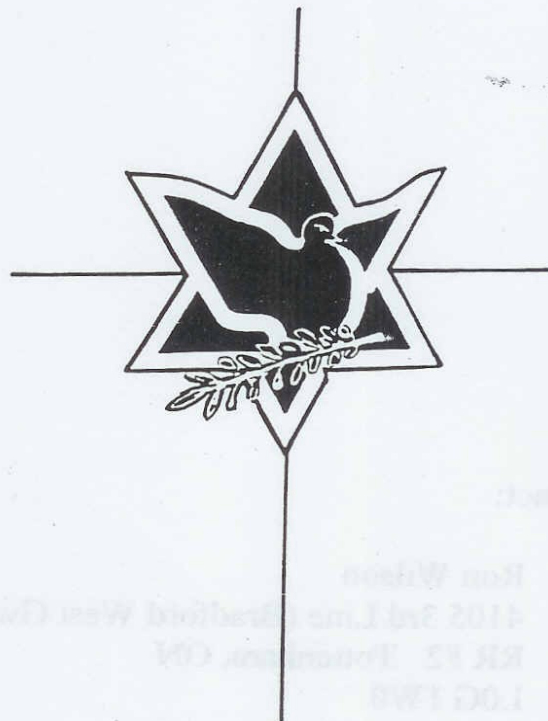


**ISRAEL,
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AND
*SHALOM***

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*Love your enemies,
bless them that curse you,
do good to them that hate you
and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you;
that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:44-45

*Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.*

Matthew 6: 10

*Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.*

Isaiah 2: 4

*Force may subdue, but love gains.
And he that forgives first wins the laurel...
Let us then try what love can do.*

William Penn

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SUMMARY OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY AND RELATED EVENTS

AGE OF THE JUDGES 1100 B. C. - 1020 B. C.

INDEPENDENT RULE UNDER KINGS 1020 B. C. - 721 B. C.

- 1020 Monarchy set up under Saul.
- 993 David unifies tribes; establishes Jerusalem
- 950 Solomon builds Temple; develops kingdom into flourishing commercial power.
- 922 Kingdom 922 divided into Israel and Judah.

ASSYRIAN AND BABYLONIAN DOMINATION 721 B. C. - 539 B. C.

- 720 Assyrians conquer Northern Tribes; assimilate many throughout Assyrian Empire.
- 700 - 600 Josiah restores Law; Jeremiah, Isaiah.
- 650 Assyrians attack Jerusalem.
- 612 Babylonians conquer Assyrians.
- 587 Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia captures Jerusalem; destroys Temple.

PERSIAN DOMINATION 539 B. C. - 334 B. C.

- 539 Cyrus of Persia captures Babylonia.
- 538 First return of Jews to Palestine.
- 515 Second Temple completed under Zerubbabel. Second return led by Ezra. Nehemiah rebuilds walls of Jerusalem.
- 455 445 Old Testament completed.

GREEK DOMINATION 334 B. C. - 167 B. C.

- 334 Alexander the Great defeats Persia and annexes Palestine; repopulates much of Samaria with Greeks.
- 320 Ptolemy and Seleucus split Greek Empire; Palestine in turbulent centre.
- 301-198 Under Ptolemaic rule; self-government under High Priests.
- 198 Seleucids defeat Ptolemies.
- 175 Antiochus IV enforces Greek culture and tries to stamp out Judaism.

SUMMARY OF HISTORY

GREEK DOMINATION (cont.)

- 167 Maccabees revolt.
- 164-142 Jews politically independent.
- 134-63 Hasmoneans, descendants of the Maccabees, expand kingdom.
War between Sadducees and Pharisees.

ROMAN RULE 63 B.C. - 313 A.D.

- 63 Pompey of Rome intervenes in war between Pharisees and Sadducees.
Judea becomes Roman province--Hasmoneans hold limited authority.
 - 37 Herod achieves kingship of Jews.
 - 4 B.C. Birth of Jesus.
- B.C
-
- A.D.
- 29 Pilate Procurator
Jesus crucified.
Paul missionary to Gentiles.
 - 66 First Jewish uprising. .
 - 70 Romans destroy Jerusalem, exile many Jews--beginning of Diaspora.
 - 73 Masada--mass suicide of defenders.
 - 100-200 Mishnah developed and canonized.
Roman persecution of Christians increases.
 - 132 Bar Kochba revolt.
 - 135 Hadrian defeats Jews; builds Aelia Capitolina
Jews banished from Palestine.
 - 210 Completion of Mishna (Oral Law) in Tiberias.
Expansion of Jewish settlement in Galilee.

BYZANTINE RULE 313 A.D. - 636 A.D.

- 313 Roman empire divided into east and west.
Constantine converts to Christianity
Christianity made state religion.
New Testament canonized.
Churches built at holy sites.
- 610 Mohammed begins Holy War.
- 614 Persian invasion aided by Jews.
Some Jews live in Jerusalem.
- 629 Byzantine reoccupy Palestine--expel Jews from Jerusalem

SUMMARY OF HISTORY

RULE BY VARIOUS ARAB NATIONS 636 A.D. - 1091 A.D.

- 640 Umayyid Caliphs from Bagdad.
Moslems armies drive Christians from Palestine.
- 691 Dome of the Rock built.
- 710 El Aqsa Mosque built.
- 900-1000 Egyptians destroy all churches and synagogues; persecute non-moslems.
- 1091 Rule by Seljuks (Turkish).

CRUSADERS--SALADIN & MAMELUKES 1099 A.D. -1517 A.D.

- 1099 First Crusade conquers Jerusalem.
- 1187 Saladin's victory of Crusaders at Horns of Hittim.
Allowed Jews and Moslems to resettle.
- 1250 Mamelukes overthrow masters.
- 1291 Mamelukes drive out all Crusaders.
Land becomes backwater province of Damascus.

OTTOMAN TURKS 1517 A.D. - 1917 A.D.

- 1538-1540 Suleiman the Magnificent builds walls of Jerusalem.
- 1914 World War I--Ottomans ally with Germany.

BRITISH MANDATE 1917 A.D. - 1948 A.D.

- 1917 British, under Allenby, defeat the Ottoman Empire.
France given Syria and Lebanon.
Balfour Declaration.
- 1922 British install monarchies in Iraq and Transjordan.
- 1945 End of World War II; mounting tension in Palestine;
Issue turned over to U. N.
- 1947 U.N. votes for establishment of two states.

STATE OF ISRAEL 1948 A.D.

- 1948 British withdraw; U.N. partitions; Israel proclaims itself a state.
- 1948-49 War of Independence.
- 1956 Sinai Campaign.
- 1967 Six-Day War; capture of West Bank from Jordan.
- 1973 Yom Kippur War.
- 1978 Agreement with Egypt.