

The Chosen

Ahasuerus, The Wandering Jew

I) Israel under Rome.

- 70 A.D. Jerusalem and Masada.
 - Hadrian's "Romanization" of Palestine.
 - 132 A.D. The Bar Kochba rebellion.
 - The Mishna, Talmud prescribed the life of the Jew.
 - Rome began Persecuting Christians and Jews for their troublesome monotheism.
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II) Israel under Christian Rome.

- 313 A.D. Constantine's conversion. The Roman capitol became Constantinople.
 - The majority of Israel became Gentile Christians.
 - The legal status of the Jew was refined as the Jew was ostracized from Roman society.
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III) Israel under Islam.

- 634 A.D. Palestine came under the Arab Muslim conquest.
 - The Dome of the Rock was erected on the Temple Mount claiming the city as Islamic.
 - Christianity sought to eliminate Judaism. Islam sought to co-exist. The Jews enjoyed 300 years of relative peace and prosperity.
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IV) Western European Judaism under the Holy Roman Empire.

- 800 A.D. saw the beginning of the military, political, and spiritual entity in Western Europe, the Holy Roman Empire.
- Anti-Semitism began in its wake with Jewish expulsion.
- The Crusades began and Jews suffered in the anti-Muslim campaigns.
- The Black Death began in Western Europe, blamed on the Jews, and the Spanish Inquisition and its use of torture.

V) Eastern Judaism under a more zealous Islam.

- And at the same time, the Jews were under a more zealous eastern Islam.
 - The Almohads of North Africa.
 - The Mongols of Iraq.
 - The Mamalukes of Egypt.
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VI) As a result, the Jewish flight to Poland began. The Ashkenazi.

VII) The late 1500s and the re-admission of the Jews into Western Europe.

- Because of a changed perception of Jewish financial ability.
 - And the post-millennial perception of Israel.
 - And the French Revolution's ideal of human equality and freedom.
 - There was a period of freedom and peace.
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VIII) But with this came suspicion and envy and "anti-Semitism"

- And the massive immigration to the U.S.
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IX) Palestine under the Turks.

- Meanwhile in Palestine, the Turks had risen to power.
 - The Turks' major concern was their capitol in Istanbul or Constantinople. Palestine was too far away to merit concern and so it was a world to itself...chiefly neglected.
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X) But what followed was "Zionism." The Jewish seeking for their own independent state for the first time since before Christ. The leader of the movement was Theodore Herzl.

XI) Palestine under Britain.

- After WWI, Palestine was free from Turkey. **The Balfour Declaration** supported Jewish independence.
 - **The British Mandate** called for Britain to govern Palestine until independent states, Arab and Jew, could be situated.
 - The Paris Peace Conference of 1919 confirmed the mutual intent of 2 independent states-Arab and Jew- living in peace.
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XII) Haj Amin-al-Husseini, leader of the Arab state pressed the point that there could be no Jewish independence. Peace ended.

- The British partition of Palestine.
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XIII) The Independent state of Israel, 1948.

- Between WWI and WWII, immigration increased with the rise of Hitler.
 - And with heightened immigration, Arab nationalism increased.
 - The British turned Palestine over to the U.N. who re-partitioned Palestine into 2 independent states west of the Jordan.
 - On May 14, 1948, the U.N. proclaimed by vote the independent state of Israel and the last British soldier left Palestine.
 - The day after the British evacuation, the armies of Syria, Lebanon Jordan, Egypt, and Iraq invaded to crush the infant state of Israel.
 - Israel lost 6000 dead but held their own and won new territory.
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XIV) The Aliyah.

- What followed WWII was the Aliyah...the return.
- Within 3 years 700,000 more Jews had immigrated to Israel from Eastern Europe doubling the population.
- Muslim countries had awakened hostility toward the Jew and began confiscating houses and property. Many Jews arrived in Palestine destitute.

XV) The Sinai Campaign.

- In October of 1956, Egypt once again invaded.
 - Israel struck first and defeated the entire Egyptian army.
 - The U.S. and Russia compelled Israel to withdraw and U.N. forces were stationed on the Israeli/Egyptian border.
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XVI) 11 years passes...The Six Day War.

- On May of 1967, Egypt and Jordan made a 3rd assault on Israel.
 - Israel struck first knocking out the entire Egyptian air force as it sat on the ground.
 - Jordanian forces took over U.N. headquarters in the neutral zone and began shelling Jerusalem.
 - Israel retaliated and in 6 days captures all of Judea and Samaria.
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XVII) October 7, 1973 The Yom Kippur War.

- For the 4th time, Egypt and Syria attacked on the Day of Atonement.
 - Israel drove Syria north to within 25 miles of Damascus and encircled the 3rd army of Egypt.
 - The U.N. re-introduced troops.
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XVIII) In 1982 against **the PLO** in Beirut over rocket attacks.

- 1991 The Gulf War against Iraq as Saddam Hussein fired missiles into Israel hoping to draw out the Muslim nations against the U.S.