

A short summary of the history of a very ancient and unique city Jerusalem

Because I love Zion, I will not keep still.

Because my heart yearns for Jerusalem, I cannot remain silent

I will not stop praying for her until her righteousness shines like the dawn
and her salvation blazes like a burning torch.

The nations will see your righteousness. World leaders will be blinded by your glory

And you will be given a new name by the Lord's own mouth.....

The Lord has sent this message to every land; "Tell the people of Israel, look your Saviour is coming.
See he brings his reward with him as he comes.

They will be called "the Holy people", and "The people Redeemed by the Lord.

And Jerusalem will be known as "The Desirable Place" and "The City No Longer Forsaken" Isaiah 62

BC **Early dates are approximate only. Some scholars date early events some 200 years later**

- 3200 Some old pottery vessels found in the city have been dated back this far which is about the time other parts of Canaan were being settled
- 2300 By this time virtually no cities were left in Canaan. It was a time of upheaval in the old world and was off the main trade routes.
- 2140 Abraham arrives in Canaan (Some scholars date this about 1940)
- 2000 Abraham offered sacrifice on Mount Moriah. Now Temple Mount Jerusalem)
- 1875 - 1446 Jews in Egypt (Some scholars date the Exodus about 1290)
- 1800 Highland towns were being developed with Shechem the most powerful
In 1961 a wall nearly 2 metres thick was discovered along the eastern slope of the Ophel in Jerusalem dating back to about 1800 BC. The Gihon Spring attracted settlers.
The Canaanite tunnel (still existing) was dug during this period
- 1600 Hivites (sometimes called Horites) started to establish a city in Jerusalem
- 1400 Cuneiform tables discovered in Egypt in 1887 AD show Canaan was in turmoil at this time
- 1500-1400 Estimated era the Jebusites established in Jerusalem
- 1405 Joshua invades Canaan
- 1400 Conquest completed Judges 1 v 21
"The tribe of Benjamin failed to drive out the Jebusites who were living in Jerusalem"
Period of the Judges
- 1060 - 1020 Samuel - judge and prophet of Israel
- 1051 - 1011 Saul reigns as King but not from Jerusalem
- 1041 David is Born
- 1023 David is anointed King by Samuel
- 1022 David kills Goliath
- 1011 - 971 David reigns for 40 years. First over Judah and then over all Israel. Dies aged about 69
- 1005 King David captured Jerusalem and made it his capital
- 1003 King David brings the ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem
- 996 Solomon is born to King David and Bathsheba
- 971 - 931 Solomon reigns in Jerusalem
- 966 King Solomon commences the First temple
- 960 Temple completed
- 959 King Solomon brings the Ark of the Covenant to the Temple

Kings who reigned over Judah from Jerusalem after David and Solomon.

931 - 913	Rehoboam
913 - 911	Abijah
911 - 870	Asa
873 - 848	Jehoshaphat
853 - 841	Jehoram (Joram)
841	Ahaziah
841 - 835	Queen Athaliah
835 - 796	Joash
796 - 767	Amaziah
892 - 740	Uzziah (Azariah)
750 - 732	Jotham
735 - 716	Ahaz (Jehoahaz)
716 - 687	Hezekiah
697 - 643	Manasseh
643 - 641	Amon
641 - 609	Josaiah
609	Jehoahaz (Shallum)
609	Jehoiakim (Eliakim)
598 - 597	Jehoiachin
597 - 586	Zedekiah
586	Temple destroyed by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar Zedekiah and citizens exiled
538	King Cyrus of Persia allows the Jews to return to Jerusalem
	Zerubbabel leads a small party of Jews back to Jerusalem and starts rebuilding the Temple
516	Second temple completed
457	Ezra the Priest sent to Jerusalem to teach the law
444	Ezra reads the law publicly and the people promise to obey it
444	Nehemiah takes another small contingent back to Jerusalem and governs until 432
198	The Syrian Seleucids begin to rule Palestine
167	Antiochus Epiphanes bans obedience to the Jewish law and dedicates the Temple to Zeus
167 - 142	Maccabean revolt
63	City captured by Pompey for the Romans
37	Herod captures Jerusalem. Appointed King of Judea
20	Herod begins to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem
4	Jesus Christ is born
AD	
8	Jesus attends the temple in Jerusalem
29-30	Jesus is crucified, buried, raised, and ascends to heaven in and from Jerusalem
66	First revolt against Roman rule
70	Jewish revolt against Romans. Temple and city burned and sacked by Romans
132	2 nd revolt. Took 4 years to quell. Jews banished from the city
324	Christianity became state religion at instigation of St Helen, Constantines mother.
326	Building of Church of the Holy Sepulchre starts
636	20 August Muslims defeated the Byzantine troops at the battle of Yarmuk.
637	July the Muslim army was encamped outside the walls of Jerusalem.
638	February the Christians surrendered to Caliph Umar. He presided over the most peaceful and bloodless conquest ever seen in Jerusalem. Umar built the first Al Aksa Mosque at the southern end of the Temple Mount Platform, on the site of Herods Royal portico where the Muslims would face only Mecca while praying. The mosque was destroyed in an earthquake 747 rebuilt and destroyed again, then rebuilt by Caliph al-Mahdi in 785.
688	Dome of the Rock commissioned and finished in 691 with a dome to outdo the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Church of the Ascension.
1096.	First Crusade left Europe

- 1099. July 15 entered Jerusalem and massacred all Jews and Muslims - about 30,000 were killed
- 1187. October 02, the day Muslims celebrated the prophets night journey Saladin recaptured Jerusalem
- 1229. Frederick signed a Treaty with al-Kamil for 10 years to allow the Crusaders to take back Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth but not rebuild the walls of the city, and leave Muslims in charge of the Temple Mount.
- 1244. Turks arrived, killed all the christians and desecrated the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The city was mainly smoking ruins and only about 2,000 Christian and Muslim residents remained.
- 1260 The Mamluks conquered Palestine
- 1267 Rabbi Moses ben Nachman arrived in Jerusalem after being exiled from Spain and found only 2 Jewish families. He started the first Aliyah.
- 1291. The Mamluk Sultan expelled the Crusaders from Acre and Palestine was fully in Muslim hands.
- 1516. December 01. The Ottomans took over Jerusalem
- 1536 Suleiman rebuilt the walls - 2 miles long and 40 feet high.
- 1553 Jewish and Christian communities each numbered about 1,650.

Population demographics - approximate

	Muslims	Christians	Jews	Other	Total
1850	5,350	3,650	6,000		15,000
1870	6,500	4,500	11,000		22,000
1890	9,000	8,000	25,000		42,000
1910	12,000	13,000	45,000		70,000
1922	13,500	14,700	34,400		62,600
2016	301,700	17,240	534,440	8,620	862,000

- 1892 Herzl visited Jerusalem. Appalled at its state. Built the secular city outside the old city.
- 1917. December 11 General Allenby entered Jerusalem
- 1948 May 14 Ben Gurion proclaims the State of Israel with Jerusalem as its capital Arab armies attack. Armistice signed dividing Jerusalem into east (old city) and West (new)
- 1949 Israel parliament (Knesset) meets in Jerusalem for the first time
- 1967 June 07 East Jerusalem and western wall recaptured in 6 day War.

I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord"
 And now here we are, standing inside your gates O Jerusalem,
 Jerusalem is a well built city; its seamless walls cannot be breached,
 All the tribes of Israel - all the Lord's people - make their pilgrimage here.
 They come to give thanks to the name of the Lord, as the law requires of Israel.
 Here stand the thrones where judgment is given, the thrones of the dynasty of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper.
 O Jerusalem, may there be peace within your walls and prosperity in your palaces.
 For the sake of my family and friends I will say, "May you have peace."
 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek what is best for you O Jerusalem **Psalm 122**

The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem and bringing the exiles back to Israel.
 He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.....
 Glorify the Lord O Jerusalem, Praise your God, O Zion!
 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates and blessed your children within your walls.
 He sends peace across your nation and satisfies your hunger with the finest wheat. **Psalm 147**

O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate. For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" **Matthew 23 v 7-8**

