

## God's Judgement on Israel & Judah

### Jerusalem - City of Salem (Peace)

- Titus - 70 A.D. Destruction after siege of 143 days. Before the siege was concluded, 6000,000 (some say 1,100,000) Jews slain, with thousands more led into captivity.
- No history for 60 years after it's destruction.
- One last futile and tragic attempt of the Jews to win freedom from the Romans
- Rebellion of A.D. 134 by false messiah Jesus Bar Cuchba, overwhelmingly crushed - what was left of the city was leveled and the foundations plowed up.
- Two years later, Romans began rebuilding city, and renamed it Aelia Capitolina
- All Jews were excluded for 2 centuries until the reign of Constantine.

### Tragedy waited in the wings in history for this "City of peace"

- A.D. 614 - A Persian general under King Chosroes II seized the city and slaughtered 60,000 Christians, and taking 35,000 more into slavery
- A.D. 628 - Heraclius made peace with the son of the invader Chosroes, entering Jerusalem in triumph.
- A.D. 637 - City capitulated to Omar the Caliph, entered into it's precincts without bloodshed.
- A.D. 688 - Dome of the Rock erected. Mohammed, acquainted with the old testament and the new testament, felt it necessary to be identified with this city. Now it was holy to the Jews, Christians, and Islam - the cause of the overthrow.
- A.D. 969 - Jerusalem fell under the power of Shia'h Khalif of Egypt.
- A.D. 1009 - Caliph Hakim, son of a Christian, began his devastating work in Jerusalem.
- A.D. 1014 - 30,000 churches in Palestine had been pillaged and burnt.
- A.D. 1016 - Persecution stopped only when Hakim (see: A.D. 1009) became convinced that he was divine.
- A.D. 1077 - Seljuk Turks drove out the Egyptians, slaughtering 3,000 residing within the walls.

### A new era - pitiful, and sad, and shameful dawns.

- A.D. - 1099 (June 7<sup>th</sup>) - Christian Army of the First Crusade encamp before the city. The city was seized on July 14<sup>th</sup>. A slaughter pursued by these so-called Christian knights. For 80 years the city knew no other enemy at her gates.

### Enter Saladin The Great

- A.D. 1187 (Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>) - encamped. Entered on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, enforcing strict orders - no force of violence or orgy of conquest would be engaged in by his soldiers, such as the Christian crusaders had engaged in 100 years before. This act of mercy put Christians to shame.
- A.D. 1229 - Regained by Fredrick II
- A.D. 1244 - Fell before the Kharezmian Tartars

- A.D.1247 - Seized by the Egyptians
- A.D.1260 - Recaptured by Tartars
- A.D.1517 - Seized by Ottoman Turks and held for four centuries.
  
- First World War - Beginning of the end of God's judgement. General Allenby of the British forces entered the city on foot, Dec. 9, 1917.
  
- October 31, 1918 - Armistice signed, and 400 years of Turkish misrule came to an end.
- After more than 7 centuries, Jerusalem came under the rule of "Christian" conquerors.
- April 24, 1920 - Mandate for Palestine was assigned to Great Britain.
- "Zionism" began by Theodore Herzl.
  
- She suffered on one reverse after another in the attempt to rule this country.
  
- During WWII, the final slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews called the Holocaust 'the last sword to cut Israel down', was an Assyrian (Caucasian) named Adolph Hitler
  
- May 14, 1948 - The British Mandate terminated, and the national council at Tel-Aviv proclaimed the State of Israel.
  
- With 100,000 Jews in Israel, they were a nation for the first time since 586 B.C. and 722 B.C.
  
- The '6 Day War' of June 1967 gave them their city back - the 'Times of the Gentiles' have come to an end of slaughtering the Jews (Amos 9:14). The Jewish nation is back to begin their final 70<sup>th</sup> week that will end all sin and bring everlasting righteousness.

The Jews fell by the sword, until the Times of the Gentiles were fulfilled, (Luke 21:24).