

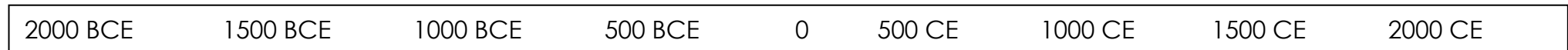


Understanding the tensions between Israel and Palestine



The land of Israel is situated where many trade routes met – which made it important to the ancient world. This meant that there was often conflict to control this territory.

The Jewish people ruled this territory for only a small part of the last 4000 years; often they lived there under foreign control.



Abraham



Moses



David



Exile



Jesus

Canaanites live in the land

Some remain in the territory after Israel's conquest.

Some Palestinians claim ancient descent.



Israel conquers land

Many return after exile. "Diaspora" – some Jews leave the land. More leave c 200 CE after Roman crushing of Jewish revolt. Some Jewish people remain in the land, under foreign rule.



State of Israel "Diaspora" return.



Assyrian > Babylonian > Persian > Greek > Roman rule. Temple destroyed 586 BCE and 70 CE



Byzantine



Arab rule Mosque built on Temple mount.



Crusaders



Mamluks, Ottomans



Brits



A historical perspective

In 1948, shamed by the holocaust, the international community gave Israel a land of her own (see second page to understand how much of the land was given).



A Jewish perspective

G-D gave this land to His people for all time. The Bible descriptions of the extent of the land still apply today.



A Muslim perspective

All lands conquered under Allah's command remain Muslim forever.