





Trusting God
results in life.



Failure to trust God
(a.k.a. SIN)
results in conflict and death.





He Will Be A Wild Donkey
Of A Man; His Hand Will
Be Against Everyone And
Everyone's Hand Against
Him, And He Will Live In
Hostility Toward All His
Brothers.”

Genesis 16-12

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Genesis 16:12

Q: What does it mean that 'his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him'?

A: A state of constant feuding with one another and with neighbors.

Q: What does it mean about where he will live?

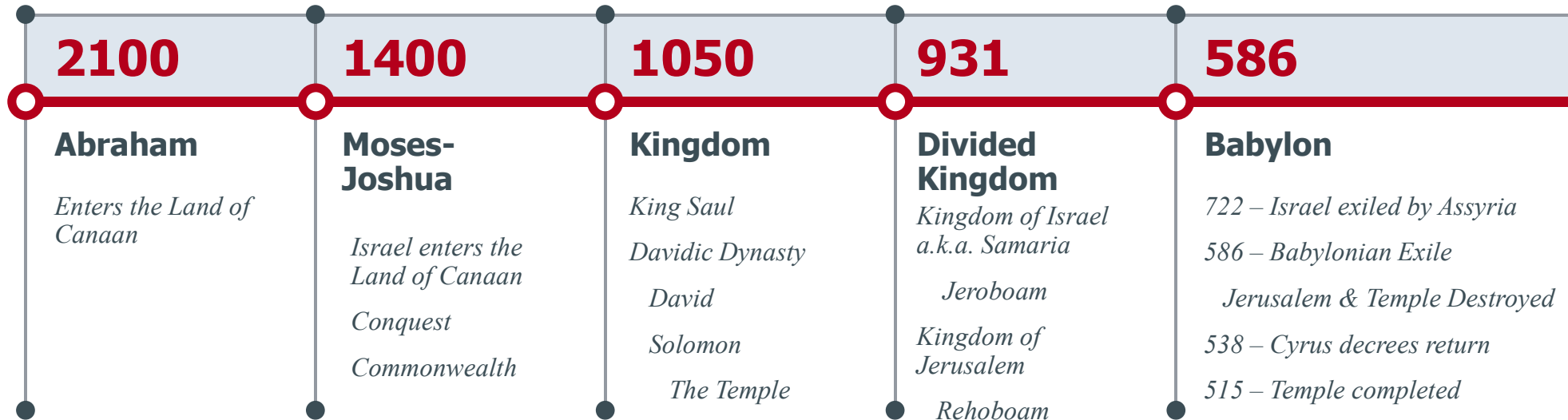
A: The Ishmaelites would maintain an independent standing before (or in the presence of) the other descendants of Abraham. History has confirmed this promise through Bedouin Arabs and their enmity with the Israelites/Jews.

The Land

Israel has a
historical connection
to the land.

Old Testament Israel

Timeline Tagline







SYRIA-PALESTINE IN ROMAN EMPIRE CA 200 BC - 350 AD

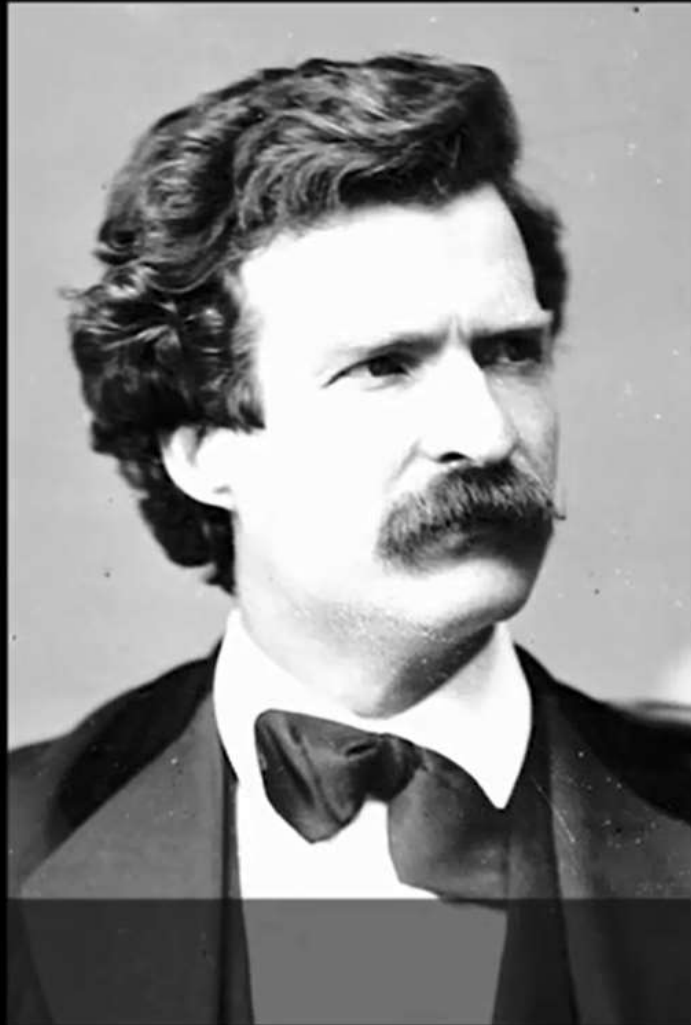


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- Hadrian renamed Judea “Philistia,” or Palaestina, and Jerusalem “Aelia”
- There was never an independent province or state of “Palestine”
- Jerusalem has only ever been the capitol of a Jewish State.
- But Jews kept coming back to establish communities.



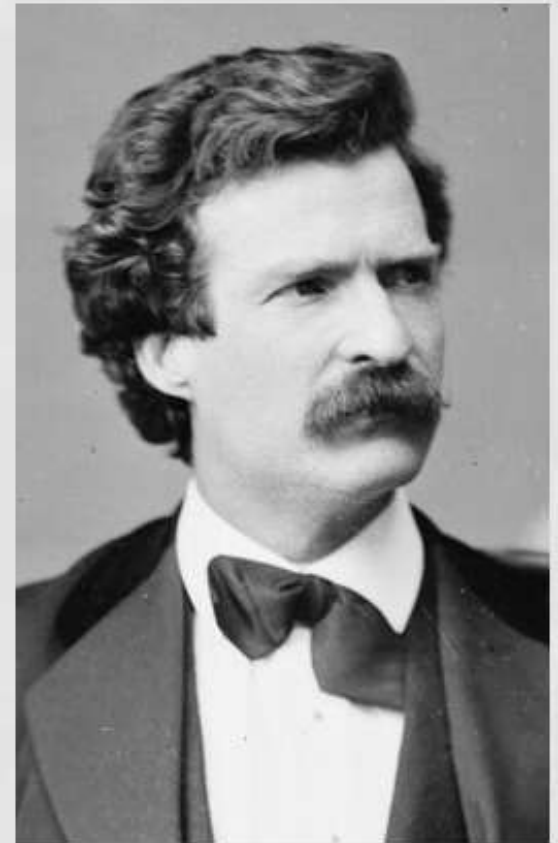
The expansion of Islam in the Middle Ages



1800s : Mark Twain

MARK TWAIN VISITED ISRAEL IN **1867**, AND PUBLISHED HIS IMPRESSIONS IN "INNOCENTS ABROAD." HE DESCRIBED A DESOLATE COUNTRY – DEVOID OF BOTH VEGETATION AND HUMAN POPULATION:

"..... **A DESOLATE COUNTRY** WHOSE SOIL IS RICH ENOUGH, BUT IS GIVEN OVER WHOLLY TO WEEDS... A SILENT MOURNFUL EXPANSE.... **A DESOLATION.... WE NEVER SAW A HUMAN BEING ON THE WHOLE ROUTE....** HARDLY A TREE OR SHRUB ANYWHERE. EVEN THE OLIVE TREE AND THE CACTUS, THOSE FAST FRIENDS OF A WORTHLESS SOIL, HAD ALMOST DESERTED THE COUNTRY."



The People

God made promises to Israel.

God preserves his people.

God's people have hope.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 ✓ English Standard Version ✓

11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare^[a] and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. **13** You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.



“If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world’s list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers.”

~MARK TWAIN

- 1096 – Crusades
- Blood Libel
- Yellow badges
- Expulsions
 - 1182 – France
 - 1290 – England
 - 1300's – France
 - 1350's – Germany
 - 1496 – Portugal
 - 1512 – Provence
 - 1492 – Spain – (inquisition)
- Persisted under Protestants
- Persisted under Catholics



The Enlightenment & the Age of Reason



Hope in Emancipation & Assimilation?





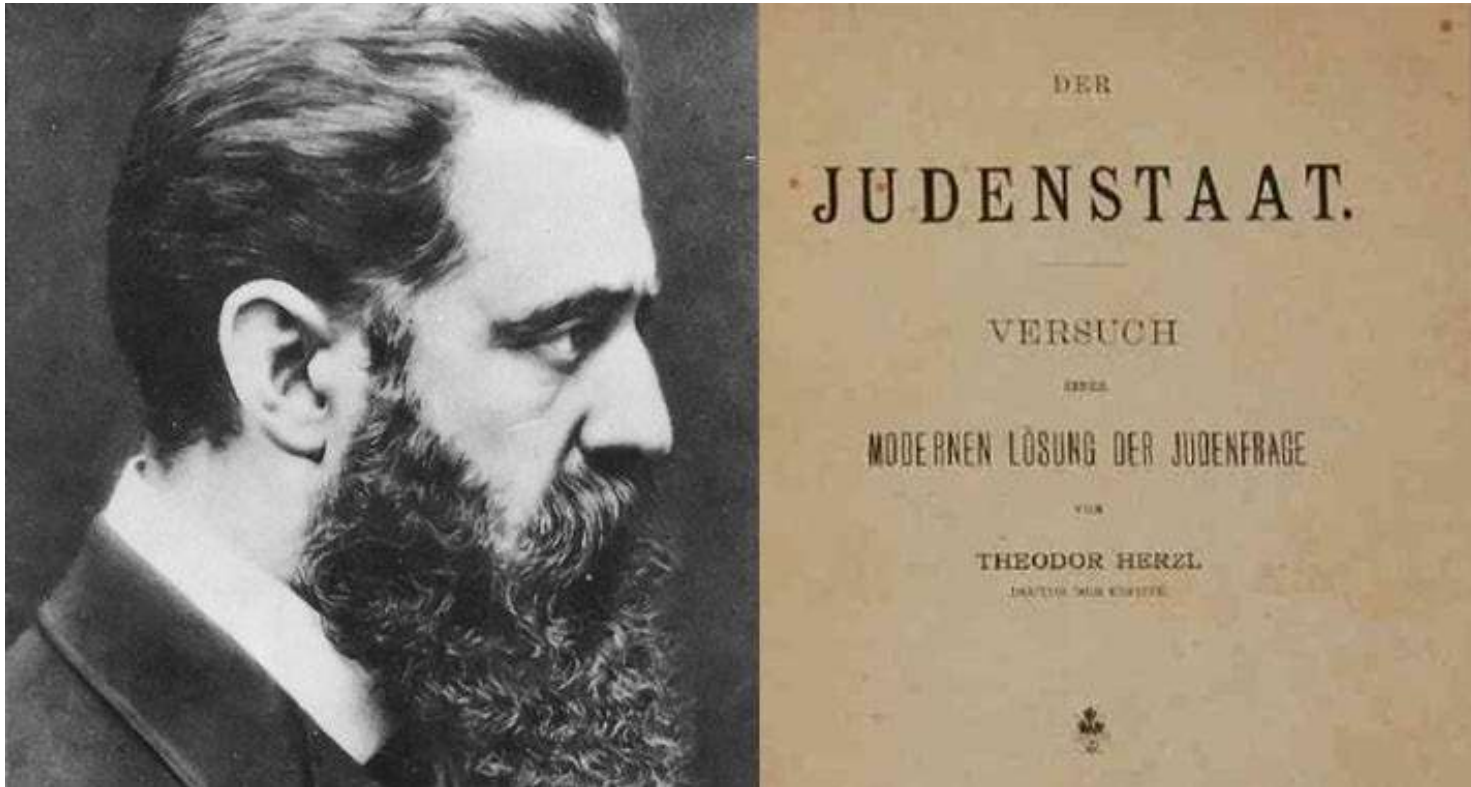
The Return

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in princes.

Psalm 118:8-9

Theodor Herzl

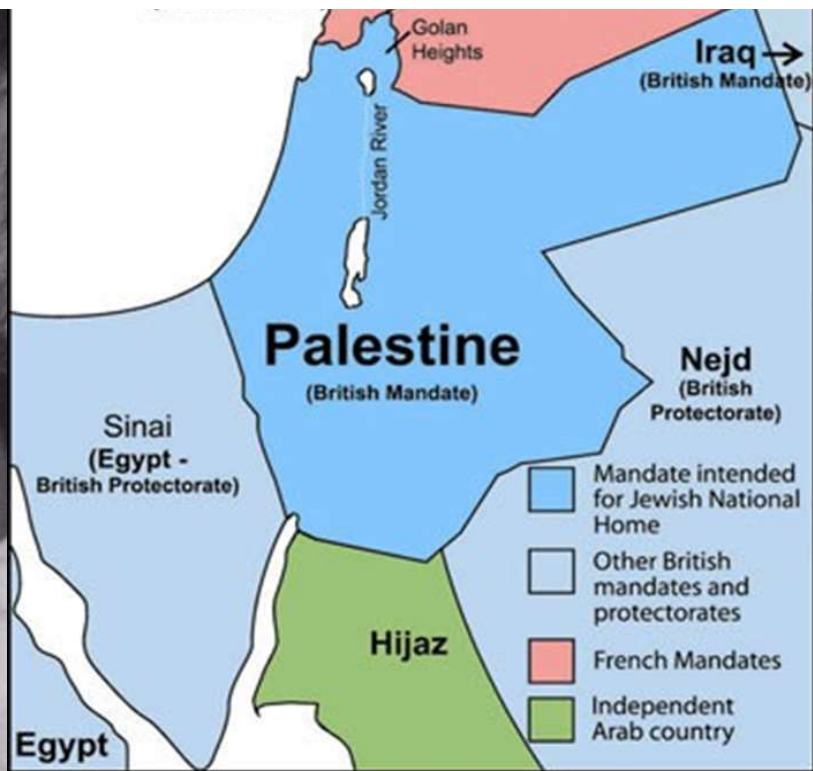


Zionism

-- “a belief in the necessity for a Jewish homeland, for a rebuilt land of Israel in the land of the ancient state of Israel”







1917-1922

In the 1917 Balfour Declaration, Britain endorsed "Zionist aspirations" to reestablish their homeland in Palestine and promised to "facilitate" the effort.³ In 1920, international peace negotiators incorporated the Balfour Declaration in the Treaty of Sevres and called for a Mandate in Palestine.

⁴ In 1922, the League of Nations instructed the British Mandate authorities to "facilitate" Jewish immigration and settlement of Palestine. ⁵ many European and Arab leaders hoped Jews would revive this small, impoverished, thinly populated region.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Y. Weizmann





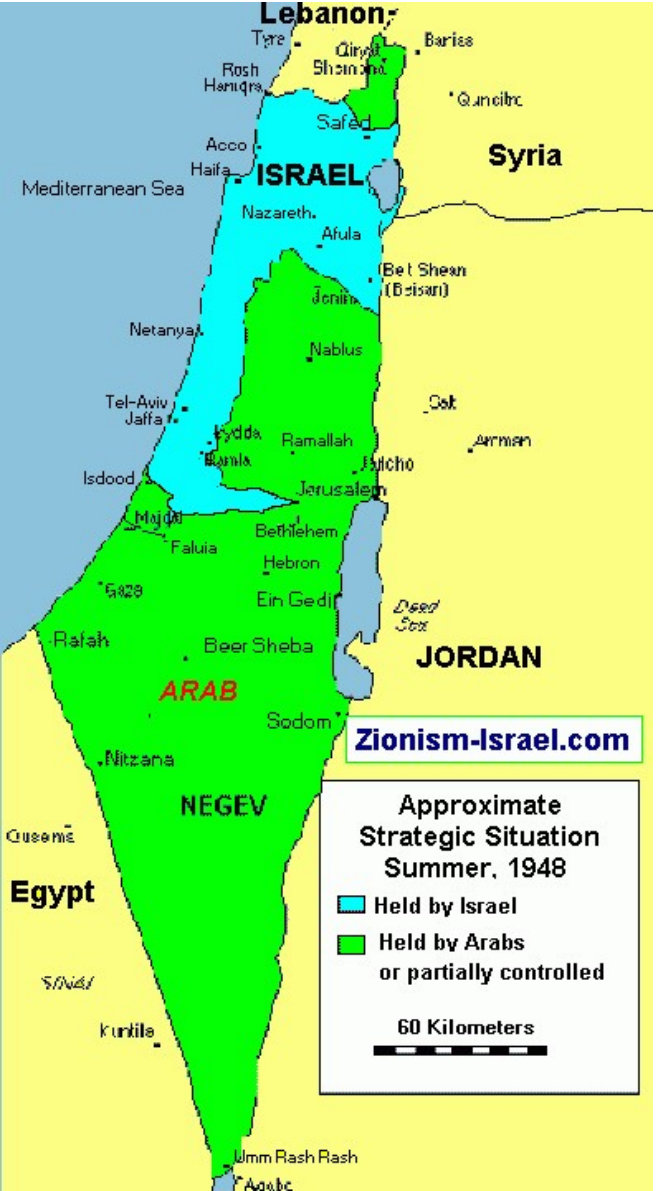


STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

The first independent Jewish State in 2,000 years was born in Tel Aviv on the British Mandate area Palestine today at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. At "Midnight" (Yom Ha'atzma) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Muslim armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a mediator.

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History
 Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine was through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.
 For the Jewish population there was the struggle over the fate of the new Jewish State and women in the latter States that of administration and defense. There were also a fully equipped regular foreign forces that were to stand up to a military force of a hundred thousand. What could not be done, with an overwhelming force, was done by the Jews. Jewish youth would not be intimidated by the pressure and would, and greater support for the Jewish State in most of these critical moments, have been reached.
 On Friday afternoon, from 12:01 to 12:02, the Jewish State was proclaimed. The Jewish Council met in the White House in Tel Aviv, and in a special session in the latter State. The Jewish State was proclaimed in the presence of the members of the United Nations Special Assembly. The Jewish State was proclaimed in the presence of the members of the United Nations Special Assembly. The Jewish State was proclaimed in the presence of the members of the United Nations Special Assembly.

Jews Take Over Security Zones
 The Jewish Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down
U.S. Recognizes Jewish State
Proclamation by Head of Government
2 Columns Cross Southern Border
Elizian Settlers Taken P.O.W.



1947: United Nations Partition Plan



June 1948: Arab armies invade



July 1948: Israeli army counterattacks



Israel's existence defies history.
God's Word is true.
God is faithful.
Jew and Gentile can trust Him.

There is more to come – Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

