

# Jewish History

"Jewish history is more than the history of the Jews themselves—it's the history of the world in which they have lived, of the ideas they have generated, of the cultures and religions which have existed..."

<https://www.jewishhistory.fm/why-jewish-history-matters/>

"Studying Jewish history, especially its low points, will aid us in improving our lot going forward."

<https://njop.org/study-jewish-history/>

# Jewish History (just a few of many noteworthy events... )

<div><div>Biblical Period</div><div>(3700 BCE - ~1200 BCE)</div></div>	<div><div>Prophets Period</div><div>(1200 BCE - ~800 BCE)</div></div>	<div><div>Exiles</div><div>(800 BCE - ~200 CE)</div></div>	<div><div>Modern Period</div><div>(200 CE - today)</div></div>
Creation: Garden of Eden	Judges	Assyrian Exile	Rise of Ashkanez / Sephardic Jewry and communities all over the world
Noah and the Flood	Conquest of the Land of Israel	10 Lost Tribes	Rise of Islam
Patriarchs + Matriarchs	Joshua and Walls of Jericho	Babylonian Exile	Period of Geonim
Abraham / Isaac / Jacob	Wars of Gidon and Deborah	Destruction of 1st Temple	Rabeinu Gershom bans polygamy
Sarah / Rebecca/	Samson and Delilah		
Leah / Rachel	Hannah and Samuel		
12 Tribes	Kings of Israel	Rise of Persia	Rashi / Tosafots
	Saul	Purim Story	Write commentary on Torah / Talmud
Joseph Prince of Egypt	David and Goliath		The Crusades / Rise of Popes / Church
	David and Batsheva	Ezra / Return to Israel	
Exodus / Passover Story	Solomon	2nd Temple Period	Inquisitions/Expulsions/Pogroms/Ghettos in many countries
Moses / Pharoah			
	Conquer of Jerusalem	Rise of Greeks	Maimonides writes Mishna Torah
Torah at Mount Sinai	becomes Capital of Israel	Hannukah Story	
			Rise of Hasidut in Eastern Europe
Sin of Golden Calf	Building of 1st Temple	Rise of Rome	Enlightenment / Haskala / Emancipation
		Birth of Christianity	Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte
Mishkan / Tabernacle			
	Divide between Northern and Southern Kingdoms	Roman Exile	Rise of American Jewry
Sin of the Spies		Destruction of 2nd Temple	
			Holocaust
40 years in Desert	Elijah and Elisha	Diaspora Jewry	
		Mishna / Talmud written	Modern State of Israel

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"If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race... yet his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions... are also very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers...

The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose... the Greeks and Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they were gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out... and have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities, of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert but aggressive mind.

All things are mortal but the Jews; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality? "

-- Mark Twain September 1897