



## Creation of Israel

### The only Jewish state

With multiple choice Q&A

- First Jews in the land 4,000 years ago
- Emergence of Christianity
- Diaspora
- Islamic conquest of Asia-Africa
- Zionism
- 1948 - re-establishment of the state of Israel
- Expulsion of the Jews from the Muslim world
- Israel's constant battle of defense

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## Overview

Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people, and as documented in the Bible and evidenced by numerous archaeological findings, they first settled there ~4,000 years ago and are the most ancient ethno-religious group still living on the land. The Jews maintained continuous presence in Israel since ~4,000 years ago, despite attacks and displacements from foreign conquerors and empires. Israel is the only country that has ever existed on that land and is documented in the Bible as the Promised Land that was given to the Jews by God. Although currently only the size of New Jersey and much smaller than its Biblical size, it has served as safe haven to Jews following numerous persecutions.

It's now home to ~7 million Jews – most of which are those expelled from the Muslim countries. It is a democracy and houses also 2 million Arabs – Muslims, Christians and Druze, all as citizens enjoying full rights.

The Muslim world, consists of ~2 billion

Muslims across over 50 countries, most of which consider Israel a Muslim land, which they call Palestine. The Muslim Arabs first occupied it in 630 CE and maintained continuous presence in it for the past 800 years.



## Ancient Israel, the Diaspora and Christianity

Several hundreds of years after the Jews first settled in Israel, they established their kingdom, first ruled by King David, residing in its capital Jerusalem, where they also

The Ancient Jewish Temple in Jerusalem (Illustration)



built their temple. The Roman Empire later conquered the kingdom and exiled them around 70 CE, resulting in

Biblical Israel stretched across major parts of present-day Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, and small parts of Egypt



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the **Diaspora**, during which the majority of Jews were expelled from Israel and scattered throughout North Africa, Asia and Europe.



region was inhabited by Christians, Jews and pagans (believers in multiple Gods). The Arabs, led by their prophet Mohammed, occupied very rapidly major parts of Asia and Africa, including Israel, while colonizing the region and spreading the Islamic religion there by force. They built the Al-Aqsa Mosque on top of the ruins of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. They limited rights of Jews and Christians, including freedom of religion, leading to the Christian Crusaders invasion and rule in the land of Israel in ~1100-1200 CE, later replaced following other Muslim invasions.

## Zionism

Although Jews expelled from Israel by the Romans were productive and loyal to their new countries, they faced **Antisemitism** - hatred and discrimination against Jews, including vast massacres of Jews throughout history. This was so devastating on Jewish population, that although they existed since ~4,000 years ago, there are now only 15 million Jews globally.

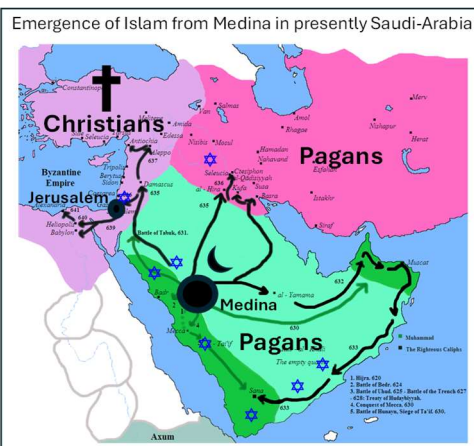
Jews have then continuously migrated back to their homeland, Israel, to join the communities which have always remained there. As of the late 1800s, this movement grew and was called **Zionism**. Jews, mainly European, began organizing political movements aimed at returning to Israel and formally re-establishing the Jewish state, also under the hypothesis that if the Jews had their own state, Antisemitism would subside.

At this time, the region was ruled by the Ottoman Empire and was very sparsely

Christianity, which was derived from Judaism and spread later on to Europe and beyond, was initiated around that time by Jesus Christ, a Jew from Judea, Israel, who spread it in the region.

## The Arab / Muslim Conquest and Colonization

Islam emerged as a religion by the Arabs around 620 CE in present day Saudi Arabia. At that time, the



Zionists, called the Pioneers, drying Malaria-infested swamps in Israel



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populated, mostly by Jews and Muslim Arabs. The land was neglected, suffering from low level of personal safety and health. Part of it was an arid desert and another was Malaria-infested swamps. The Zionist movement developed the land – dried up swamps and devised arid agriculture. This also attracted Muslims to the land from all over the Muslim world, looking for new employment opportunities. Nonetheless, increased Jewish immigration and land purchases intensified the fears among the Arab Muslims, that Zionism was an extension of European colonialism in the region and might take their land and rights.

### British Mandate

After winning WWI, Britain took control of now-a-days Israel in 1917 under the mandate system, while naming it “Palestine-land-of-Israel”, or in short - mandatory “Palestine” (the name Palestine was after the name “Syria-Palestina” which was invented by the Romans in 70 CE for the region after they expelled the Jews from it). The standalone term “Palestinian” did not exist as a designation for any specific people who originated from the land of Palestine. Rather, the people who lived on the land were then called either Palestinian Arabs, or Palestinian Jews.

The Flag used by Jews in mandatory Palestine during the British mandate



Increasing Jewish immigration and strategic land purchases resulted in a series of Arab riots and violence against Jews, also leading to the eradication of ancient Jewish communities, such as those of Hebron (in Judea – later called West Bank) and Gaza. The British, who were charged with maintaining peace between the Arabs and the Jews, reacted by limiting Jewish immigration and restricting land sales to them.

During the 1930's and 1940's World War II took place, and

A group of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto during the Holocaust



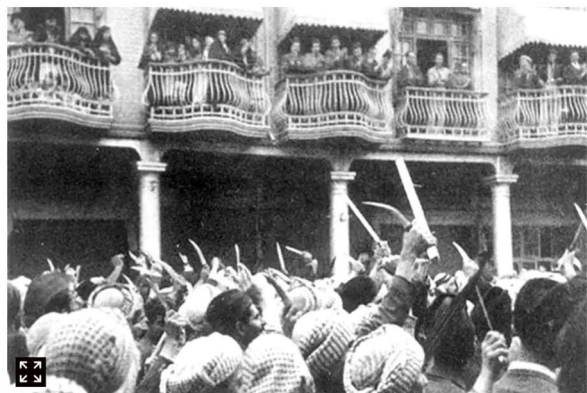
The ancient synagogue in Hebron, Judea (later called West Bank) after the massacre committed by the Muslim Arabs against the Jewish population in 1929. Following the massacre, the Jewish community in Hebron, which existed since thousands of years, was eradicated



the Jews started being persecuted and mass massacred by Hitler's Nazi party mainly in Europe, in what is known as the **Holocaust**. Some Arab countries, inspired by Nazi ideology, initiated massacres against their Jewish populations, as well. Looking to save their lives, Jews tried to immigrate to mandatory Palestine,

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“the Farhud” - Muslim Arab mob in Iraq in an organized massacre against the Jews in 1941 during the British rule



1941 - Haj Amin Al-Husseini, a renowned Muslim Arab leader from Palestine, discussing with Adolf Hitler how to collaborate on the annihilation of Jews in mandatory Palestine



which they saw as their rightful home since Biblical times. However, Jewish immigration to the land, together with influence from the Nazis, erupted in 1936 in a 3-year violent conflict known as the Arab Revolt. The revolt included intensification of prior massacre of Jews and their displacement from their homes since Biblical times, in addition to an uprising against the British. To appease the Arabs, the British drastically restricted immigration of Jews who tried to escape from the Holocaust to mandatory Palestine and later banned it completely, while still enabling mass immigration of Muslims there, who wanted to ensure Muslim Arab majority and preempt any foundation of a Jewish state in the region. Jews were then not able to use their historic homeland as safe haven, and **6 million Jews, almost half of the world's entire Jewish population, were murdered in the Holocaust.**

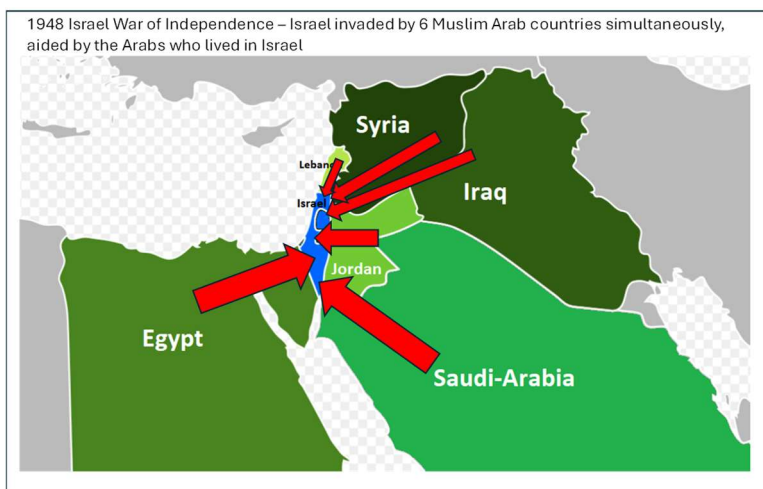
### UN Partition Plan

In 1947, with British soldiers tired of policing Arab-Jewish violence, the British turned mandatory Palestine over to the United Nations (U.N.). While recognizing the need for the Jews to have their own state, the U.N. intended to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict by partitioning mandatory Palestine into two states, one Jewish and one Arab. Jewish leaders accepted this plan, as they saw the urgent need for safe haven for both European Jews and for Jews in the Muslim countries who were persecuted there. Muslim Arab leaders however were strongly against giving any part to the Jews.

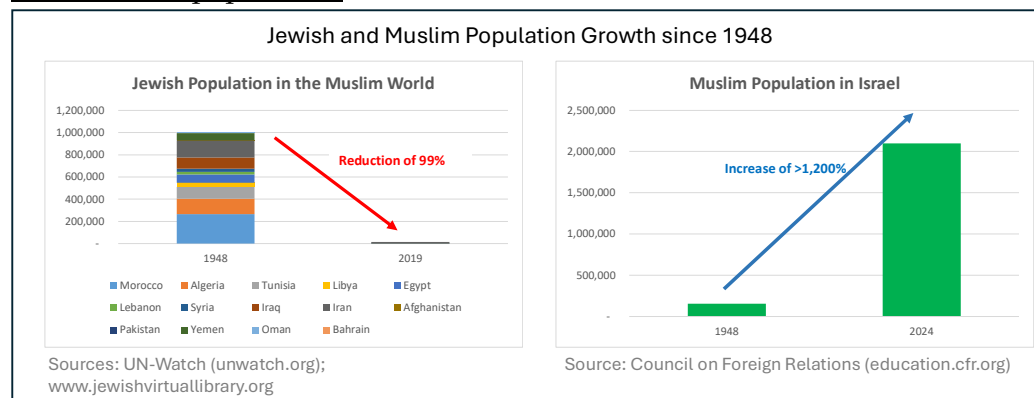
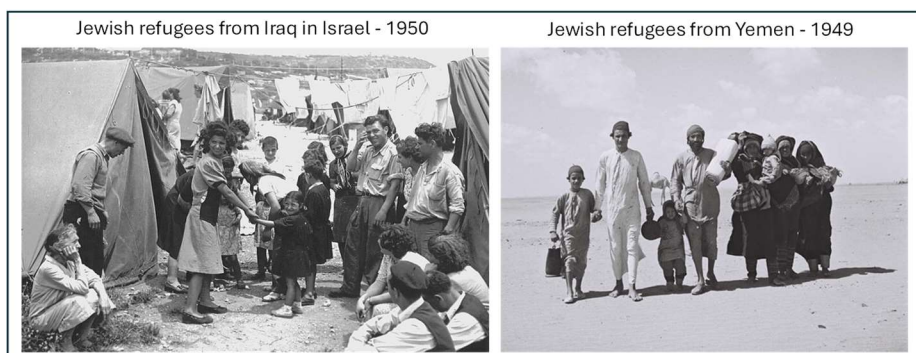
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## Israeli Independence & More War

Israel declared its independence in 1948 and defined in its Declaration of Independence full equality of rights, regardless of race, religion or gender. Nonetheless, the day thereafter, the Muslim Arabs in Israel, together with 6 Muslim Arab countries with trained armies invaded it and the tiny new country had to fight for its life. The new country survived the war and prevented yet another Holocaust. The war resulted though in key regions that were taken over by the Arabs, which then became parts of Egypt (Gaza) and Jordan (Judea & Samaria – the cradle of the Jewish people).



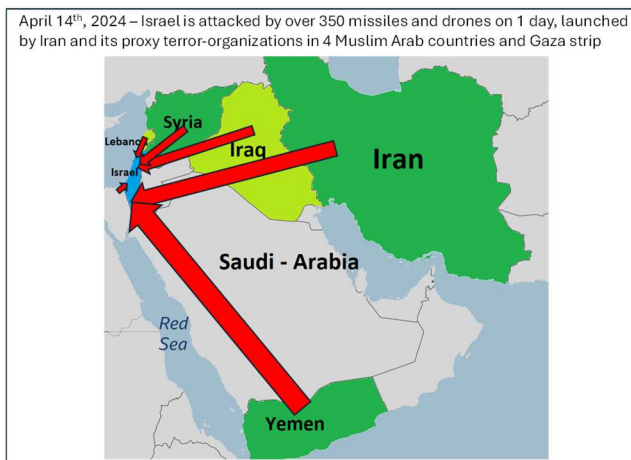
Being a warzone, and also following their leaders' directions to temporarily leave the land, some of the Muslim Arabs left and became refugees in the neighboring Muslim Arab countries, which did not give them full rights, thereby perpetuating the Palestinian refugee crisis. The Muslim Arabs who stayed enjoyed full rights as Israeli citizens to this very day, including serving in the government and supreme court. In contrast, no Jews remained in the areas of mandatory Palestine conquered by the Muslim Arabs. In addition, in their own lands, the Muslims persecuted minorities, such as Jews and Christians, although both lived there many years before the Islamic conquest. Virtually all Jews who lived in the Muslim countries were expelled and now constitute most of Israeli Jewish population.



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The war ended in 1949 with cease fire agreements, yet Israel kept on being attacked by its neighbors until this very day, with major wars in 1956, 1967, 1973, 1982, 2023-4. In 1967 Israel was sieged by 5 of its neighboring countries and forced into war, yet managed to win it and take the areas that it lost in the War of Independence - Judea & Samaria / West Bank from Jordan, and Gaza Strip from Egypt. Israel also took the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, which although was half of its total size, it gave back to Egypt in 1979 for a peace treaty.

In addition to Israel's neighboring Muslim countries which have attacked it, and even before Israel gained control over Judea & Samaria / West Bank and Gaza Strip, the PLO - Palestine Liberation Organization, was founded in 1964 by a group of Muslim Arab countries. The PLO aimed at establishing an independent identity for the Arabs living in Israel by coining them as "Palestinians" and creating an Arab Muslim country, instead of Israel. Despite various peace initiatives between Israel and the PLO, the PLO never fully recognized Israel's right to exist and waged 2 terror operations ("Intifadas") against it, resulting in thousands of casualties. The PLO lost the Palestinian elections in 2006 to Hamas, which has launched hundreds of thousands of rockets over Israeli villages and towns since Israel completely pulled out from Gaza Strip in 2005. Hamas has also invaded Israel in Oct '23, while carrying out the largest massacre against Jews since the Holocaust, which included murdering over 1,200 people and taking over 250 hostages. Hamas is part of a larger group of Islamic terror organizations, such as Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah and the Houthis, backed by Iran, whose aim is the annihilation of the Jewish people worldwide. Israel and the Jews are still on the defense.



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### Questions

1. Who were first to inhabit Israel?
  - A. The Arabs
  - B. The Jews
  - C. The Palestinians
  - D. The Muslims
2. For how long did Jews live in Israel consecutively until today?
  - A. Almost 4,000 years
  - B. Since 1948
  - C. Since the crusaders left the country, about 800 years ago
  - D. For the past 1,000 years
3. For how long did the Arab Muslims live in Israel consecutively until today?
  - A. Almost 4,000 years
  - B. Since 1948
  - C. Since they drove the Crusaders out, about 800 years ago
  - D. For the past 1,600 years
4. What is the origin of the Palestinians?
  - A. They are Muslim Arabs, who came from now-a-days Saudi-Arabia around 630 CE. Most of them migrated to the land of Israel in later periods, as of the late 1800s from all over the Muslim world, following Jewish immigration there and the British rule
  - B. From Palestine
  - C. They are British
  - D. From Europe
5. What did the Zionist movement do?
  - A. Destroyed houses
  - B. Sold land to the Arabs
  - C. Supported the British
  - D. Developed the land, dried up swamps and devised arid agriculture
6. Where does the majority of the current Jewish population of Israel come from?
  - A. From Europe
  - B. From the Holocaust
  - C. They were expelled from the Muslim countries
  - D. From Africa

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7. When was the term “Palestinians” first used to describe the Arabs living in Israel
  - A. In 630 CE
  - B. In 1964
  - C. In 1947
  - D. About 800 years ago
8. What was the objective of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)?
  - A. To found an Arab Muslim country, instead of Israel
  - B. To found an Arab Muslim country, in addition to Israel
  - C. To support the Arab Muslim population in the region
  - D. To support the Jews
9. How many Muslim countries exist?
  - A. 1
  - B. Over 20
  - C. Over 50
  - D. Over 100
10. How many Jewish countries exist?
  - A. 1
  - B. Over 20
  - C. Over 50
  - D. Over 100
11. Why did Zionist leaders accept the UN proposal in 1947 to split mandatory Palestine into a Jewish state and an Arab state?
  - A. They wanted to have another Jewish country
  - B. They wanted to guarantee safe haven for Jews in the Muslim countries who were persecuted there, as well as for Jews who survived the Holocaust in Europe
  - C. They wanted to continue having the British in the land
  - D. They wanted to prevent the Holocaust
12. Who fought the Jews after they declared independence in 1948?
  - A. The British
  - B. The Muslim Arabs in Israel, together with 6 additional Muslim Arab countries
  - C. The Palestinians
  - D. The United Nations
13. What was the background of the emergence of the Zionist movement in the 1800s?
  - A. The Holocaust
  - B. Wanting another Jewish country
  - C. Anti-Semitism, which resulted in massacre of entire Jewish communities throughout history
  - D. The British

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14. Why did Muslims immigrate to mandatory Palestine around the time of the Holocaust?
- A. They wanted better life abroad
  - B. They wanted to support the British
  - C. They wanted to support the Jewish population in the country
  - D. They wanted to ensure Arab Muslim majority and preempt any foundation of a Jewish state in the region, in addition to employment reasons following the development of the land by the Zionists and the British
15. Israel is the Jewish state, which the UN resolved to establish in mandatory Palestine. What populations live there?
- A. 7 million Jews
  - B. Palestinians
  - C. 7 million Jews, and 2 million Arabs, as citizens enjoying full rights.
  - D. Jews and British
16. What is the source of the name Palestine?
- A. An Arab country which existed in the past where Israel currently resides
  - B. The name the Romans invented for land of Israel after they exiled most Jews, and which later on was adopted by the British in 1917
  - C. That's another Biblical name for Israel
  - D. The name the U.N. chose in 1947 for the Arab country which was supposed to be founded in Palestine-Israel
17. When did Palestine exist as a country?
- A. Following the war in 1948 in the areas taken by the Muslim Arabs in Palestine-Israel
  - B. Never. It was the name the Romans invented for the region ("Syria-Palestina") which is now Israel, a name which the British adopted, as well ("Palestine-land-of-Israel").
  - C. In 630 AD
  - D. In 1200 AD after the Crusaders rule
18. What other country existed where Israel is currently located?
- A. None
  - B. The United Kingdom
  - C. Palestine
  - D. The United Nations

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19. How did the British call Israel under their mandate system?
- A. Israel
  - B. Palestine
  - C. Palestine-land-of-Israel, or in short: mandatory Palestine
  - D. Judea
20. What happened to the Jews in the areas of Palestine-land-of-Israel which were occupied by the Muslim Arabs?
- A. They remained there and enjoyed full rights to this very day
  - B. Like the Jews in the Muslim countries themselves, who were persecuted out of there, they all fled to the areas secured by the Jews, which then became the state of Israel
  - C. They received asylum by the British.
  - D. They were defined as refugees by the United Nations.

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### Answers

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. D
6. C
7. B
8. A
9. C
10. A
11. B
12. B
13. C
14. D
15. C
16. B
17. B
18. A
19. C
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