

## Palestine / Israel Timeline

Jews controlled the area...

...from around 1500 BCE until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century CE (about 1,800 to 2,000 years)

- Stopped controlling the region 1,700 years ago
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Christians controlled the area...

...from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century CE until the 7<sup>th</sup> Century CE (about 400 years)

- Stopped controlling the region 1,300 years ago
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Muslims controlled the area...

...from the 7<sup>th</sup> Century CE until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century CE (about 1,300 years)

- Stopped controlling the region 70 years ago
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In the mid-1800's, a new movement by Jews began: **ZIONISM**

*"Let's have our own country! Freedom from European persecution! Back to our homeland!"*

But the Ottomans said...NOPE!

After WWII (Holocaust), Great Britain granted Palestine to the Jews.

**Problem:** Muslims had been living there for over a thousand years!

**Solution:** U.N. says "Break Palestine into two countries."

**Problem:** Great Britain says, "Let the Jews & Palestinians (Muslims) fight it out."

**Solution:** Jews & Palestinians fight it out 1947 – 1948

**Result:** May 14, 1948 – British Mandate ends and Jews control the whole region. Name is changed from PALESTINE to ISRAEL. Palestinians can stay if they want, but the Jews get to tell them where to go.

*Where do the Palestinians go???*

1. West Bank --- Not the best land.
2. Gaza Strip --- Not the best land.

Palestinians are now refugees in Israel. These two areas used to be much bigger.

*Why are the West Bank and Gaza Strip shrinking?*

- Answer = Jewish settlements