influences)
1947	United Nations vote to partition the mandated area of Palestine and the creation of a Jewish State and an Arabic State. Jerusalem is declared an international city (not in either state). Arab states reject partition.
1949	After the war that ensues, Jerusalem, including Haram al-Sharif/the Temple Mount is annexed by Transjordan Jews have no access to the Western Wall of the Temple

1967	The 6-day war is won by Israel. Jerusalem is annexed by Israel. Jews gain access to the Western Wall. Muslims keep access to Haram al-Sharif / Al Aqsa.
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