



A Moderate Zionist's Digestible Israel Timeline

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1. Jews are indigenous to the land (originally Canaan) as a result of conversion from Paganism (as opposed to a land grab). (Bible = Avram to Abraham)
2. Some notable archeological finds:
 - The Merneptah Stele (found in Egypt), which has been dated to around 1210 B.C.E. is the oldest text ever found mentioning Israel. The final two lines mention a campaign in Canaan, where Merneptah – the pharaoh at the time - says he defeated and destroyed Asqaluna, Gezer, Yanoam and Israel.
 - The oldest Hebrew text ever found was discovered at the ancient Israelite settlement, Elah Fortress, which dates to between 1050 and 970 BCE.
 - Gezer Calendar – in paleo-Hebrew dates to 10th century BCE.
 - Dead Sea Scrolls detailing Jewish rituals dated as early as 3rd century BCE.
 - Beit Alfa Synagogue is an ancient Byzantine-era synagogue, constructed in the 5th century CE.
3. Biblically, we understand that after Exodus and the journey through the wilderness, Joshua led the Israelites and conquered those unfriendly to their return but lived peacefully with other nations (and we know Philistines were among them).
4. The 12 Tribes (1200 BCE) is over what is some of Egypt, Jordan, Israel and a sliver of southern Lebanon and southern Syria (most maps also include a small swath of land called Filistios where Gaza and Ashkelon would be).
5. Over the years, Jews were violently expelled many times, always working to go back to it .
 - Being forced to leave Judah, they lived in Babylon between 597 BCE and 538 BCE. This captivity lasted until they were freed by Persian leader Cyrus the Great.
6. It was during Hadrean's rule he forced them out again and changed the name from Judea to Syria Palestina to "erase the Jews" (about 135 CE).
7. As a result of the expulsions, land takeovers from other faiths, and some faith evolutions (Christianity - 1st century and Islam - 7th century for example), other peoples also have legitimate (yt newer) ancestral heritage to the land and holy sites. In addition, some other faith traditions and communities (Armenians 4th century, Druze in 11th century, etc) co-lived peacefully for centuries and still do.
8. Historical documents demonstrate Jews trying to get an international recognized nation-state since the late 1800s (1897 first Zionist congress).
9. The Ottoman Empire was 1517-1917. Britain conquered the territory of Palestine from the Ottoman Empire during 1917-18.
10. The Balfour Declaration was a public statement issued by the British Government in 1917 during the First World War announcing its support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in the Ottoman territory known as Palestine.
11. Between WWI and WWII about 500-600k Arabs from all over migrated to this land.



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12. From 1922, following the Great War, British rule in this territory of Palestine was administered under a League of Nations 'Mandate' until 1948 (that full territory is what is known as an Israel and Jordan today). While they continued to call the territory Palestine, they also called it Eretz Yisrael. (We have primary documentation on this including imprinted currency.)
13. Several offers from UN of dividing the land between a Jewish and Arab state began in 1947 ... always rejected by the Arab "Palestinian" leadership. Any other attempt (some attempted to be brokered by the US between 1947 and 2017 have failed as well.)
14. The UN made Israel an official nation-state in 1948.
15. The way the transfer was handled was very problematic and many Arabs who had homes and businesses were forcibly removed and put into "refugee camps" in what was then Jordan and Egypt.
16. Some families weren't impacted or resettled elsewhere within Israel and became citizens.
17. Arab neighboring countries attacked. this war lasting until Feb 1949. Israel gained some territory formerly granted to Palestinian Arabs under the United Nations resolution in 1947. Egypt and Jordan retained control over the Gaza Strip and the West Bank respectively. These territories held until 1967.
18. The "1967 borders" are as a result of Israel being attacked. Between June 5 and June 10, 1967, Israel defeated Egypt, Jordan, and Syria and took control of the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights.
19. Israel was attacked again Yom Kippur 1973 but whooped tuchas and Egypt and Syria retreated.
20. 1978 Camp David Accords, land for peace with Egypt: The Sinai Peninsula was returned to Egypt in multiple stages beginning in 1979 as part of this peace treaty. Israel dismantled 18 settlements, 2 air force bases, a naval base, and other installations by 1982, including most oil resources under Israeli control.
21. Israel had full withdrawal from Gaza in 2005 as another attempt at land for peace.
22. The Israeli leadership helped Hamas take over governance as an opposition to the PA (regretful mistake). Hamas remained in power through rigged elections and then full military "dictatorship."
23. Hamas doesn't care about Gazans. There is plenty of evidence that for years, Hamas has been stealing resources meant for Gazans and using them to build terror tunnels, weapons, and pad their own bank accounts.
24. Hamas is a terrorist organization that has been attacking Israel for over a decade and only because of Iron Dome are there not more deaths of Israeli citizens (of all faiths). A ceasefire was put into place in 2021 (one of many that had to be negotiated each time Hamas violated the previous one).
25. Hamas broke the ceasefire on Oct 7 when it stormed southern Israel, murdered more than 1200 people in a brutal massacre, and kidnapped about 240 people.
26. Hamas has to go!