

History of Jerusalem

Chronology in connection with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

- 930	Solomon's Kingdom is divided in 2 parts: - Jerusalem is the capital city of Judah, the kingdom of the south - Samaria is the capital city of Israel, the kingdom of the north (conquered by the Assyrians)
-587	Destruction of the 1 st Temple by Nebuchadnezzar Most Judeans are exiled to Babylon
-538	Cyrus Emperor of Persia allows Judeans to come back to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple
-164 -63	Hasmonean period: Jewish independence
-37 -4	Herod the Great is the King of Judah
Circa -6 +30	Birth and life of Jesus. For Christians: Crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.
70 135	Jerusalem and the 2 nd Temple are destroyed by the Roman Emperor Titus. Jerusalem is renamed Aelia Capitolina and Judea is renamed Palestina by the Roman Emperor Hadrian
325 335	Christianization of Jerusalem by Saint Helen The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is built
637 634-644 637 - 1920	Jerusalem is conquered by the Muslims Omar is the 2 nd Caliph The city is ruled by a Muslim regime for almost 12 centuries, except the Crusaders period (1099-1187)
Mid 19 th 1881 Circa 1890	Birth of political Zionism, which is a minority current among Jews at its start Pogroms in Russia, later in Eastern Europe, which cause Jewish immigration to Israel and Jerusalem Antisemitism in Western Europe reinforces Zionism Jews are a majority in Jerusalem's old city
1920's	Arab riots against the British mandate authority Riots between Arabs and Jews
1939-1945	World War II and Shoah
1947	United Nations vote the creation of a Jewish State and an Arab State Jerusalem is declared an international city (not in either state) Arab states reject partition. There are about 600.000 Jews and 1.200.000 Arabs on the territory
1948	After the war, Jerusalem and the West bank are annexed by Transjordan Jews must leave the Jewish quarter of the old city
1967	6-day war: Israel wins the war and gains East Jerusalem
Nowadays	Jerusalem is the capital city of Israel (East Jerusalem could be the capital city of a Palestinian State)

Judaism

Jerusalem is the holiest city in Judaism

Jerusalem is named 667 times in the Tanakh* and Zion 110 times

The restoration of Jerusalem is included three times every day in prayers.

"Next year in Jerusalem" is said every year at Pesach

**Tanakh is an acronym derived from the names of the 3 divisions of the Hebrew Bible: Torah (Pentateuch or Five Books); Nevi'im (Prophets); Ketuvim (Writings).*

Islam

Jerusalem was the 1st Qibla (the direction in which the Muslim prayer is made)

It is the 3rd holiest city of Islam, after Mecca and Medina.

For most Muslim scholars from the 10th century, Jerusalem is the place of the Prophets, of the last judgment and of the resurrection (the city for which people will head "at the great gathering").

Christianity

Jerusalem is very important for Christianity. It is the city of the Revelation of God, before Jesus-Christ himself. It is the city where **Jesus prayed in the Temple and taught**, the city where he suffered, died and was resurrected. Jerusalem is a land of remembrance and of pilgrimage.

The heavenly Jerusalem is the place where the children of the Lord live eternally. It is the holy city, the home of God.