ISRAEL: 4,000 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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TIMELINE 1 — BIBLICAL ISRAEL (FINAL TWO SLIDES)

14 ~430 BC onward — 400 Years of Silence

Between Malachi and John the Baptist: Persian, Greek, and Roman rule; Maccabean revolt (167 BC) and the Second Temple era.

15 2 BC–AD 33 — Jesus the Messiah

Promised Son of Abraham and David (Matthew 1:1); Luke 1:31–33 connects His coming to David's throne.

TIMELINE 2 — THE LAND

16 AD 70 — Roman Rule

Rome governs Judea after the revolt; Jerusalem and the Second Temple destroyed in AD 70.

17 AD 638 — Arab Muslim Conquest

Jerusalem comes under the early Islamic caliphate, traditionally linked with Caliph Umar.

18 AD 1099 — Crusaders Take Jerusalem

First Crusade captures Jerusalem; the Crusader kingdom begins.

19 AD 1187 — Saladin Recaptures Jerusalem

Saladin was a Kurdish Muslim ruler based in Egypt, not Egyptian by ancestry. Think Kingdom of Heaven.

20 AD 1260 — Mamluk Rule

Former military slaves—primarily Turkic, later Circassian—rule from Egypt; not an ethnically Egyptian army.

21 AD 1517 — Ottoman Rule Begins

Turkish Muslim empire; controls the land for roughly 400 years, until World War I.

TIMELINE 2 — THE JEWISH PEOPLE

22 AD 70 — Rome Destroys Jerusalem

Temple destroyed under Titus; Jews survive but begin a new chapter of dispersion.

23 AD 132–135 — Bar Kokhba Revolt

Failed revolt against Hadrian; devastating suppression and severe restrictions around Jerusalem.

24 c. AD 200 — Mishnah

Rabbi Judah ha-Nasi; collection of Jewish oral legal traditions.

25 c. AD 500–600 — Babylonian Talmud

Mishnah plus generations of rabbinic discussion; Jewish life and learning continue in Babylonia.

26 AD 1096 — Crusader Massacres

Crusaders attack Jewish communities in the Rhineland on the way toward the Holy Land.

26B AD 1215 — Fourth Lateran Council

Pope Innocent III; Canon 68 mandates distinguishing dress for Jews and Muslims. Hats/badges vary by place and later laws.

27 AD 1264 — Poland Offers Protections

Statute of Kalisz: significant legal protection for Jewish lives, property, and religious practice.

28 AD 1290 — Jews Expelled from England

Edward I orders expulsion; financial pressures, moneylending restrictions, and religious hostility.

29 1348–1351 — Black Death

Jews accused of poisoning wells; scapegoating, mob violence, massacres.

30 14th–15th c. — Poland as Refuge

Royal privileges make parts of Poland comparatively safer for Jewish settlement.

31 AD 1492 — Jews Expelled from Spain

Ferdinand and Isabella: convert or leave (Alhambra Decree). Many flee to Portugal, North Africa, and Ottoman lands.

31B AD 1543 — Protestant Persecution

Martin Luther, On the Jews and Their Lies: urged burning synagogues and destroying homes. Reformation did not end antisemitism.

32 1648–1649 — Eastern European Massacres

Bohdan Khmelnytsky leads Cossack uprising; Jewish communities devastated. Ukrainian national hero, Jewish historical villain.

33 AD 1791 — French Revolution

France extends full citizenship to Jews—modern emancipation, though prejudice persists.

34 AD 1881 — Russian Pogroms

Tsar Alexander II assassinated; rumors, unrest, antisemitism. Over 250 anti-Jewish riots in 1881–1884.

34B EUROPEAN MASSACRES MAP

Show the cumulative sweep: Crusades, expulsions, Black Death, Cossack massacres, pogroms.

35 AD 1882 — First Aliyah

Roughly 20,000–25,000 Jews already in Palestine; about 25,000 more arrive in 1882–1903, mostly from Russia/Romania.

TIMELINE 3 — THE REBIRTH OF MODERN ISRAEL

36 1894 — Dreyfus Affair

Jewish French army officer falsely convicted of treason; antisemitism survives even after French emancipation.

37 1896 — Herzl Publishes The Jewish State

Theodor Herzl: Europe cannot guarantee Jewish safety; political Zionism presses for a homeland.

38 1897 — First Zionist Congress

Basel, Switzerland; Herzl organizes Zionism into an international political movement and adopts the Basel Program.

38B 1903 — Protocols of the Elders of Zion

Russian antisemitic forgery alleging a Jewish plot for world control; exposed as fraud, still shared today.

39 1914–1918 — World War I

Ottoman Empire defeated; British troops take Jerusalem in December 1917.

40 November 1917 — Balfour Declaration

Britain favors a “national home for the Jewish people” in Palestine; also pledges existing communities’ civil/religious rights.

41 1922–1923 — British Mandate

League of Nations approves mandate in 1922; in force in 1923. Transjordan administered separately.

42 1933 — Hitler Comes to Power

Hitler appointed chancellor; legal, political, and violent persecution of Jews escalates.

43 1937 — Peel Partition Proposal

Arabs reject partition; Zionist Congress rejects proposed borders but accepts partition in principle for negotiation.

43B PEEL MAP

Small Jewish coastal/Galilee state; much larger proposed Arab state; British-controlled Jerusalem corridor.

44 May 1939 — British White Paper

Britain limits Jewish immigration to 75,000 in five years; afterward, Arab consent required. Terrible timing amid Nazi persecution.

44B May–June 1939 — MS St. Louis

937 mostly Jewish refugees; Cuba and U.S. deny admission. 288 accepted by Britain; 254 passengers later murdered. U.S. quotas and anti-refugee sentiment.

45 1939–1945 — The Holocaust

About 6 million Jews murdered by Nazi Germany and collaborators.

46 July 1947 — Exodus 1947

About 4,500 Jewish refugees intercepted by Britain, ultimately returned to Germany. Symbol of postwar immigration blockade.

47 Nov. 29, 1947 — UN Partition Plan

UN Resolution 181: 33 for, 13 against, 10 abstain; proposes Jewish and Arab states, Jerusalem under international rule.

47B PARTITION MAP

Point out the proposed Jewish and Arab territories and Jerusalem's separate status.

48 May 14, 1948 — Israel Declares Independence

David Ben-Gurion declares state. British Mandate expires at midnight May 14–15; commissioner departs May 14.

— PSALM 83

Read the psalm; frame the 1948 coalition comparison as a possible parallel, not a certain fulfillment.

48B PSALM 83 MAP 1

Identify the ancient peoples listed in Psalm 83.

48C PSALM 83 MAP 2

Compare their approximate geographic areas with neighboring countries in 1948.

49 May 15, 1948 — Arab Armies Enter

Egypt, Transjordan, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon enter the fighting following independence.

50 1948–1949 — War of Independence

Israel survives and gains territory beyond the UN proposal; major Palestinian displacement during the war.

51 1949 — Armistice Lines

Ceasefire boundaries, not final peace borders; Jordan controls West Bank, Egypt administers Gaza.

51B ARMISTICE MAP

Israel in blue; Jordan/West Bank; Egypt/Gaza. No independent Palestinian state on the map.

52 June 1967 — Six-Day War

Egypt masses forces, UN buffer withdrawn, Straits of Tiran closed. Israel strikes first June 5; Jordan enters; Golan taken from Syria June 9–10.

52B SIX-DAY WAR MAP

Israel gains control of Sinai, Gaza, West Bank, East Jerusalem and Golan Heights.

53 October 1973 — Yom Kippur War

Egypt and Syria launch coordinated surprise attack October 6; Israel initially reels, then recovers.

54 1979–1982 — Peace with Egypt

Egypt–Israel peace treaty 1979; Sinai returned completely by 1982.

55 1987–1993 — First Intifada

Begins in Gaza after deadly traffic collision; demonstrations, strikes, stone-throwing, armed violence, Israeli military response.

56 1993–1995 — Oslo Accords

Israel and PLO recognize one another; Palestinian Authority formed. Area A Palestinian civil/internal security; B Palestinian civil/Israeli security; C Israeli control.

57 2000–2005 — Second Intifada

After failed peace efforts and Sharon Temple Mount visit, clashes escalate; suicide bombings, Israeli operations, security barrier.

58 2005 — Israel Withdraws from Gaza

Israel removes its settlements and permanent ground forces from inside Gaza.

59 2006–2007 — Hamas Takes Control

Hamas wins 2006 Palestinian legislative election; seizes Gaza from Fatah by force in 2007.

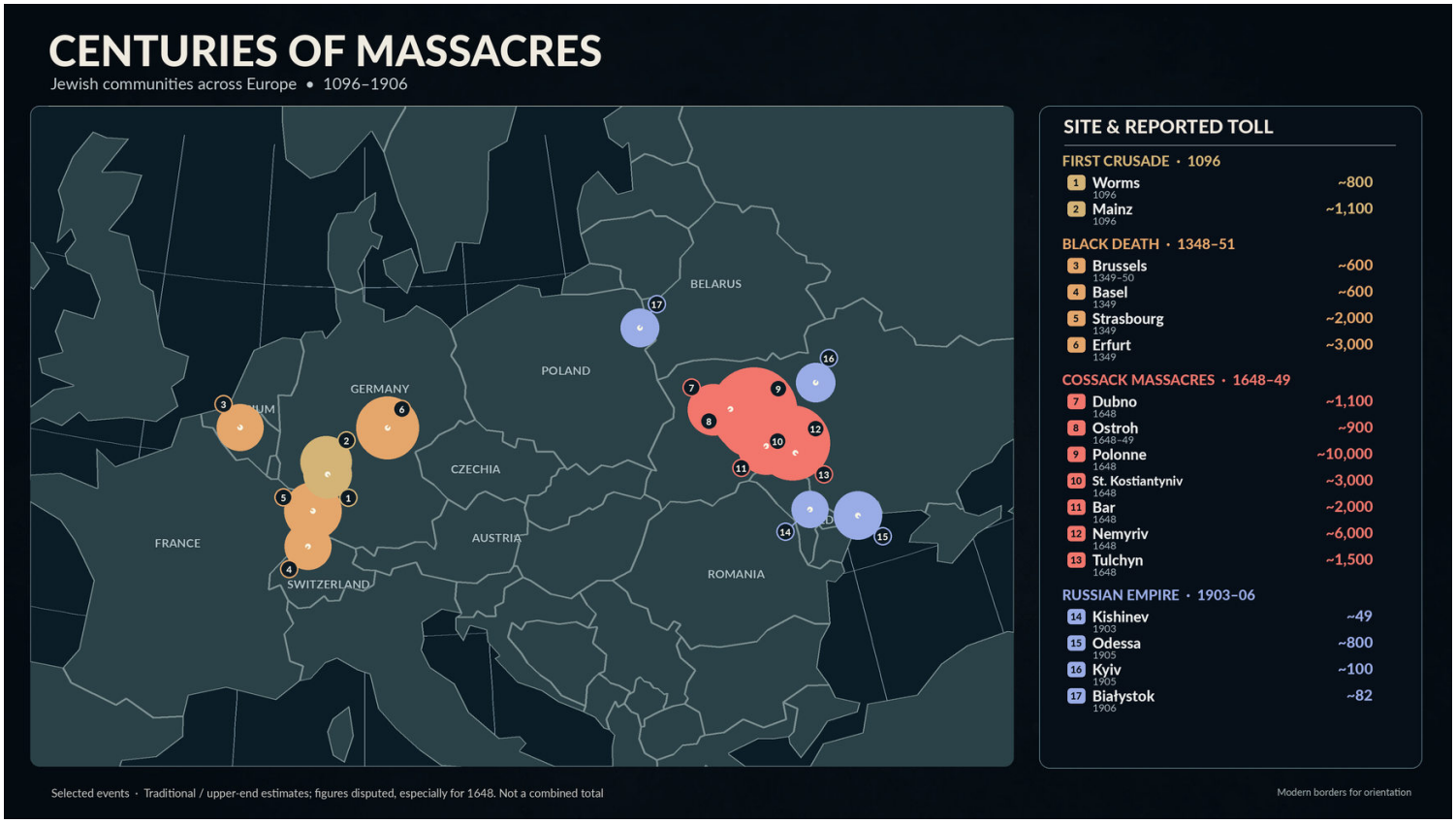
60 Oct. 7, 2023 — Hamas Attacks Israel

Hamas-led attacks kill civilians, take hostages; war follows.

61 Present — Israel: An Unfinished Story

OPTIONAL slide. Return to Romans 11:1; Jeremiah 31:35–37; Romans 11:28–29: God keeps His promises.

1096–1906 — Massacres of Jews in Europe



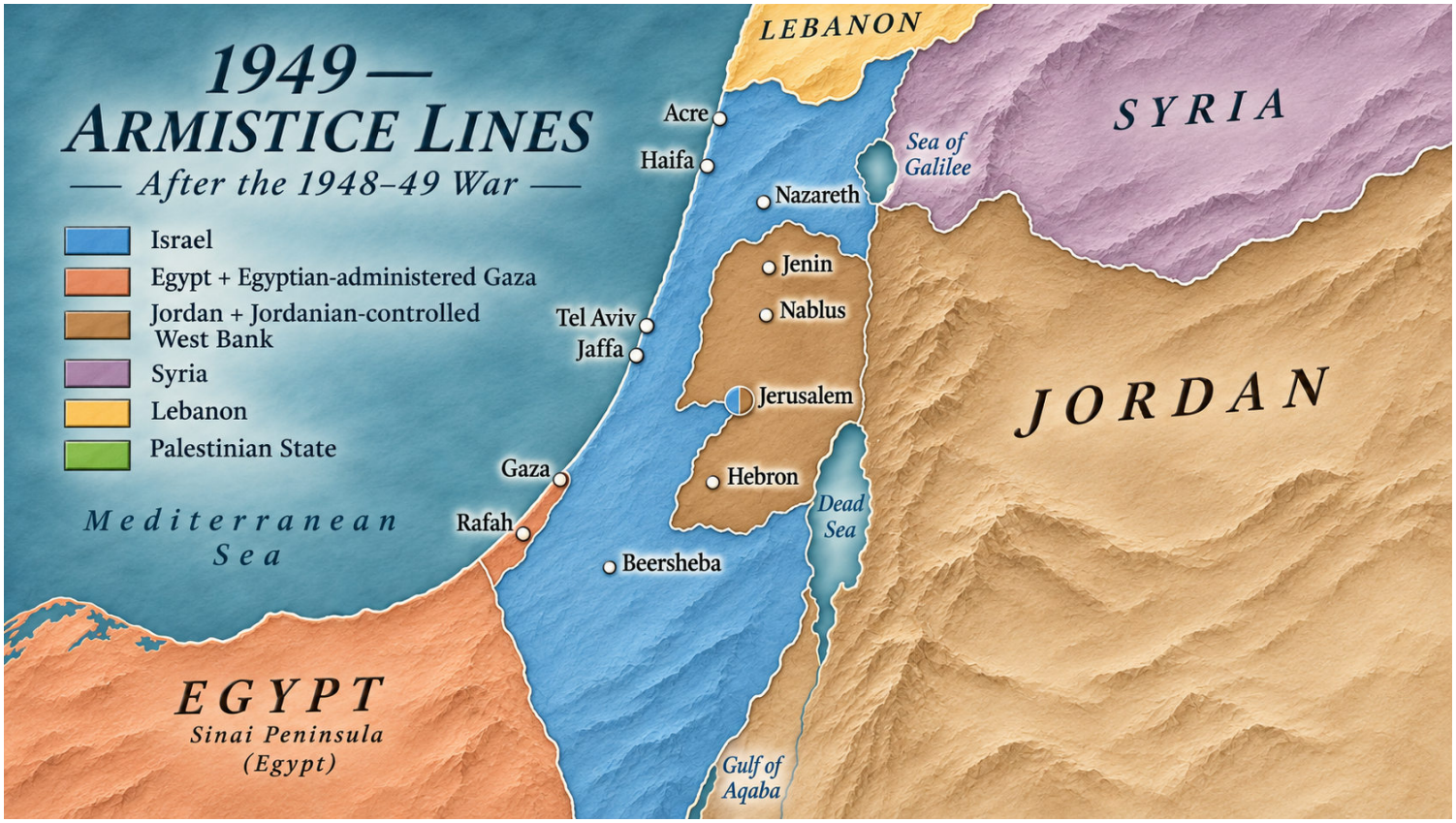
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