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The Biblical History of Israel\*\*

The history of Israel, as depicted in the Bible, spans several millennia and plays a central role in the narrative of the Hebrew Bible.

# **Books of the Bible that Deal with Israel's History:**

- The Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)
- The historical books (Joshua to 2 Kings)
- The prophetic books (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, etc.)
- The New Testament

# Biblical Israel vs. Modern Israel:

Biblical Israel refers to the ancient kingdom of Israel that existed during biblical times. Modern Israel is a nation-state established in 1948. While there are historical and cultural ties between the two, they are distinct entities.

### Difference between Jews and Israelites:

Jews are descendants of the ancient Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews. Israelites encompass all the tribes of Israel, including those who converted to other religions or lost their tribal identity. Jews refer specifically to those who practice Judaism.

## The 12 Tribes of Israel:

- Reuben
- Simeon
- Levi
- Judah
- Issachar
- Zebulun
- Joseph (divided into Ephraim and Manasseh)
- Benjamin
- Dan
- Naphtali
- Gad
- Asher

# What Happened to Biblical Israel:

In 930 BC, the kingdom of Israel split into the northern kingdom of Israel (10 tribes) and the southern kingdom of Judah (2 tribes). The northern kingdom was conquered by the Assyrians in 722 BC, while Judah was conquered by the Babylonians in 586 BC. The Israelites were exiled and scattered throughout the Middle East.

### Jews and Jesus:

Jews generally do not believe that Jesus is the messiah as portrayed in Christianity, although some Jewish movements have embraced Messianic beliefs.

### **Did Palestine Exist Before Israel?**

Palestine is a historical and geographic region that encompasses modern-day Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. It has been inhabited by various peoples throughout history.

### Israel in the Quran:

Israel is mentioned in the Quran as the land of the Israelites, and Muslims believe that the Israelites were a chosen people of God.

### Are Hebrews Jews?

Hebrews were the ancient Israelites who lived before the Babylonian exile. Therefore, all Jews are Hebrews, but not all Hebrews are Jews.

### When Israelites Became Jews:

The Israelites became Jews after the Babylonian exile when they adopted Judaism as their religion.

### Difference between Jews and Christians:

Jews believe in one God and do not recognize Jesus as the messiah, while Christians believe in the Trinity (God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit).

# Why Joseph is Not a Tribe of Israel:

Joseph's descendants are divided into two tribes: Ephraim and Manasseh, which are considered to be separate from the other tribes.

### Tribe of Jesus:

Jesus was from the tribe of Judah.

# Who are the Israelites Today:

The Israelites today include Jews, Samaritans, and other groups with Israelite ancestry.

# Canaan Today:

Canaan is the ancient name for the region that includes modern-day Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, and parts of Jordan and Lebanon.

# **Country of Judah Today:**

Judah is the southern region of historical Palestine, and it is where the modern state of Israel is located.

### Difference between Jews and Israelis:

Jews are a religious group, while Israelis are citizens of the State of Israel. Not all Israelis are Jews, and not all Jews are Israelis.

# **True Origin of Israel:**

According to the Bible, the Israelites originated from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

# Israel's Name in Biblical Times:

The name "Israel" was given to Jacob by God after he wrestled with an angel.

### Israel's Name Before Israel:

Before it was called Israel, the region was known as Canaan.

# **Brief Historical Background of Israel:**

- 2000 BC: Abraham establishes the Israelite lineage.
- 1200 BC: Israelites enter Canaan and conquer the Promised Land.
- 930 BC: Kingdom of Israel splits into the northern kingdom (Israel) and the southern kingdom (Judah).
- 722 BC: Northern kingdom of Israel is conquered by the Assyrians.
- 586 BC: Southern kingdom of Judah is conquered by the Babylonians.
- 539 BC: Israelites return to Judah from exile.
- 1st century AD: Jesus is born in Judah.
- 66-73 AD: First Jewish-Roman War leads to the destruction of the Second Temple and Jewish exile.
- 1948: State of Israel is established.

### Christians in Israel:

Christians are a minority in Israel, making up about 2% of the population.

# Jerusalem in Africa or Asia:

Jerusalem is in Western Asia, specifically in the Middle East.

# Why Israel is Called Israel in the Bible:

The name "Israel" was given to the region by God as a symbol of its covenant with him.

### Israel in the Quran:

The Quran mentions Israel as the Promised Land and the land of the Israelites.

### Who Lived in Israel Before Moses:

The Canaanites were the main inhabitants of Israel before the Israelites arrived.

### Who are the Israelites Now:

The Israelites today include Jews, Samaritans, and other groups with Israelite ancestry.

# Israel When Jesus Was Born:

When Jesus was born, Israel was a Roman province known as Judea.

### Palestine Before Israel:

Palestine was a region inhabited by various peoples before the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

# Reasons for Jewish Exodus from Israel:

The Jewish exodus from Israel was mainly due to the Babylonian exile in 586 BC and subsequent persecutions.

# Origin of Israelis:

Most Israelis are descendants of Jewish immigrants from Europe, Asia, and Africa.

# Age of Israel in the Bible:

The Bible does not provide a precise age for Israel, but it is estimated to have been around for at least 3,500 years.

### Creation of Israel in Palestine:

The State of Israel was established in Palestine in 1948 following the British Mandate and the United Nations' partition plan. The decision to create Israel in Palestine was influenced by historical, political, and religious factors.

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