

Jerusalem

Jerusalem [note 2] is a city in the Southern Levant, on a plateau in the Judaean Mountains between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea. It is one of the oldest cities in the world, and is considered holy to the three major Abrahamic religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Both Israel and Palestine claim Jerusalem as their capital city; Israel maintains its primary governmental institutions there, while Palestine ultimately foresees it as its seat of power. Neither claim is widely recognised internationally. [note 3][8]

Throughout its long history, Jerusalem has been destroyed at least twice, besieged 23 times, captured and recaptured 44 times, and attacked 52 times. [9] The part of Jerusalem called the City of David shows first signs of settlement in the 4th millennium BCE, in the shape of encampments of nomadic shepherds.[10] During the Canaanite period (14th century BCE) Jerusalem was named as Urusalim on ancient Egyptian tablets, probably meaning "City of Shalem" after a Canaanite deity. During the Israelite period, significant construction activity in Jerusalem began in the 10th century BCE (Iron Age II), and by the 9th century BCE the city had developed into the religious and administrative centre of the Kingdom of Judah. [11] In 1538 the city walls were rebuilt for a last time around Jerusalem under Suleiman the Magnificent of the Ottoman Empire. Today those walls define the Old City, which since the 19th century has been divided into four quarters —the Armenian, Christian, Jewish and Muslim quarters. [12][13] The Old City became a World Heritage Site in 1981, and is on the List of World Heritage in Danger. [14] Since 1860 Jerusalem has grown far beyond the Old City's boundaries. In 2023 Jerusalem had a population of 1,028,366.^[4] In 2022 60% were Jews and almost 40% were Palestinians. [15][note 4] In 2020 the population was 951,100, of which Jews comprised 570,100 (59.9%), Muslims 353,800 (37.2%), Christians 16,300 (1.7%) and 10,800 unclassified (1.1%).[17]

According to the Hebrew Bible, King David conquered the city from the Jebusites and established it as the capital of the United Kingdom of Israel, and his son King Solomon commissioned the building of the First Temple. [note 5] Modern scholars argue that Israelites branched out of the Canaanite peoples and culture through the development of a distinct monolatrous—and later monotheistic—religion centred on El/Yahweh. [19][20] These foundational events, straddling the dawn of the 1st millennium BCE, assumed central symbolic importance for the Jewish people. $\frac{[21][22]}{}$ The sobriquet of holy city (Hebrew: עיר הקודש, romanized: 'Ir ha-Qodesh) was probably attached to Jerusalem in postexilic times. [23][24][25] The holiness of Jerusalem in Christianity, conserved in the Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, [26] which Christians adopted as the Old Testament, was reinforced by the New Testament account of Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection there. Meanwhile, in Islam, Jerusalem is the third-holiest city, after Mecca and Medina. [28][29] The city was the first standard direction for Muslim prayers, [30] and in Islamic tradition, Muhammad made his Night Journey there in 621, ascending to heaven where he spoke to God, per

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יְרוּשָׁלַּיִם (<u>Hebrew)</u> (Arabic) القُدس

Metropolis



Old City from the Mount of Olives with Al-Aqsa and Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount



Tower of David

Zion Square







Chords Bridge

Mamilla Mall

Western Wall





Shrine of the Book

Holy Sepulchre

Nicknames:

Ir ha-Kodesh (The Holy City)

Bayt al-Maqdis (House of the Holiness)

the <u>Quran</u>. [31][32] As a result, despite having an area of only 0.9 km² ($\frac{3}{8}$ sq mi), [33] the Old City is home to many sites of seminal <u>religious importance</u>, among them the <u>Temple Mount</u> with its <u>Western Wall</u>, <u>Dome of the Rock</u> and <u>al-Aqsa Mosque</u>, and the <u>Church of the Holy Sepulchre</u>.

At present, the status of Jerusalem remains one of the core issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Under the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine, Jerusalem was to be "established as a corpus separatum under a special international regime" administered by the United Nations. [34] During the 1948 Arab–Israeli War, West Jerusalem was among the areas incorporated into Israel, while East Jerusalem, including the Old City, was occupied and annexed by Jordan. Israel occupied East Jerusalem from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War and subsequently annexed it into the city's municipality, together with additional surrounding territory. [note 6] One of Israel's Basic Laws, the 1980 Jerusalem Law, refers to Jerusalem as the country's undivided capital. All branches of the Israeli government are located in Jerusalem, including the Knesset (Israel's parliament), the residences of the prime minister and president, and the Supreme Court. The international community rejects the annexation as illegal and regards East Jerusalem as Palestinian territory occupied by Israel. [38][39][40][41]

Etymology and names

Etymology

The name "Jerusalem" is variously etymologised to mean "foundation (Semitic yry' 'to found, to lay a cornerstone') of the pagan god Shalem"; [42][43] the god Shalem was thus the original tutelary deity of the Bronze Age city. [44]

Shalim or Shalem was the name of the god of dusk in the <u>Canaanite religion</u>, whose name is based on the same root <u>S-L-M</u> from which the Hebrew word for "peace" is derived (*Shalom* in <u>Hebrew</u>, cognate with <u>Arabic Salam</u>). [45][46] The name thus offered itself to etymologisations such as "The City of Peace", [43][47] "Abode of Peace", [48][49] "Dwelling of Peace" ("founded in safety"), [50] or "Vision of Peace" in some Christian authors. [51]

The ending *-ayim* indicates the <u>dual</u>, thus leading to the suggestion that the name *Yerushalayim* refers to the fact that the city initially sat on two hills. [52][53]

Ancient Egyptian sources

The Execration Texts of the Middle Kingdom of Egypt (c. 19th century BCE), which refer to a city called <code>rwšilmm</code> or <code>wšimm</code>, variously transcribed as <code>Rušalimum</code>, or <code>Urušalimum</code>, [54][55] may indicate Jerusalem. [56][57] Alternatively, the Amarna letters of Abdi-Heba (1330s BCE), which reference an *Úrušalim*, may be the earliest mention of the city. [58][59][60]



Hebrew Bible and Jewish sources

The form *Yerushalem* or *Yerushalayim* first appears in the Bible, in the Book of Joshua. According to a Midrash, the name is a combination of two names united by God, *Yireh* ("the abiding place", the name given by Abraham to the place where he planned to sacrifice his son) and *Shalem* ("Place of Peace", the name given by high priest Shem). [61]

Oldest written mention of Jerusalem

One of the earliest extra-biblical $\underline{\text{Hebrew}}$ writing of the word $\underline{\textit{Jerusalem}}$ is dated to the sixth or seventh century $\mathrm{BCE}^{[62][63]}$ and was discovered in $\underline{\text{Khirbet Beit Lei}}$ near $\underline{\text{Beit Guvrin}}$ in 1961. The inscription states: "I am Yahweh thy God, I will accept the cities of Judah and I will redeem $\underline{\text{Jerusalem}}$ ", $\underline{\text{[64][65][66]}}$ or as other scholars suggest: "Yahweh is the God of the whole earth. The mountains of Judah belong to him, to the God of $\underline{\text{Jerusalem}}$ ". $\underline{\text{[67][68]}}$ An earlier example of the name appears in a papyrus from the 7th century $\underline{\text{BCE}}$. $\underline{\text{[69][70]}}$

In extra-biblical inscriptions, the earliest known example of the *-ayim* ending was discovered on a column about 3 km west of ancient Jerusalem, dated to the first century BCE. [70]

Jebus, Zion, City of David

An ancient settlement of Jerusalem, founded as early as the Bronze Age on the hill above the <u>Gihon Spring</u>, was, according to the Bible, named <u>Jebus</u>. [71][72][73] Called the "Fortress of Zion" (*metsudat Zion*), it was renamed as the "City of David", [74] and was known by this name in antiquity. [75][76] Another name, "Zion", initially referred to a distinct part of the city, but later came to signify the city as a whole, and afterwards to represent the whole biblical Land of Israel.

Greek, Roman and Byzantine names

In Greek and Latin the city's name was transliterated Hierosolyma/Hierosoluma (Greek: Ἱεροσόλυμα; in Greek hieròs, ἰερός, means holy), and was the term used by Matthew and Mark in their gospels instead of the Hebrew term. [77]

Up until the 2010s the consensus among <u>historians</u> was that following <u>Alexander the Great</u>'s conquest, Hierosoluma was set to be incorporated into the larger temple cities of the <u>Seleucid kingdom</u>, and to be <u>Hellenised</u> as *Hieropolis*. [77] However, modern historians dispute this as a proper Ancient Greek translation for the <u>polis</u> would be similar to *Hierolophos*.

The city was renamed <u>Aelia Capitolina</u> for part of the <u>Roman</u> period of its history.

Salem

The <u>Aramaic Apocryphon of Genesis</u> of the <u>Dead Sea Scrolls</u> (1QapGen 22:13) equates Jerusalem with the earlier "Salem" (שלם), said to be the kingdom of <u>Melchizedek</u> in Genesis $14.^{[78]}$ Other early Hebrew sources, early Christian renderings of the verse and targumim, however, put Salem in Northern Israel near <u>Shechem</u>



Coordinates: 31°47′N 35°13′E							
Administered by Claimed by	Israel Israel and Palestine ^[note 1]						
Israeli district	Jerusalem						
Palestinian	Quds						
governorate							
Gihon Spring settlement	3000-2800 BCE						
City of David	c. 1000 BCE						
Present Old City	1541						
walls built							
East-West	1948						
Jerusalem							
division	1007						
Israeli annexation of	1967						
East Jerusalem							
Jerusalem Law	1980						
Government							
• Type	Mayor-council						
• Body	Jerusalem Municipality						
• Mayor	Moshe Lion (Likud)						
Area							

• <u>Mayor</u>	Moshe Lion (Likud)					
Area						
• Metropolis	125,156 <u>dunams</u>					
	(125.156 km ² or 48.323 sq mi)					
• Metro	652,000 dunams					
	(652 km ² or 252 sq mi)					
Elevation	754 m (2,474 ft)					
Population (2023)	[4]					
• Metropolis	1,028,366					
• Density	8,200/km ² (21,000/sq mi)					
• Metro	1,253,900					
Demonyms	<u>Jerusalemite</u>					
	(Hebrew: Yerushalmi)					
	(Arabic: <i>Qudsi</i> , <i>Maqdisi</i>)					
Time zone	UTC+02:00 (IST, PST)					
• Summer (DST)	<u>UTC+03:00</u> (IDT, PDT)					
Postal code	9XXXXXX					
Area code	+972-2					
Website	jerusalem.muni.il (https://www.					
	jerusalem.muni.il/en)					

UNESCO World Heritage Site Official name Old City of Jerusalem and its

(Sichem), now <u>Nablus</u>, a city of some importance in early sacred Hebrew writing. [82] Possibly the redactor of the Apocryphon of Genesis wanted to dissociate Melchizedek from the area of Shechem, which at the time was in possession of the <u>Samaritans</u>. [83] However that may be, later Rabbinic sources also equate Salem with Jerusalem, mainly to link Melchizedek to later Temple traditions. [84]

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n/list/148)

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Arabic names

Originally titled Bayt al-Maqdis, today, Jerusalem is most commonly known in Arabic as القُدس, transliterated as al-Quds and meaning "the holy" or "the holy sanctuary", [48][49] cognate with Hebrew: הקדש, romanized: ha-qodesh. The name is possibly a shortened form of مدينة القُدس Madīnat al-Quds "city of the holy sanctuary" after the Hebrew nickname with the same meaning, Ir ha-Qodesh (עיר). The ق (Q) is pronounced either with a voiceless uvular plosive (/q/), as in Classical Arabic, or with a glottal stop (?) as in Levantine Arabic. [7] Official Israeli government policy mandates that أُورُشَلِيمَ أُورُشَلِيمَ transliterated as Ūrušalīm, which is the name frequently used in Christian translations of the Bible into Arabic, [85][86] be used as the Arabic language name for the city in conjunction with القُدس القُدسي, giving القُدس أُورُشَلِيمَ-القُدس (تُدسي), while Palestinian Muslim Jerusalemites may use these terms as a demonym. [88]



Close up of the Khirbet Beit Lei inscription, showing the earliest extrabiblical Hebrew writing of the word Jerusalem, dated to the seventh or sixth century BCE

History

Jerusalem is one of the world's oldest cities, with a history spanning over 5,000 years. Its origins trace back to around 3000 BCE, with the first settlement near the <u>Gihon Spring</u>. The city is first mentioned in Egyptian <u>Execration texts</u> around 2000 BCE as "Rusalimum." By the 17th century BCE Jerusalem had developed into a fortified city under <u>Canaanite</u> rule, with massive walls protecting its water system. During the <u>Late Bronze Age</u> Jerusalem became a vassal of <u>Ancient Egypt</u>, as documented in the Amarna letters.

The city's importance grew during the *Israelite period*, which began around 1000 BCE when King <u>David</u> captured Jerusalem and made it the capital of the <u>United Kingdom of Israel</u>. David's son King <u>Solomon</u> built the <u>First Temple</u>, establishing the city as a major religious centre. Following the kingdom's split Jerusalem became the capital of the <u>Kingdom of Judah</u> until it was captured by the <u>Neo-Babylonian Empire</u> in 586 BCE. The <u>Babylonians</u> destroyed the First Temple, leading to the <u>Babylonian exile</u> of the Jewish population. After the <u>Persian conquest of Babylon</u> in 539 BCE, <u>Cyrus the Great</u> allowed the Jews to return and rebuild the city and its temple, marking the start of the <u>Second Temple period</u>. Jerusalem fell under <u>Hellenistic</u> rule after the conquests of <u>Alexander the Great</u> in 332 BCE, leading to increasing cultural and political influence from <u>Greece</u>. The <u>Hasmonean</u> revolt in 164 BCE briefly restored Jewish sovereignty, with Jerusalem as the capital of an independent state.

In 63 BCE Jerusalem was captured by Pompey and brought under the rule of the Roman Republic. The city was embellished by Herod the Great, who expanded the Second Temple, making it one of the largest sanctuaries in the ancient world. Tensions between the Jews and the Roman Empire eventually escalated into the First Jewish Revolt, resulting in the siege and destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Temple in 70 CE. A few decades later, the city was rebuilt as the Roman colony Aelia Capitolina, dedicated to Jupiter, provoking the Bar Kokhba Revolt (132–136 CE). After the revolt's suppression, Jews were banned from the city. During the Byzantine period, Jerusalem gained prominence as a centre of Christian pilgrimage, especially after Constantine the Great supported the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In 638 CE, Jerusalem was conquered by the Rashidun Caliphate, and under early Islamic rule, the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque were built, solidifying its religious importance in Islam.

During the <u>Crusades</u> Jerusalem changed hands multiple times, being captured by the Crusaders in 1099 and recaptured by <u>Saladin</u> in 1187. It remained under <u>Islamic</u> control through the <u>Ayyubid</u> and <u>Mamluk</u> periods, until it became part of the <u>Ottoman Empire</u> in 1517. In the modern period Jerusalem was divided between Israel and Jordan after the <u>1948 Arab–Israeli</u>

<u>War.</u> Israel captured <u>East Jerusalem</u> during the <u>Six-Day War</u> in 1967, uniting the city under Israeli control. The <u>status of Jerusalem</u> remains a highly contentious issue, with both Israelis and Palestinians claiming it as their capital. Historiographically, the city's history is often interpreted through the lens of competing national narratives. <u>Israeli</u> scholars emphasise the ancient Jewish connection to the city, while <u>Palestinian</u> narratives highlight the city's broader historical and multicultural significance. Both perspectives influence contemporary discussions of Jerusalem's status and future.

Political status

From 1923 until 1948 Jerusalem served as the administrative capital of Mandatory Palestine. [89]

From 1949 until 1967 West Jerusalem served as Israel's capital, but was not recognised as such internationally because <u>UN General Assembly Resolution 194</u> envisaged Jerusalem as an international city. As a result of the Six-Day War in 1967, the whole of Jerusalem <u>came under Israeli control</u>. On 27 June 1967, the government of <u>Levi Eshkol</u> extended Israeli law and jurisdiction to East Jerusalem, but agreed that administration of the Temple Mount compound would be maintained by the <u>Jordanian waqf</u>, under the Jordanian Ministry of Religious Endowments. [90]

In 1988 the Israeli government ordered the closure of <u>Orient House</u>, home of the Arab Studies Society, but also the headquarters of the <u>Palestine Liberation Organization</u>, for security reasons. The building reopened in 1992 as a Palestinian guesthouse. [91][92] The <u>Oslo Accords</u> stated that the final status of Jerusalem would be determined by negotiations with the <u>Palestinian Authority</u>. The accords banned any official Palestinian presence in the city until a final peace agreement, but provided for the opening of a Palestinian trade office in East Jerusalem. The Palestinian Authority regards East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state. [93][94]

President Mahmoud Abbas has said that any agreement that did not include East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine would be unacceptable. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has similarly stated that Jerusalem would remain the undivided capital of Israel. Due to its proximity to the city, especially the Temple Mount, Abu Dis, a Palestinian suburb of Jerusalem, has been proposed as the future capital of a Palestinian state by Israel. Israel has not incorporated Abu Dis within its security wall around Jerusalem. The Palestinian Authority has built a possible future



An Israeli stamp from 1968, quoting Psalm 122:6; Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!...

parliament building for the <u>Palestinian Legislative Council</u> in the town, and its Jerusalem Affairs Offices are all located in Abu Dis. [96]

International status

While the international community regards East Jerusalem, including the entire Old City, as part of the <u>occupied Palestinian territories</u>, neither part, West or East Jerusalem, is recognised as part of the territory of Israel or the <u>State of Palestine</u>. [97][98][99][100] Under the <u>United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine</u> adopted by the <u>General Assembly of the United Nations</u> in 1947, Jerusalem was envisaged to become a <u>corpus separatum</u> administered by the United Nations. In the war of 1948 the western part of the city was occupied by forces of the nascent state of Israel, while the eastern part was occupied by Jordan. The international community largely considers the legal status of Jerusalem to derive from the partition plan, and correspondingly refuses to recognise Israeli sovereignty over the city. [101]

Status under Israeli rule

Following the 1967 Six-Day War, Israel extended its jurisdiction and administration over East Jerusalem, establishing new municipal borders.

In 2010 Israel approved legislation giving Jerusalem the highest national priority status in Israel. The law prioritised construction throughout the city, and offered grants and tax benefits to residents to make housing, infrastructure, education, employment, business, tourism and cultural events more affordable. Communications Minister Moshe Kahlon said that the bill sent "a clear, unequivocal political message that Jerusalem will not be divided", and that "all those within the Palestinian and international community who expect the current Israeli government to accept any demands regarding Israel's sovereignty over its capital are mistaken and misleading". [102]

The status of the city, and especially its holy places, remains a core issue in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict. The Israeli government has approved building plans in the Muslim Quarter of the Old City [103] in order to expand the Jewish presence in East Jerusalem, while some Islamic leaders have made claims that Jews have no historical connection to Jerusalem, alleging that the 2,500-year-old Western Wall was constructed as part of a mosque. [104][105] Palestinians regard Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine, [106] and the city's borders have been the subject of bilateral talks. A team of experts assembled by the then Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak in 2000 concluded that the city must be divided, since Israel had failed to achieve any of its national aims there. [107]



The Knesset houses the legislature of

However, Israeli Prime Minister <u>Benjamin Netanyahu</u> said in 2014 that "Jerusalem will never be divided". <u>[108]</u> A poll conducted in June 2013 found that 74% of Israeli Jews reject the idea of a Palestinian capital in any portion of Jerusalem, though 72% of the public regarded it as a divided city. <u>[109]</u> A poll conducted by the Palestinian Centre for Public Opinion and American Pechter Middle East Polls for the <u>Council on Foreign Relations</u> among East Jerusalem Arab residents in 2011 revealed that 39% of East Jerusalem Arab residents would prefer Israeli citizenship, while 31% opted for Palestinian citizenship. According to the poll 40% of Palestinian residents would prefer to leave their neighbourhoods if they would be placed under Palestinian rule. <u>[110]</u>

Jerusalem as capital of Israel

On 5 December 1949 Israel's first prime minister, <u>David Ben-Gurion</u>, proclaimed Jerusalem as Israel's "eternal" and "sacred" capital, and eight days later specified that only the war had "compelled" the Israeli leadership "to establish the seat of Government in Tel Aviv", while "for the State of Israel there has always been and always will be one capital only—Jerusalem the Eternal", and that after the war, efforts had been ongoing for creating the conditions for "the Knesset... returning to Jerusalem." [111] This indeed took place, and since the beginning of 1950 all branches of the <u>Israeli government—legislative</u>, judicial and <u>executive—have resided there</u>, except for the <u>Ministry of Defense</u>, which is located at <u>HaKirya</u> in <u>Tel Aviv</u>. [112][113] At the time of Ben Gurion's proclamations and the ensuing Knesset vote of 24 January 1950, [113] Jerusalem was divided between Israel and Jordan, and thus the proclamation only applied to West Jerusalem.

In July 1980 Israel passed the <u>Jerusalem Law</u> as <u>Basic Law</u>. The law declared Jerusalem the "complete and united" capital of Israel. [114] The Jerusalem Law was condemned by the international community, which did not recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The United Nations Security Council passed <u>Resolution 478</u> on 20 August 1980, which declared that the Jerusalem Law is "a violation of international law", is "null and void and must be rescinded forthwith". Member states were called upon to withdraw their diplomatic representation from Jerusalem. [115]



The Supreme Court of Israel



The Israeli Foreign Ministry building

Following the resolution, 22 of the 24 countries that previously had their embassy in (West) Jerusalem relocated them in Tel Aviv, where many embassies already resided prior to Resolution 478. <u>Costa Rica</u> and <u>El Salvador</u> followed in 2006. There are five embassies—United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Papua New Guinea and Kosovo—and two consulates located within the city limits of Jerusalem. Paraguay maintains an embassy in the <u>Jerusalem District town</u> of <u>Mevaseret Zion</u>, in addition to Bolivia whose embassy is now <u>closed</u>. There are a <u>number of consulates-general</u> located in Jerusalem, which work primarily either with Israel, or the Palestinian authorities.

In 1995 the <u>United States Congress</u> passed the <u>Jerusalem Embassy Act</u>, which required, subject to conditions, that its embassy be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. On 6 December 2017 the <u>US president</u>, <u>Donald Trump</u>, officially <u>recognised</u> <u>Jerusalem</u> as Israel's capital and announced his intention to move the <u>American embassy</u> to Jerusalem, reversing decades of United States policy on the issue. The move was criticised by many nations. A resolution condemning the US decision was supported by all the 14 other members of the UN Security Council, but was vetoed by the US on 18 December 2017. A subsequent resolution condemning the US decision was passed in the <u>United Nations General</u>

<u>Assembly</u>. [127][128][129][130] On 14 May 2018 the United States officially opened its <u>embassy in Jerusalem</u>, transforming its Tel Aviv location into a consulate. Due to the general lack of international recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, some non-Israeli media outlets use Tel Aviv as a <u>metonym</u> for Israel. [131][132][133][134]

In April 2017 the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced it viewed Western Jerusalem as Israel's capital in the context of UN-approved principles which include the status of East Jerusalem as the capital of the future Palestinian state. [135][136][137] On 15 December 2018 the Australian government officially recognised West Jerusalem as Israel's capital, but said their embassy in Tel Aviv would stay until a two-state resolution was settled. [138] The decision was reversed in October 2022. [139]

Government precinct and national institutions

The <u>Kiryat HaLeom</u> (national precinct) project is intended to house most government agencies and national cultural institutions. They are located in the <u>Kiryat HaMemshala</u> (government complex) in the <u>Givat Ram</u> neighbourhood. Some government buildings are located in <u>Kiryat Menachem Begin</u>. The city is home to the Knesset, the <u>Supreme Court</u>, the <u>Bank of Israel</u>, the <u>National Headquarters of the Israel Police</u>, the official residences of the <u>president</u> and the <u>prime minister</u>, the <u>Cabinet</u>, and all ministries except for the <u>Ministry of Defense</u> (which is located in central Tel Aviv's <u>HaKirya</u> district) and the <u>Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</u> (which is located in <u>Rishon LeZion</u>, in the wider Tel Aviv metropolitan area, near Beit Dagan).

Israeli settlements

Since its capture in 1967, the Israeli government has built 12 <u>Israeli settlements</u> in <u>East Jerusalem</u>, with a population amounting to 220,000 Israeli Jewish settlers as of 2019. The international community consider Israeli settlements to be illegal under international law. [143]

Jerusalem as capital of Palestine



The Orient House, Jerusalem the former headquarters of the PLO

The Palestinian National Authority views East Jerusalem as occupied territory according to United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. The Palestinian Authority Jerusalem, including the Haram al-Sharif, as the capital of the State of Palestine, [106] The PLO claims that West Jerusalem is also subject to permanent status negotiations. However, it has stated that it would be consider alternative willing to



The <u>Consulate General of France,</u> Jerusalem

solutions, such as making Jerusalem an open city. [144]

The PLO's position is that East Jerusalem, as defined by the <u>pre-1967 municipal boundaries</u>, shall be the capital of Palestine and <u>West Jerusalem</u> the capital of Israel, with each state enjoying full sovereignty over its respective part of the city and with its own municipality. A joint *development council* would be responsible for coordinated development. Orient House in East Jerusalem served as the headquarters of the <u>PLO</u> in the 1980s and 1990s. It was closed by Israel in 2001, two days after the Sbarro restaurant suicide bombing.

Some states, such as Russia $\frac{[146]}{}$ and China, $\frac{[147]}{}$ recognise the Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. <u>United Nations General Assembly Resolution 58/292</u> affirmed that the Palestinian people have the right to sovereignty over East Jerusalem. $\frac{[148]}{}$

Palestinian offices and institutions

Government offices are located outside the Israeli municipal limits include the <u>Palestinian Security Services</u>, <u>Force 17</u>, the <u>Preventative Security Service</u> and the <u>Ministry of Interior</u>. [149][150][151] There is a Palestinian Authority regional office and an electoral office located in the Dahiyat al Barid neighbourhood. [152]

Municipal administration

The Jerusalem <u>City Council</u> is a body of 31 elected members headed by the mayor, who serves a five-year term and appoints eight deputies. The former mayor of Jerusalem, <u>Uri Lupolianski</u>, was elected in 2003. In the November 2008 city elections, <u>Nir Barkat</u> was elected. In November 2018 <u>Moshe Lion</u> was elected mayor.



<u>Villa Salameh</u>—the home of the Belgian Consulate to Palestine

Apart from the mayor and his deputies, City Council members receive no salaries and work on a voluntary basis. The longest-serving Jerusalem mayor is <u>Teddy</u>

<u>Kollek</u>, who spent 28 years—six consecutive terms—in office. Most of the meetings of the Jerusalem City Council are private, but each month, it holds a session that is open to the public. Within the city council, religious political parties form an especially powerful faction, accounting for the majority of its seats.

The headquarters of the Jerusalem Municipality and the mayor's office are at <u>Safra Square</u> (*Kikar Safra*) on <u>Jaffa Road</u>. The municipal complex, comprising two modern buildings and ten renovated historic buildings surrounding a large plaza, opened in 1993 when it moved from the <u>old town hall</u> building built by the <u>Mandate authorities</u>. The city falls under the <u>Jerusalem District</u>, with Jerusalem as the district's capital. 37% of the population is Palestinian, but in 2014 not more than 10% of tax revenues were allocated for them. In East Jerusalem, 52% of the land was excluded from development, 35% designated for Jewish settlements, and 13% for Palestinian use, almost all of which was already built upon. [157]

In the Oslo I Accord, certain parts of few neighbourhoods were allotted to the Palestinian Authority. Parts of Sur Baher, Wadi al-Hummus, Umm Leisun and Umm Tuba, altogether came under Area A, which is completely controlled by the Palestinian Authority. [158] Al-Ram and Dahiyat al-Barid are mostly in Area B, where both Palestine and Israel has control. [159] Other parts of Beit Hanina, Kafr Aqab and Arab al-Jahalin also falls under Area B. [160][161][162]

Geography



A panorama of the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif or Al-Aqsa compound), including Al-Aqsa Mosque, and Dome of the Rock, from the Mount of Olives

Jerusalem is situated on the southern spur of a <u>plateau</u> in the <u>Judaean Mountains</u>, which include the <u>Mount of Olives</u> (East) and <u>Mount Scopus</u> (North East). The elevation of the Old City is approximately 760 m (2,490 ft). The whole of Jerusalem is surrounded by valleys and dry <u>riverbeds</u> (*wadis*). The <u>Kidron</u>, <u>Hinnom</u>, and <u>Tyropoeon</u> Valleys intersect in an area just south of the Old City of Jerusalem. He <u>Kidron Valley</u> runs to the east of the Old City and separates the <u>Mount of Olives</u> from the city proper. Along the southern side of old Jerusalem is the <u>Valley of Hinnom</u>, a steep ravine associated in biblical eschatology with the concept of Gehenna or Hell.

The <u>Tyropoeon Valley</u> commenced in the northwest near the <u>Damascus Gate</u>, ran south-southeasterly through the centre of the Old City down to the <u>Pool of Siloam</u>, and divided the lower part into two hills, the Temple Mount to the east, and the rest of the city to the west, the lower and the upper cities described by <u>Josephus</u>. Today, this valley is hidden by debris that has accumulated over the centuries. <u>[164]</u> In biblical times Jerusalem was surrounded by forests of almond, olive and pine trees. These were destroyed by centuries of warfare and neglect. Farmers in the Jerusalem region built stone terraces along the slopes to hold back the soil, a feature still very much in evidence in the Jerusalem landscape.

Water supply has always been a major problem in Jerusalem, as attested to by the intricate network of ancient $\underline{\text{aqueducts}}$, tunnels, pools and cisterns found in the city. [166]

Jerusalem is 60 km (37 mi) $^{[167]}$ east of $\underline{\text{Tel Aviv}}$ and the $\underline{\text{Mediterranean Sea}}$. On the opposite side of the city, approximately 35 km (22 mi) $^{[168]}$ away, is the $\underline{\text{Dead Sea}}$, the $\underline{\text{lowest body of water}}$ on Earth. Neighbouring cities and towns include $\underline{\text{Bethlehem}}$ and $\underline{\text{Beit Jala}}$ to the south, $\underline{\text{Abu Dis}}$ and $\underline{\text{Ma'ale Adumim}}$ to the east, $\underline{\text{Mevaseret Zion}}$ to the west, and Ramallah and $\underline{\text{Giv'at Ze'ev}}$ to the north. $\underline{\text{[169][170][171]}}$

Mount Herzl, at the western side of the city near the Jerusalem Forest, serves as the national cemetery of Israel.







Aerial view of Jerusalem, 1918

Astronauts' view of Jerusalem

Sunset aerial photograph of the Mount of Olives

Climate

The city is characterised by a hot-summer Mediterranean climate (Köppen: *Csa*), with hot, dry summers, and mild, wet winters. Snow flurries usually occur once or twice a winter, although the city experiences heavy <u>snowfall</u> every three to four years, on average, with short-lived accumulation.

January is the coldest month of the year, with an average temperature of 9.1 °C (48.4 °F); July and August are the hottest months, with an average temperature of 24.2 °C (75.6 °F), and the summer months are usually rainless. The average annual precipitation is around 537 mm (21 in), with rain occurring almost entirely between October and May. Snowfall is rare, and large snowfalls are even more rare. Jerusalem received over 30 cm (12 in) of snow on 13 December 2013, which nearly paralysed the city. $\frac{[173][174]}{[174]}$ A day in Jerusalem has



Snow visible on roofs in the Old City of Jerusalem

on average, 9.3 sunshine hours. With summers averaging similar temperatures as the coastline, the maritime influence from the Mediterranean Sea is strong, in particular given that Jerusalem is located on a similar latitude as scorching hot deserts not far to its east.

The highest recorded temperature in Jerusalem was 44.4 °C (111.9 °F) on 28 and 30 August 1881, and the lowest temperature recorded was –6.7 °C (19.9 °F) on 25 January 1907.

Most of the air pollution in Jerusalem comes from vehicular traffic. 175 Many main streets in Jerusalem were not built to accommodate such a large volume of traffic, leading to traffic congestion and more <u>carbon monoxide</u> released into the air. Industrial pollution inside the city is sparse, but emissions from factories on the <u>Israeli Mediterranean coast</u> can travel eastward and settle over the city. 175

Climate data for Jerusalem (1991–2020 normals)													
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °C (°F)	24.4 (75.9)	27.5 (81.5)	32.7 (90.9)	35.6 (96.1)	38.6 (101.5)	38.4 (101.1)	40.6 (105.1)	44.4 (111.9)	42.7 (108.9)	36.5 (97.7)	30.5 (86.9)	28.5 (83.3)	44.4 (111.9)
Mean daily maximum °C (°F)	12.7 (54.9)	14.0 (57.2)	17.4 (63.3)	22.0 (71.6)	26.2 (79.2)	28.6 (83.5)	30.0 (86.0)	30.3 (86.5)	28.9 (84.0)	25.9 (78.6)	19.9 (67.8)	14.9 (58.8)	22.6 (72.6)
Daily mean °C (°F)	9.8 (49.6)	10.7 (51.3)	13.4 (56.1)	17.3 (63.1)	21.2 (70.2)	23.5 (74.3)	25.0 (77.0)	25.3 (77.5)	24.0 (75.2)	21.6 (70.9)	16.4 (61.5)	11.9 (53.4)	18.3 (65.0)
Mean daily minimum °C (°F)	6.7 (44.1)	7.3 (45.1)	9.5 (49.1)	12.5 (54.5)	16.2 (61.2)	18.3 (64.9)	20.0 (68.0)	20.2 (68.4)	19.1 (66.4)	17.3 (63.1)	12.9 (55.2)	8.8 (47.8)	14.1 (57.3)
Record low °C (°F)	-6.7 (19.9)	-2.5 (27.5)	-0.3 (31.5)	0.8 (33.4)	7.6 (45.7)	11.0 (51.8)	14.6 (58.3)	15.5 (59.9)	13.2 (55.8)	9.8 (49.6)	1.8 (35.2)	-0.4 (31.3)	-6.7 (19.9)
Average precipitation mm (inches)	136.8 (5.39)	117.9 (4.64)	67.2 (2.65)	21.8 (0.86)	7.1 (0.28)	0.3 (0.01)	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	0.7 (0.03)	10.3 (0.41)	51.1 (2.01)	112.3 (4.42)	525.5 (20.7)
Average precipitation days (≥ 1 mm)	9.2	8.5	6.2	2.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.9	4.7	7.7	41.6
Average relative humidity (%)	61	59	52	39	35	37	40	40	40	42	48	56	46
Mean monthly sunshine hours	192.9	243.6	226.3	266.6	331.7	381.0	384.4	365.8	309.0	275.9	228.0	192.2	3,397.4

Source 1: Israel Meteorological Service (records until 1990)[177][178]

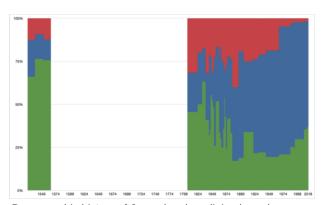
Source 2: NOAA (normal values & records, 1991–2020)^[179] (sun, 1961–1990)^[180]

Demographics

Demographic history

Jerusalem's population size and composition have shifted many times over its 5,000-year history. Since the 19th century, the Old City of Jerusalem has been divided into Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Armenian quarters. Matthew Teller writes that this convention may have originated in the 1841 British Royal Engineers map of Jerusalem, [13] or at least the Rev. George Williams' subsequent labelling of it. [181]

Most population data before 1905 are based on estimates, often from foreign travellers or organisations, since previous census data usually covered wider areas such as the <u>Jerusalem District</u>. These estimates suggest that since the end of the <u>Crusades</u>, Muslims formed the largest group in Jerusalem until the mid-nineteenth century.



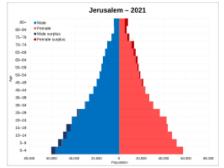
Demographic history of Jerusalem by religion based on available data

Between 1838 and 1876 a number of estimates exist which conflict as to whether Jews or Muslims were the largest group during this period, and between 1882 and 1922 estimates conflict as to exactly when Jews became an absolute majority of the population.

Current demographics

In December 2007 Jerusalem had a population of 747,600—63.7% were Jewish, 33.1% Muslim, and 2% Christian. [184]

According to a study published in 2000, the percentage of Jews in the city's population had been decreasing; this was attributed to a higher Muslim <u>birth rate</u>, and Jewish residents leaving. The study also found that about nine percent of the Old City's 32,488 people were Jews. [185] Of the Jewish population, 200,000 live in East Jerusalem settlements which are considered illegal under international law. [186]



Jerusalem population pyramid in 2021

In 2005, 2,850 new immigrants settled in Jerusalem, mostly from the United States, France and the former Soviet Union. In terms of the local population, the

number of outgoing residents exceeds the number of incoming residents. In 2005, 16,000 left Jerusalem and only 10,000 moved in.[187] Nevertheless, the population of Jerusalem continues to rise due to the high birth rate, especially in the Haredi Jewish and Arab communities. Consequently, the total fertility rate in Jerusalem (4.02) is higher than in Tel Aviv (1.98) and well above the national average of 2.90. The average size of Jerusalem's 180,000 households is 3.8 people.[187]

West or East (1967 borders)	Total	Jews and others	Jews and others	Approx. # of Ultra-	Ultra- Orthodox as % of "Jews	Arabs/ Pale- stinians	Pale- stinian %
	Others	%	Orthodox	and	Juliano	/*	

Approximate 2021 population for East/West Jerusalem (UN-recognised 1967 border)

(1967 borders)	Total	others	others %	Ultra- Orthodox	of "Jews and Others"	stinians	%
East Jerusalem	611,370	240,831	39.4%	111,121	46.1%	370,532	60.6%
West Jerusalem	354,840	349,734	98.6%	166,688	47.7%	5,088	1.4%
Total Jerusalem	966,210	590,565	61%	277,809	29%	375,620	39%

Some sub-quarters straddle the <u>Green Line</u> and in those cases the sub-quarter is assigned to the sector (East or West) into which most of the area falls. Source: Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem, 2021. Totals do not sum exactly due to the presentation of some ethnoreligious groups as percentages of totals.

In 2005 the total population grew by 13,000 (1.8%)—similar to the Israeli national average, but the religious and ethnic composition is shifting. While 31% of the Jewish population is made up of children below the age fifteen, the figure for the Arab population is 42%. [187]

In 1967 Jews accounted for 74% of the population, while the figure for 2006 is down by 9%. Possible factors are the high cost of housing, fewer job opportunities and the increasingly religious character of the city, although proportionally, young Haredim are leaving in higher numbers. The percentage of secular Jews, or those who 'wear their faith lightly' is dropping, with some 20,000 leaving the city over the past seven years (2012). They now number 31% of the population, the same percentage as the rising Haredi population.

In 2010, 61% of all Jewish children in Jerusalem studied in Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox) schools. This correlates with the high number of children in Haredi families. [189]

While some secular Jews leave Jerusalem for its relative lack of development and religious and political tensions, Jerusalemborn Palestinians cannot leave Jerusalem, or they lose their right to live in the city. Palestinians with a "Jerusalem resident status" are entitled to the subsidised healthcare and social security benefits Israel provides to its citizens, and have the right to vote in municipal elections, but not to be voted in municipal elections, or to vote in national elections. Arabs in Jerusalem can send their children to Israeli-run schools, although not every neighbourhood has one, and universities. Israeli doctors and highly regarded hospitals such as Hadassah Medical Centre are available to residents. [190]

Demographics and the Jewish-Arab population divide play a major role in the dispute over Jerusalem. In 1998, the <u>Jerusalem Development Authority</u> expanded city limits to the west to include more areas heavily populated with Jews. [16]

Within the past few years, there has been a steady increase in the Jewish birthrate and a steady decrease in the Arab birthrate. In May 2012 it was reported that the Jewish birthrate had overtaken the Arab birthrate. The city's birthrate stands about 4.2 children per Jewish family and 3.9 children per Arab family. [191][192] In addition, increasing numbers of Jewish immigrants chose to settle in Jerusalem. In the last few years, thousands of Palestinians have moved to previously fully Jewish

neighbourhoods of East Jerusalem, built after the 1967 Six-Day War. In 2007, 1,300 Palestinians lived in the previously exclusively Jewish neighbourhood of <u>Pisgat Ze'ev</u> and constituted 3% of the population in <u>Neve Ya'akov</u>. In the <u>French Hill</u> neighbourhood Palestinians today constitute one-sixth of the overall population. [193]

At the end of 2008 the population of East Jerusalem was 456,300, comprising 60% of Jerusalem's residents. Of these 195,500 (43%) were Jews, (comprising 40% of the Jewish population of Jerusalem as a whole), and 260,800 (57%) were Muslim (comprising 98% of the Muslim population of Jerusalem). In 2008 the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics reported the number of Palestinians living in East Jerusalem was 208,000 according to a recently completed census.

Jerusalem's Jewish population is overwhelmingly religious. Only 18% of Jewish residents are secular. In addition, <u>Haredi Jews</u> comprise 35% of the city's adult Jewish population. In a phenomenon seen rarely around the world, the percentage of Jewish women who work, 81%, exceeds the percentage of Jewish men who work, 70%. [196]



<u>Sheikh Jarrah</u>, a predominantly Arab neighbourhood on the road to <u>Mount</u> Scopus

Jerusalem had a population of 804,400 in 2011, of which Jews comprised 499,400 (62.1%), Muslims 281,100 (34.9%), Christians 14,700 (1.8%), and 9,000 (1.1%) were not classified by religion. $\frac{[17]}{}$

Jerusalem had a population of 882,700 in 2016, of which Jews comprised 536,600 (60.8%), Muslims 319,800 (36.2%), Christians 15,800 (1.8%), and 10,300 unclassified (1.2%).

Jerusalem had a population of 951,100 in 2020, of which $\underline{\text{Jews}}$ comprised 570,100 (59.9%), $\underline{\text{Muslims}}$ 353.800 (37.2%), Christians 16.300 (1.7%), and 10,800 unclassified (1.1%). $\underline{\text{[17]}}$

According to <u>Peace Now</u>, approvals for building in Israeli settlements in <u>East Jerusalem</u> expanded by 60% under <u>Donald Trump's first US presidency</u>. Since 1991, Palestinians, who make up the majority of the residents in East Jerusalem, have only received 30% of the building permits.

Urban planning issues

Critics of efforts to promote a Jewish majority in Jerusalem say that government planning policies are motivated by demographic considerations and seek to limit Arab construction while promoting Jewish construction. [199] According to a World Bank report, the number of recorded building violations between 1996 and 2000 was four and half times higher in Jewish neighbourhoods but four times fewer demolition orders were issued in West Jerusalem than in East Jerusalem; Arabs in Jerusalem were less likely to receive construction permits than Jews, and "the authorities are much more likely to take action against Palestinian violators" than



Sign in Armenian in the Armenian Quarter

Jewish violators of the permit process. [200] In recent years, private Jewish foundations have received permission from the government to develop projects on disputed lands, such as the <u>City of David archaeological site</u> in the 60% Arab neighbourhood of <u>Silwan</u> (adjacent to the Old City), [201] and the <u>Museum of Tolerance</u> on Mamilla Cemetery (adjacent to Zion Square).

Religious significance

Jerusalem has been sacred to Judaism for roughly 3000 years, to Christianity for around 2000 years, and to Islam for approximately 1400 years. The 2000 Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem lists 1204 synagogues, 158 churches, and 73 mosques within the city. Despite efforts to maintain peaceful religious coexistence, some sites, such as the Temple Mount, have been a continuous source of friction and controversy. The Temple Mount is the holiest spot in Judaism and the third holiest site in Islam. Jews venerate it as the site of the two former Temples and Muslims believe that Muhammad was transported from the Great Mosque of Mecca to this location during the Night Journey.

Judaism

Jerusalem has been the <u>holiest city</u> in Judaism and the ancestral and spiritual homeland of the Jewish people since King David proclaimed it his capital in the 10th century BCE. [note 5][21] Without counting its other names, Jerusalem appears in the Hebrew Bible 669 times. [204] The first five books of the Torah (Pentateuch), only mentions Moriah, but in the rest of the Bible, the city is mentioned explicitly. [205] The Temple Mount, which was the site of Solomon's Temple and the Second Temple, is the holiest site in Judaism and the place Jews throughout the world turn towards during prayer. [206][207] The Western Wall, a remnant of the wall surrounding the Second Temple, attracts over 10 million visitors each year. [208][209] Synagogues around the world are traditionally built with the Holy Ark facing Jerusalem, [210] and Arks within Jerusalem face the Holy of Holies. [211] As prescribed in the Mishna and codified in the Shulchan Aruch, daily



The <u>Old City</u> is home to many sites of seminal <u>religious importance</u> for the three major <u>Abrahamic religions</u>—<u>Judaism</u>, Christianity, and Islam.

prayers are recited while facing towards Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. [212] Many Jews have "Mizrach" plaques hung on a wall of their homes to indicate the direction of prayer. [211] [note 7] Many parts of Jewish liturgy mention Jerusalem, including at the conclusion of the Passover Seder when participants declare "Next Year in Jerusalem!" [213] The fourteenth blessing of the Amidah prayer, said three times per day is a request that the Jerusalem be rebuilt, as well as the "Shechinah" be returned to Zion. [214] The "Grace After Meals" which is said after eating a meal including bread, has multiple references to Jerusalem. [215] The entire fast day of Tisha B'Av is dedicated to remembering and mourning the destruction of the first and second temples in Jerusalem. [216]

Christianity

Jerusalem is generally considered the cradle of Christianity. [217] Christianity reveres Jerusalem for its Old Testament history, and also for its significance in the life of Jesus. According to the New Testament, Jesus was brought to Jerusalem soon after his birth [218] and later in his life cleansed the Second Temple. [219] The Cenacle, believed to be the site of Jesus' Last Supper, is located on Mount Zion in the same building that houses the Tomb of King David. [220][221] Another prominent Christian site in Jerusalem is Golgotha, the site of the crucifixion. The Gospel of John describes it as being located outside Jerusalem, [222] but recent archaeological evidence suggests Golgotha is a short distance from the Old City walls, within the present-day confines of the city. [223] The land occupied by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is considered one of the top candidates for Golgotha and thus has been a Christian pilgrimage site for the past 2000 years. [223][224][225] The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is generally considered the most important church in Christendom. [226] It contains the two holiest sites in Christianity: the site where Jesus was crucified, and Jesus's empty tomb, where he is believed by Christians to have been buried and resurrected.

Islam

Jerusalem is the third-holiest city in Sunni Islam. [28] Islamic tradition holds that for approximately a year, before it was permanently switched to the Kaaba in Mecca, the qibla (direction of prayer) for Muslims was Jerusalem. [227][228] The city's lasting place in Islam, however, is primarily due to Muhammad's Night Journey (c. 620 CE). Muslims believe that Muhammad was miraculously transported one night from the Great Mosque of Mecca to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, whereupon he ascended to Heaven to meet previous prophets of Islam. [229][230][231] The first verse in the Qur'an's Surat al-Isra notes the destination of Muhammad's journey as al-masjid al-aqṣā ("the farthest place of prayer"). [232][233] In the earliest days of Islam, this was understood as a reference to a site in the heavens, [234] however, Post-Rashidun Islamic scholars understood it as relating to Jerusalem, and particularly to the site of the former Jewish Temple. [235] The hadith, a collection of the sayings of Muhammad, mentions that the location of the Al-Aqsa Mosque is in Jerusalem. [236] The Al-Aqsa Mosque, originally named after the wider compound it sits within, [237] was built on the Temple Mount under the Umayyad Caliph Al-Walid several decades after Muhammad's death to commemorate the place from which Muslims believe he had ascended to Heaven. [238]



A view of the Temple Mount





The Western Wall, also known as the Wailing Wall and the Kotel, is a remnant of the Second Temple and the holiest place where Jews are permitted to pray.



The Church of the Holy Sepulchre



The Garden Tomb—a new holy site established by British Protestants in the 19th century



Dome of the Rock, where Muhammad is believed by Muslims to have ascended to heaven



<u>Al-Aqsa Mosque</u>, on the Temple Mount (<u>Haram al-Sharif</u> or <u>Al-</u> Aqsa compound)

Economy

Historically, Jerusalem's economy was supported almost exclusively by religious pilgrims, as it was far from the major ports of <u>Jaffa</u> and <u>Gaza</u>. [239] Jerusalem's religious and cultural landmarks today remain the top draw for foreign visitors, with the majority of tourists visiting the Western Wall and the <u>Old City</u>. [187] In 2010, Jerusalem was named the top leisure travel city in Africa and the Middle East by $\underline{Travel + Leisure\ magazine}$. [240] In 2013, 75% of the 3.5 million tourists to Israel visited Jerusalem. [241]

Since the establishment of the State of Israel, the national government has remained a major player in Jerusalem's economy. The government, centred in Jerusalem, generates a large number of jobs, and offers subsidies and incentives for new business initiatives and start-ups. [239] Although Tel Aviv remains Israel's



Bank of Israel

financial centre, a growing number of <u>high tech</u> companies are moving to Jerusalem, providing 12,000 jobs in 2006. Northern Jerusalem's <u>Har Hotzvim</u> industrial park and the <u>Jerusalem Technology Park</u> in south Jerusalem are home to large Research and Development centres of international tech companies, among them <u>Intel</u>, <u>Cisco Systems</u>, <u>Teva Pharmaceutical Industries</u>, <u>IBM</u>, <u>Mobileye</u>, <u>Johnson & Johnson</u>, <u>Medtronic</u> and more. 1nd April 2015 <u>Time</u> magazine picked Jerusalem as one of the five emerging tech hubs in the world, proclaiming that "The city has become a flourishing centre for biomed, cleantech, Internet/mobile startups, accelerators, investors and supporting service providers."

Higher than average percentages are employed in education (17.9% vs. 12.7%); health and welfare (12.6% vs. 10.7%); community and social services (6.4% vs. 4.7%); hotels and restaurants (6.1% vs. 4.7%); and public administration (8.2% vs. 4.7%). During the British Mandate, a law was passed requiring all buildings to be constructed of Jerusalem stone in order

to preserve the unique historic and aesthetic character of the city. [246] Complementing this building code, which is still in force, is the discouragement of heavy industry in Jerusalem; only about 2.2% of Jerusalem's land is zoned for "industry and infrastructure". By comparison, the percentage of land in Tel Aviv zoned for industry and infrastructure is twice as high, and in Haifa, seven times as high. [187] Only 8.5% of the Jerusalem District work force is employed in the manufacturing sector, which is half the national average (15.8%).

Although many statistics indicate economic growth in the city, since 1967, East Jerusalem has lagged behind the development of West Jerusalem. [239] Nevertheless, the percentage of households with employed persons is higher for Arab households (76.1%) than for Jewish households (66.8%). The unemployment rate in Jerusalem (8.3%) is slightly better than the national average (9.0%), although the civilian labour force accounted for less than half of all persons fifteen years or older—lower in comparison to that of Tel Aviv (58.0%) and Haifa (52.4%). [187] Poverty remains a problem in the city as 37% of the families in Jerusalem lived in 2011 below the poverty line. According to a report by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), 78% of Arabs in Jerusalem lived in poverty in 2012, up from 64% in 2006. While the ACRI attributes the increase to the lack of employment opportunities, infrastructure and a worsening educational system, the activist group Ir Amim blames the legal status of Palestinians in Jerusalem. [247]

The increasing number of educated Palestinians in Jerusalem has brought about positive economic changes. Through reforms and initiatives in sectors like technology, tourism, trade, and infrastructure, they have helped drive economic growth, create jobs, and improve living conditions in the city. Yarious joint summits between Israeli and Palestinian entrepreneurs have been held in the city. Palestine Investment Fund have proposed various projects in Jerusalem. Palestinian industrialist Bashar Masri sought to make heavy investments in the city. PA controlled industrial areas are located outskirts of Jerusalem, primarily in Bir Nabala, Abu Dis and Eizariya, engaging in manufacture of tires, food products and concretes. [255]



Har Hotzvim high-tech park



<u>Mamilla Mall</u> adorned with upscale shops stands just outside the Old City Walls.



Malha Mall

High-tech industry is emerged among Palestinian society of Jerusalem. [256][257] In 2023 Israel opened a technology park in East Jerusalem, known as EasTech. Local Palestinian engineers are employed in the complex by multinational companies, some of which includes AT&T, Natural Intelligence, Nvidia, Unity and Synamedia. Station J, an innovation hub is located in Sheikh Jarrah, which is yet another tech hub for Palestinians in the city. Hani Alami, a Jerusalem-based Palestinian entrepreneur has set up a start-+up accelerator. [258] As a part of Israeli–Palestinian economic peace efforts, interaction between Israeli and Palestinian business community, also contributes in growth of Palestinian IT sector in the city. [259][260]

Urban structure

High-rise construction

Jerusalem has traditionally had a low-rise skyline. About 18 tall buildings were built at different times in the downtown area when there was no clear policy over the matter. One of them, Holyland Tower 1, Jerusalem's tallest building, is a <u>skyscraper</u> by international standards, rising 32 stories. Holyland Tower 2, which has been approved for construction, will reach the same height. [261][262]

A new master plan for the city will see many high-rise buildings, including skyscrapers, built in certain, designated areas of downtown Jerusalem. Under the plan, towers will line <u>Jaffa Road</u> and <u>King George Street</u>. One of the proposed towers along King George Street, the Migdal Merkaz HaYekum, is planned as a 65-story building, which would make it one of the tallest buildings in Israel. At the entrance to the city, near the <u>Jerusalem Chords Bridge</u> and the <u>Central Bus Station</u>, twelve towers rising between 24 and 33 stories will be built, as part of a complex that will also include an open square and an <u>underground</u>



Holyland Tower, Jerusalem's tallest building

train station serving a new express line between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and will be connected by bridges and tunnels. Eleven of the skyscrapers will be either office or apartment buildings, and one will be a 2,000-room hotel. The complex is expected to attract many businesses from Tel Aviv, and become the city's main business hub. In addition, a complex for the city's courts and the prosecutor's office will be built, as well as new buildings for Central Zionist Archives and Israel State Archives. [263][264][265] The skyscrapers built throughout the city are expected to contain public space, shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues, and it has been speculated that this may lead to a revitalization of downtown Jerusalem. [266][267] In August 2015, the city council approved construction of a 344-foot pyramid-shaped skyscraper designed by Daniel Libeskind and Yigal Levi, in place of a rejected previous design by Libeskind; it was set to break ground by 2019. [268]

New projects in Jerusalem

In 2021 <u>Bashar Masri</u> announced and launched "Lana", a massive mix-used project in <u>East Jerusalem</u>, which is located in the neighbourhood of <u>Beit Hanina</u>. The project is in a partnership between Massar International and the <u>Orthodox Church of Jerusalem</u>. It features 400 residential apartments along with a vibrant commercial centre that hosts well-known global brands, cinemas, restaurants, cafés and offices. The project also includes modern educational facilities, such as a school and a <u>kindergarten</u>, catering to the needs of residents. In addition to its focus on residential and commercial aspects, the Lana project emphasises the improvement of infrastructure within the project and its surroundings. This involves the construction of three to four floors of underground parking to accommodate the residents' vehicles conveniently. Furthermore, there is a comprehensive plan to expand the road network surrounding the project, ensuring smooth transportation and accessibility for both residents and visitors. It is situated just 15 minutes away from the historic <u>Old City of Jerusalem</u>.

Transportation

Public transport

Jerusalem is served by highly developed communication infrastructures, making it a leading logistics hub for Israel.

The <u>Jerusalem Central Bus Station</u>, located on <u>Jaffa Road</u>, is the busiest bus station in Israel. It is served by <u>Egged Bus Cooperative</u>, which is the second-largest bus company in the world, <u>[270]</u> The <u>Dan</u> serves the <u>Bnei Brak-Jerusalem</u> route along with Egged, and <u>Superbus</u> serves the routes between Jerusalem, <u>Modi'in Illit and Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut</u>. The companies operate from <u>Jerusalem Central Bus Station</u>. Arab neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem and routes between Jerusalem and locations in the <u>West Bank</u> are served by the <u>East Jerusalem Central Bus Station</u>, a transportation hub located near the Old City's Damascus Gate.



Jerusalem Chords Bridge

Railway

The <u>Jerusalem Light Rail</u> initiated service in August 2011. According to plans, the first rail line will be capable of transporting an estimated 200,000 people daily, and has 23 stops. The route is from Pisgat Ze'ev in the north via the Old City and city centre to Mt. Herzl in the south.

A <u>high-speed rail line</u> connecting Tel Aviv to Jerusalem became partially operational in 2018 and was completed in 2019. Its terminus is at the <u>new underground station</u> (80 m or 262 ft deep) serving the <u>International Convention Centre</u> and the Central Bus Station, and is planned to be extended eventually to <u>Malha station</u>. Israel Railways operated train services to Malha train station from Tel Aviv via Beit Shemesh, but this service was discontinued in 2020. [273][274][275]

Begin Expressway is one of Jerusalem's major north—south thoroughfares; it runs on the western side of the city, merging in the north with Route 443, which continues toward Tel Aviv. Route 60 runs through the centre of the city near the Green Line between East and West Jerusalem. Construction is progressing on parts of a 35 km (22 mi) ring road around the city, fostering faster connection between the suburbs. The eastern half of the project was conceptualised decades ago, but reaction to the proposed highway is still mixed.



Light Rail tram on Jaffa Road

Airport

In the past, Jerusalem was also served by the local Jerusalem International Airport, locally known as Atarot Airport. It was the first airport built in the British Mandate of Palestine. Palestinians considered the Atarot Airport as a "symbol of Palestinian sovereignty". [278] The airport falls beyond Green Line. After the 1948 war it came under control of Jordan. Following the Six Day War of 1967, the airport came under control of Israel. [279] With increase of violence in the second intifada, Atarot Airport ceased operation in 2000. Today Jerusalem is served by Ben Gurion Airport, some 50 km (30 mi) northwest of the Jerusalem, on the route to Tel Aviv. The Tel Aviv—Jerusalem railway runs non-stop from Jerusalem—Yitzhak Navon railway station to the airport and began operation in 2018. [280]

The Australian businessman Kevin Bermeister proposed a masterplan of Jerusalem, which also includes the development of an airport for Jerusalem in the Jordan Valley, near Jericho. The airport is sought to be a joint Israeli-Palestinian airport. Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh have also appealed to Israeli authorities to redevelop the airport. In 2021, the Israeli government planned to redevelop Atarot Airport as a joint Israeli-Palestinian airport. The new Atarot Airport will include two separate Israeli and Palestinian terminals.

Education

Universities

Jerusalem is home to several prestigious universities offering courses in Hebrew, Arabic and English.

Founded in 1925, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been ranked among the top 100 schools in the world. The Board of Governors has included such prominent Jewish intellectuals as Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud. The university has produced several Nobel laureates; recent winners associated with Hebrew University include Avram Hershko, David Gross, and Daniel Kahneman. One of the university's major assets is the Jewish National and University Library, which houses over five million books. The library opened in 1892, over three decades before the university was established, and is one of the world's largest repositories of books on Jewish subjects. Today it is both the central library of the university and the national library of Israel. The Hebrew University operates three campuses in Jerusalem, on Mount Scopus, on Giv'at Ram and a medical campus at the Hadassah Ein Kerem hospital. The Academy of



Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus campus

the Hebrew Language are located in the Hebrew university in Givat Ram and the <u>Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities</u> located near the Presidents House.

The Jerusalem College of Technology, founded in 1969, combines training in engineering and other high-tech industries with a Jewish studies programme. It is one of many schools in Jerusalem, from elementary school and up, that combine secular and religious studies. Numerous religious educational institutions and *Yeshivot*, including some of the most prestigious yeshivas, among them the Brisk, Chevron, Midrash Shmuel and Mir, are based in the city, with the Mir Yeshiva claiming to be the largest. There were nearly 8,000 twelfth-grade students in Hebrew-language schools during the 2003–2004 school year. However, due to the large portion of students in Haredi Jewish frameworks, only fifty-five percent of twelfth graders took matriculation exams (*Bagrut*) and only thirty-seven percent were eligible to graduate. Unlike public schools, many



<u>Hebron Yeshiva</u> in <u>Givat Mordechai</u> neighbourhood

Haredi schools do not prepare students to take standardised tests. $\frac{[187]}{}$ To attract more university students to Jerusalem, the city has begun to offer a special package of financial incentives and housing subsidies to students who rent apartments in downtown Jerusalem. $\frac{[293]}{}$

Al-Quds University was established in 1984^[294] to serve as a flagship university for the Arab and Palestinian peoples. It describes itself as the "only Arab university in Jerusalem". [295] Bard College of Annandale-on-Hudson, New York and Al-Quds University agreed to open a joint



Inside <u>Abu Jihad Museum</u> of <u>Al-Quds</u> University

college in a building originally built to house the <u>Palestinian Legislative Council</u> and <u>Yasser Arafat</u>'s office. The college gives <u>Master of Arts in Teaching</u> degrees. Al-Quds University resides southeast of the city proper on a 190,000 m² (47-acre) Abu Dis campus. Other campuses of AOU are located

within city limits of Jerusalem. A campus of university in Sheikh Jarrah, which is one of the oldest faculties, is known as Hind Al Husseini College for Arts. [297] It was named after Hind al-Husseini, a Palestinian activists known for rescuing orphaned survivors of Deir Yassin massacre and giving them shelter in a palace of her grandfather, which was converted into an orphanage and later a college, which is a part today's Al Quds University. [298] A joint campus of AQU and Bard College is located in Beit Hanina. Bayt Mal Al Qods Acharif Agency, a Moroccan organisation, is constructing a new campus in the same neighbourhood. [299]

Other institutions of higher learning in Jerusalem are the <u>Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance</u> and <u>Bezalel Academy of Art and Design</u>, whose buildings are located on the campuses of the Hebrew University.

Arab schools

Israel's public schools for Arabs in Jerusalem and other parts of the country have been criticised for offering a lower quality education than those catering to Israeli Jewish students. [303] While many schools in the heavily Arab East Jerusalem are filled to capacity and there have been complaints of overcrowding, the Jerusalem Municipality is building over a dozen new schools in the city's Arab neighbourhoods. [304] Schools in Ras el-Amud and Umm Lison opened in 2008. [305] In March 2007 the Israeli government approved a five-year plan to build 8,000 new classrooms in the city, 40 percent in the Arab sector and 28 percent in the Haredi sector. A budget of 4.6 billion shekels was allocated for this project. [306] In 2008, Jewish British philanthropists donated \$3 million for the construction of schools for Arabs in East Jerusalem. [305] Arab high school students take the <u>Bagrut</u> matriculation exams, so that much of their curriculum parallels that of other Israeli high schools and includes certain Jewish subjects. [303]



<u>Hand in Hand</u>, a bilingual Jewish-Arab school in Jerusalem

Culture



The Shrine of the Book, housing the Dead Sea Scrolls, at the Israel Museum

Although Jerusalem is known primarily for its religious significance, the city is also home to many artistic and cultural venues. The <u>Israel Museum</u> attracts nearly one million visitors a year, approximately one-third of them tourists. The 8 ha (20-acre) museum complex comprises several buildings featuring special exhibits and extensive collections of <u>Judaica</u>, archaeological findings, and Israeli and European art. The <u>Dead Sea scrolls</u>, discovered in the mid-20th century in the <u>Qumran Caves</u> near the Dead Sea, are housed in the Museum's <u>Shrine of the Book</u>. The Youth Wing, which mounts changing exhibits and runs an extensive art education programme, is visited by 100,000 children a year. The museum has a large outdoor sculpture garden and includes the <u>Holyland Model of</u>

<u>Jerusalem</u>, a scale-model of the city during the late <u>Second Temple period</u>. The <u>Ticho House</u> in downtown Jerusalem houses the paintings of <u>Anna Ticho</u> and the Judaica collections of her husband, an ophthalmologist who opened Jerusalem's first eye clinic in this building in 1912.

Next to the Israel Museum is the Bible Lands Museum, near The National Campus for the Archaeology of Israel, which includes the Israel Antiquities Authority offices. A World Bible Centre is planned to be built adjacent to Mount Zion at a site called the "Bible Hill". A planned World Kabbalah Centre is to be located on the nearby promenade, overlooking the Old City. The Rockefeller Museum, located in East Jerusalem, was the first archaeological museum in the Middle East. It was built in 1938 during the British Mandate. In 2006, a 38 km (24 mi) Jerusalem Trail was opened, a hiking trail that goes to many cultural sites and national parks in and around Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo has ranked consistently as Israel's top tourist attraction for Israelis. [312][313] The national cemetery of Israel is located at the city's western edge, near the Jerusalem Forest on Mount Herzl. The western extension of Mount Herzl is the Mount of Remembrance, where the main Holocaust museum of Israel is located. Yad Vashem, Israel's national memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, houses the world's largest library of Holocaust-related information. It houses an estimated 100,000 books and articles. The complex contains a state-of-the-art museum that explores the genocide of the Jews through



Jerusalem Biblical Zoo

exhibits that focus on the personal stories of individuals and families killed in the Holocaust. An art gallery featuring the work of artists who perished is also present. Further, Yad Vashem commemorates the 1.5 million Jewish children murdered by the Nazis, and honours the Righteous among the Nations. [315]



The new building of the <u>National Library</u> of Israel

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, established in the 1940s, [316] has appeared around the world. The International Convention Centre (Binyanei HaUma) near the entrance to city houses the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The Jerusalem Cinemateque, the Gerard Behar Centre (formerly Beit Ha'Am) in downtown Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Music Centre in Yemin Moshe, [317] and the Targ Music Centre in Ein Kerem also present the arts. The Israel Festival, featuring indoor and outdoor performances by local and international singers, concerts, plays, and street theatre has been held annually since 1961, and Jerusalem has been the major organiser of this event. The Jerusalem Theatre in the Talbiya neighbourhood hosts over 150 concerts a year, as well as theatre and dance companies and performing artists from overseas. [318] The Khan Theatre, located in a caravanserai opposite the old Jerusalem train station, is the city's only repertoire theatre. [319] The station

itself has become a venue for cultural events in recent years as the site of *Shav'ua Hasefer* (an annual week-long book fair) and outdoor music performances. The <u>Jerusalem Film Festival</u> is held annually, screening Israeli and international films. In 1974 the <u>Jerusalem Cinematheque</u> was founded. In 1981 it was moved to a new building on Hebron Road near the Valley of Hinnom and the Old City.

Jerusalem was declared the <u>Capital of Arab Culture</u> in 2009. [322] Jerusalem is home to the <u>Palestinian National Theatre</u>, which engages in cultural preservation as well as innovation, working to rekindle Palestinian interest in the arts. [323] <u>The Edward Said National Conservatory of Music</u> sponsors the Palestine Youth Orchestra [324] which toured Arab states of the Persian Gulf and other Middle East countries in 2009. [325] <u>The Islamic Museum</u> on the Temple Mount, established in 1923, houses many Islamic artefacts, from tiny <u>kohl</u> flasks and rare manuscripts to giant marble columns. [326] Al-Hoash, established in 2004, is a gallery for the preservation of Palestinian art. [327] While Israel approves and financially supports some Arab cultural activities, [328] Arab Capital of Culture events were banned because they were sponsored by the <u>Palestine National Authority</u>. [322] In 2009 a four-day culture festival was held in the <u>Beit 'Anan</u> suburb of Jerusalem, attended by more than 15,000 people [329]

Palestinian cinema is based in the city. [330] Jerusalem has been location for "Jerusalem Arab Film Festival", for exhibiting Palestinian films. [331] The city is home to numerous artists, singers, actors, actresses and filmmakers. [332] Established in 1991, Riwaq have been working on various projects to restore cultural and historical sites across Palestine. [333] Difficulties to operate in the annexed areas of Palestinian Jerusalem, it have successfully worked across those neighbourhoods, rural and suburban area and Jerusalem Mountains (*Jibal al-Quds*), where the Palestinian government has control. [334] So far, the organisation have restored a number of sites across the neighbourhoods of Kafr 'Aqab, Al Jib, Jaba and Qalandia. [335] Those

restored structures serves as local community centres, cultural sites and headquarters of several NGOs and cultural groups. [335] Yabous Cultural Center is the largest cultural centre in the city, opened by Palestinian groups in 1997. [336] Edward Said National Conservatory of Music have a branch in Jerusalem.

Hadassah Medical Center and the Hebrew University have unveiled a "Tree of Peace" statue at the Al Quds University School of Dental Medicine. The Museum on the Seam, which explores issues of coexistence through art, is situated on the road dividing eastern and western Jerusalem. The Abraham Fund and the Jerusalem Intercultural Centre (JICC) promote joint Jewish-Palestinian cultural projects. The Jerusalem Centre for Middle Eastern Music and Dance open to Arabs and Jews and offers workshops on Jewish-Arab dialogue through the arts. The Jerusalem Youth Orchestra performs both European classical and Middle Eastern music. In 2008 the Tolerance Monument, an outdoor sculpture by Czesław Dźwigaj, was erected on a hill between Jewish Armon HaNetziv and Arab Jebl Mukaber as a symbol of Jerusalem's quest for peace.

Media

The headquarters of the <u>Israel Broadcasting Authority</u> and its successor <u>Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation</u> are located in Jerusalem, as well as television and radio studios for <u>Channel 12</u>, <u>Channel 13</u>, and part of the radio studios of <u>BBC News</u>. <u>The Jerusalem Post</u> and <u>The Times of Israel</u> are also headquartered in Jerusalem. Local newspapers include the Israeli <u>Kol Ha'ir</u> and the Palestinian <u>Jerusalem Times</u>. <u>God TV</u>, an international Christian television network, is also based in the city. <u>PYALARA</u>, an organisation based in Jerusalem, transformed <u>Jaba</u> into a digital hub, which is the Middle East's first digital village and is also home to the first Media Interactive Learning Center in the Middle East. [343]

Sports

The two most popular sports are <u>football</u> (soccer) and basketball. <u>[344]</u> <u>Beitar</u> <u>Jerusalem Football Club</u> is one of the most well known in Israel. Fans include political figures who often attend its games. <u>[345]</u> Jerusalem's other major football team, and one of Beitar's top rivals, is <u>Hapoel Jerusalem F.C.</u> Whereas Beitar has been <u>Israel State Cup</u> champion seven times, <u>[346]</u> Hapoel has won the Cup only once. Beitar has won the top league six times, while Hapoel has never succeeded. Beitar plays in the more prestigious <u>Ligat HaAl</u>, while Hapoel is in the second division <u>Liga Leumit</u>. Since its opening in 1992, <u>Teddy Stadium</u> has been Jerusalem's primary football stadium, with a capacity of 31,733 <u>[347]</u>

The most popular Palestinian football club is <u>Jabal Al Mukaber</u> (since 1976) which plays in West Bank Premier League. The club hails from Mount Scopus at Jerusalem, part of the <u>Asian Football Confederation</u>, and plays at the <u>Faisal Al-Husseini International Stadium at Al-Ram</u>, across the West Bank Barrier. [348][349]

In basketball <u>Hapoel Jerusalem</u> is one of the top teams in the <u>top division</u>. The club has won Israel's championship in 2015, the <u>State Cup</u> four times, and the ULEB Cup in 2004. [350]

The <u>Jerusalem Marathon</u>, established in 2011, is an international marathon race held annually in Jerusalem in the month of March. The full 42-kilometre race begins at the Knesset, passes through Mount Scopus and the Old City's Armenian Quarter, and concludes at Sacher Park. In 2012, the Jerusalem Marathon drew 15,000 runners, including 1,500 from fifty countries outside Israel. [351][352][353][354][355]



Teddy Stadium, Malha



Pais Arena

A popular non-competitive sports event is the Jerusalem March, [356] held annually during the Sukkot festival.

Twin towns—sister cities

Jerusalem is twinned with:

■ Niterói, Brazil^[357]

■ Rio de Janeiro, Brazil^[358]

- Salvador, Brazil^[359]
- Cairo, Egypt^[360]
- Jakarta, Indonesia^[361]
- **Tehran**, Iran^[362]
- Ayabe, Kyoto Prefecture, Japan^[363]
- Nouakchott, Mauritania^[364]

- Fez, Morocco^[365]
- Oujda, Morocco^[366]
- Cusco, Peru^[367]
- Jersey City, New Jersey, United States^[368]
- New York City, New York, United States^[369]

See also



- Greater Jerusalem
- List of people from Jerusalem
- List of places in Jerusalem
- List of songs about Jerusalem

Notes

- 1. The State of Palestine (according to the Basic Law of Palestine, Title One: Article 3) regards Jerusalem as its capital. However, the documents of the PLO's Negotiations Affairs Department (NAD) often refer to East Jerusalem (rather than the whole of Jerusalem) as a future capital, and sometimes as the current capital. One of its 2010 documents, described as "for discussion purposes only", says that Palestine has a "vision" for a future in which "East Jerusalem [...] shall be the capital of Palestine, and West Jerusalem shall be the capital of Israel." One of its 2013 documents refers to "Palestine's capital, East Jerusalem", and states that "Occupied East Jerusalem is the natural socio-economic and political center for the future Palestinian state", while also stating that "Jerusalem has always been and remains the political, administrative and spiritual heart of Palestine" and that "The Palestinian acceptance of the 1967 border, which includes East Jerusalem, is a painful compromise". [3]
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Official Arabic in Israel: <u>Arabic</u>: أورشليم القدس, <u>romanized</u>: *Ūršalīm al-Qud*s (combining the Biblical and common usage Arabic names)

Koine Greek: Ἱερουσαλήμ/Ἱερουσαλήμ/Ἱεροσόλυμα/Ἱεροσόλυμα/Ἱεροσάλημα, romanized: Hierousalḗm, Ierousalēm, Hierosóluma, Ierosóluma, Hierosálēma

Armenian: ๖ทาเนนทุธป, romanized: Erusałēm

- 3. Jerusalem is the capital under Israeli law. The presidential residence, government offices, supreme court and parliament (Knesset) are there. The State of Palestine (according to the Basic Law of Palestine, Title One: Article 3) regards Jerusalem as its capital. The UN and most countries do not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, taking the position that the final status of Jerusalem is pending future negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Most countries maintain their embassies in Tel Aviv and its suburbs or suburbs of Jerusalem, such as Mevaseret Zion (see "Map of Israel" (https://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/israel.pdf) (PDF). Archived (https://web.archive.org/web/20200601135924/https://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/israel.pdf) (PDF) from the original on 1 June 2020. Retrieved 28 June 2017. (319 KB)) See Status of Jerusalem for more information.
- 4. Statistics regarding the demographics of Jerusalem refer to the unified and expanded Israeli municipality, which includes the pre-1967 Israeli and <u>Jordanian</u> municipalities as well as several additional <u>Palestinian</u> villages and neighborhoods to the northeast. Some of the Palestinian villages and neighborhoods have been

- relinquished to the <u>West Bank</u> de facto by way of the <u>Israeli West Bank barrier</u>, [16] but their legal statuses have not been reverted.
- 5. Much of the information regarding King David's conquest of Jerusalem comes from <u>Biblical</u> accounts, but some modern-day historians have begun to give them credit due to a 1993 excavation. [18]
- 6. West Jerusalem comprises approximately one third of the municipal area of Jerusalem, with <u>East Jerusalem</u> comprising approximately two-thirds. On the annexation of East Jerusalem, Israel also incorporated an area of the West Bank into the Jerusalem municipal area which represented more than ten times the area of East Jerusalem under Jordanian rule. [35][36][37]
- 7. The Jewish injunction to pray toward Jerusalem comes in the <u>Orach Chayim</u> section of <u>Shulchan Aruch</u> (94:1) —"When one rises to pray anywhere in the Diaspora, he should face towards the Land of Israel, directing himself also toward Jerusalem, the Temple, and the Holy of Holies."

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