

## Israeli & Palestinian Conflict

### Why is Israel and the Jews important in Eschatology or the End Times?

- The Jews are the primary focus of the 70th week of Daniel or the 7 years of tribulation yet to come.
- There is a world leader that makes a covenant with Israel and breaks it after 3 1/2 years with the Abomination of Desolations in the temple (there needs to be a temple).
- The Battle of Armageddon is in present day Israel the Valley of Meggido.
- Jesus returns at the end of the 7 years to Jerusalem at the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4).

**Genesis 12:1-3** *Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

- We don't condone everything Israel does.
- Jews must believe in Jesus as their Messiah to be saved.
- But we do not want to work against Israel.

**586 BC Israel is conquered by Babylon:** No longer a country, Time of the Gentiles begins

**70 AD Jerusalem is destroyed:** the Jews are scattered (Diaspora)

**BC 63-637 AD Roman control:** 313 AD Christianity legalized

**637-1099 Muslim control:** various families ruled Palestine

**1099-1291 Crusader control:** England and France among others

**1291-1517 Mamluk control:** An Egyptian dynasty

**1517-1918 Ottoman Empire control:** Ottoman Empire ends after WWI becomes Turkey

**1920 and 1948:** British Mandate. Britain oversees Palestine after WWI for League of Nations

**Holocaust:** The world was sympathetic to the Jews for a short time

**April 12, 1945:** Roosevelt died in office, Harry Truman becomes president of USA.

**Post WWII Jewish immigration to Palestine:** only 1,500 Jews were allowed to return to Palestine per month according to a 1939 pre-war agreement.

- By early 1947, the combined terrorism of Arab and Jewish extremists made order and security in Palestine almost impossible.

**November 29, 1947, the UN votes to portion Palestine:** three divisions, an Arab state, a Jewish state, and an internationalized zone in the Jerusalem area.

- Arabs saw the British withdrawal as an opportunity to drive out then Jews and settle the immigration question once and for all.
- The Arabs were too independent to organize and unify. Their common denominator was their hate for the Jews, but they did not trust each other at all.

**May 14, 1948:** Britain leaves Palestine, Israel declares statehood.

- Within minutes, President Truman issued a statement extending *de facto* recognition to Israel as a sovereign state.
- The whole world believed that Israel would not last long but they at least were given an opportunity.

**Israel's War of Independence:** a miraculous victory, Israel doesn't go away quietly.

- His total force, as the battle began on May 15, was 30,000 men and women.
- The world watched in unbelief as this ragtag army stopped its attacker on most fronts and gradually took the offensive against superior mechanized forces.

**June 11, 1948:** both sides exhausted a truce was called for though a UN mediator.

- Colonel Moshe Dayan's forces routed the Egyptians and were on the offensive on all fronts.

**A second truce:** the Arabs were on the run, and only the intervention of the British delegates in the Security Council, which brought about a second truce, saved the Arabs.

**June 5, 1967 (1967 Six-Day War):** Israel surprise attacks the Arab nations as they surrounded the small country wiping out all of their planes and disabling the promised attack and annihilation of Israel.

- By nightfall of June 6, Israel had destroyed 416 planes, 393 on the ground. Israel lost 26 planes to anti-aircraft.

**October 6, 1973 (Yom Kippur):** Arab nations surprise Israel by attacking them on Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) catching them completely off guard.

