

## Origin, History, and Sovereignty of Palestine.

Since **Palestine** includes both modern day Israel and Jordan both Arab and Jewish residents of this area were referred to as "**Palestinians**". It was only after the Jews re-inhabited their historic homeland of Judea and Samaria, that the myth of an Arab **Palestinian** nation was created and marketed worldwide.

1. First inhabited (2,000BC) by Melchizedek king of "salem" Gen 14:18 (some say he was Shem, son of Noah. Shem was alive during Abrahams time.)

2. Gen 12:1-3 - "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation...so Abraham set out for the promised land (1900 BC) This land was called CANA and was inhabited by several ethnic groups who had settled there with a variety of religions, customs and practices.

3. Jacob (Israel) took the "Family Nation" to Egypt to avoid famine in 1500 BC.

4. Canaanites (from 7 tribes and 31 cities) settled there until Joshua came in. King David settled there in 1000 BC and Solomon built the first Temple around 950 BC.

5. Assyrians and Babylonians conquered Israel around 700 BC.

6. Zerubbabel and other Jews returned and built the second temple around 500 BC. Nehemiah rebuilt the walls.

7. Israel was conquered by the Greeks in 300 BC and by the Romans in 64 BC. Herod renovated or rebuilt the temple.

8. When the Romans sacked Jerusalem in 70 AD, Israelites were dispersed and they renamed the region "Palestine". It was a regional territory of land, not a government or a nation. Romans named it this to recognize the Hebrews arch enemy the Philistines to spite the Jews.

9. Muslims conquered Jerusalem in 637 AD. The "Dome of the Rock" was built in 691 AD and still stands today.

10. In the first crusade, in the 11th century, possession was reversed.

12. British held control from 1917 till 1948 when the ZIONIST movement proclaimed the state of Israel and promoted a mass immigration of displaced Jews. This happened after the Holocaust in 1945 (between 6 and 11 million Jews were victims of Genocide)

13. In 1947 conflict came to a head between Jews and Arabs living in the same land. In 1948 the Arab-Israeli war resulted in new boundaries recognized by the UN. In 1967, the 6 day war resulted in 3 times the land controlled by Israel.

14. 1.8 million Arabs living in the region of Israel (aka Palestine) who are Muslim and not identified as Jews, have always sought independent identity and a share of the land.

15. In 1964 The PLO under Yasser Arafat, was a recognized community until 1988 when the Declaration of Independence of the state of Palestine was approved. The land borders were not specified and are the point of contention until this vey day.