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Jerusalem: Tisha B'Av, destroyed by Babylon,
Rome, then after centuries, recognized as Capital of
Israel

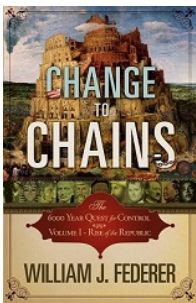
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"Let us go up at once, and possess the land; for we are well able to overcome it," shouted **Joshua** and **Caleb**, after they spent 40 days spying out the Promised Land



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But the other ten spies gave a **bad report**, causing the Israelites to lose heart.

This sad day was **Tisha B'Av** - the **9th day of the Hebrew month of Av**.

As a result of their doubt, the **Israelites** wandered in the desert 40 years.

Tisha B'Av in the year 587 BC was the day the Babylonians destroyed **Solomon's Temple** in **Jerusalem**, and carried the Tribe of **Judah** into captivity.

The **Jews** that **returned** from the **Babylonian Captivity** to Jerusalem built the **Second Temple** c.516 BC, which was expanded by **King Herod** c.19 BC.

Rome's destruction of the **Jerusalem** began in 66 AD, when **Roman Emperor Nero** appointed **General Vespasian** to put down a revolt in **Judea**.

Soon after **Nero's** order, **Rome** experienced chaos with the year of four emperors.

Nero committed suicide in 68 AD.

His successor, **Galba**, was assassinated within 8 months, in 69 AD.

His successor, **Otho**, committed suicide within 2 months.

His successor, **Vitellius**, was executed within 8 months.

Vespasian was the next **Emperor** and his son, **Titus**, continued the conquest of **Judea**.

Titus surrounded **Jerusalem** and starved inhabitants for months.

Titus ordered Jewish deserters from **Jerusalem** to be crucified around the walls.

By the end of July, 70 AD, the **Roman Army** broke through the walls.

The **Second Temple** was destroyed on **Tisha B'Av**, 70 AD.

By September 8, 70 AD, all of **Jerusalem** was

completely conquered.

Historian **Josephus** recorded that over **a million Jews were killed** in the siege.

According to historian **Eusebius**, **Romans** hunted down and killed all descendants of the **royal line of David**.

The **Jewish Temple** was so completely destroyed that only the foundation stones of the retaining wall of the **Temple Mount** were left, which are the very bottom rows of the **Wailing Wall**.

Jewish Temple treasures were carried off to Rome, as shown on the **Arch of Titus** (completed in 81 AD by Titus' brother, Emperor Domitian.)

The treasures were used to finance the building of **Rome's Colosseum**.

The **Colosseum** was named after the nearby **Colossus of Nero**, a 100 foot high bronze statue, which after Nero's death, Emperor Vespasian renamed *Colossus Solis* after the **Roman sun god Apollo**.

This was similar to the 100 foot high bronze **Colossus Statue of Rhodes** depicting the **Greek sun god Helios**.

France's gift of **The Statue of Liberty-the New Colossus** was modeled after it.

Emperor Vespasian caught a slight illness in 79 AD which led to severe diarrhea and death.

His last words were: "Oh dear! I think I'm becoming a god!"

His son, **Titus**, became the next Emperor and **two months later Mount Vesuvius erupted** in 79 AD.

The volcanic eruption destroyed the **Bay of Naples**,

including the cities of **Herculaneum** and the immoral resort city of **Pompeii**.

Thousands of **Romans** were **buried alive** under feet of **volcanic ash**.

Then, in the spring of 80 AD, the city of **Rome** caught **fire**.

Flames burned out of control for three days and nights **destroying much of Capitoline Hill, the Temple of Jupiter, Pantheon, and Pompey's Theater**.

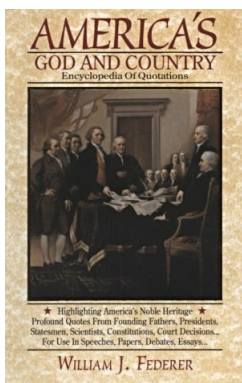
Then followed the worst **outbreak of plague** that **Rome** had yet endured.

In spite of all this, **Titus** insisted on dedicating the **Colosseum** to commemorate his victories in the **Jewish wars**.

For 100 days, thousands were killed in executions and gladiatorial fights, in addition to 5,000 animals.

Immediately following the games, **Titus** died in 81 AD, having been in office **just two years**.

He is rumored to have been poisoned on orders of his brother, **Domitian**, who became the next emperor.



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In 135 AD, on the date **Tisha B'Av**, Roman Emperor **Hadrian** had another 500,000 Jews massacred at Betar during **Bar Kokhba's revolt**.

Emperor **Hadrian** believed the source of **Jewish rebellion** was their faith, so he **executed Jewish scholars, prohibited the Torah and the Hebrew calendar, and burned the sacred scroll on the Temple Mount.**

In his attempt to completely erase **Jewish history** from the land, Emperor **Hadrian** changed the name of **Judea** to "**Syria Palaestina.**"

This is the origin of the region being referred to as "**Palestine.**"

Hadrian also changed the name of **Jerusalem** to "**Aelia Capitolina,**" and banned Jews from entering on pain of death.

Eusebius wrote in his *History of the Church* (ser. II, vol. I, book IV, chapter VI):

"The Last Siege of the Jews Under Hadrian: The whole nation was prohibited from this time on by a decree, and by the commands of **Hadrian**, from ever going up to the country about **Jerusalem.**

For the emperor gave orders that they should **not even see from a distance the land of their fathers.** Such is the account of Aristo of Pella.

And thus, when the city had been emptied of the Jewish nation and had suffered the total destruction of its ancient inhabitants, it was colonized by a different race, and the Roman city which subsequently arose **changed its name and was called Aelia, in honor of the emperor Aelius Hadrian.**"

Cassius Dio wrote in *Roman History* (69.12):

"At Jerusalem, **Hadrian** founded a city in place of the one which had been razed to the ground, naming it **Aelia**

Capitolina, and on the site of the temple of the god he raised a new temple to Jupiter.

... This brought on a war of no slight importance nor of brief duration, for the **Jews** deemed it intolerable that **foreign races should be settled in their city** and foreign religious rites planted there."

Eusebius wrote in *Demonstratio Evangelica* (8.3; 405, circa 314 - 318 AD):

"Jerusalem ... is even now like a quarry, all the inhabitants of the city choosing stones from its ruins as they will for private as well as public buildings.

And it is sad for the eyes to see **stones from the Temple itself**, and from its ancient sanctuary and holy place, **used for the building of idol temples, and of theatres for the populace."**

Emperor **Hadrian's** reign saw the beginning of the **end of Roman expansion.**

Shortly after **Hadrian**, the **Roman Empire** transitioned to maintaining its borders, then began contracting.

Hadrian's Wall across the whole of **Britain** marked the **Empire's furthest extent**, except for the brief 20 year period of Antonine's Wall.

Around 165 AD, the **"Antonine Plague"** broke out, which according to Roman historian Dio Cassius, killed 2,000 a day, devastating the Roman army, and leaving an estimated 5 million dead.

After Constantine became Emperor, for the next three centuries, **Jews** were allowed to enter **Jerusalem** once a year to **pray at the Western Wall** on **Tisha B'Av.**

Jerusalem was under the control of the **Byzantine Empire** till 614 AD, when the **Sassanid Persian Empire,**

together with a force of Jewish soldiers, gained control.

For a brief and turbulent period, 614-630, **Jerusalem had autonomy**, till it was retaken by the **Byzantine Empire**.

This also was short-lived, as in 638 AD, the **Islamic Caliph Umar captured Jerusalem**.

In 691, **Umayyad Caliph Abd al-Malik** ordered the **Dome of the Rock mosque** built on the site of the Second Jewish Temple which was destroyed by the Romans.

Over the following centuries, the **Land of Israel** was invaded or occupied many more times:

- 750 AD Abbasid Caliphate
- 909 AD Fatimid Caliphate
- 1071 AD Seljuk Turks
- 1099 AD Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem
- 1187 AD Ayyubid Sultanate
- 1260 AD Mongolian Empire
- 1291 AD Mamluk Sultanate of Egypt
- 1517 AD Ottoman Sultanate
- 1660 AD Druze Dynasty
- 1799 AD French Napoleon
- 1844 AD Tanzimat Ottoman Empire
- 1864 AD Ottoman Vilayet of Syria

For centuries, people across the world desired to pilgrimage to **Jerusalem**, including **Abraham Lincoln**.

The Library of Congress has a scrapbook with an account by Rev. N.W. Miner of Springfield, who officiated Lincoln's burial, in which are recalled **President Lincoln's** last words while at Ford's Theater with his wife:

"Mrs. Lincoln informed me that ... the very last moments of his conscious life were spent in conversation with her

about his future plans ...

He said he wanted to **visit the Holy Land** and see those places hallowed by **the footprints of the Saviour**. He was saying there was no city he so much desired to see as **Jerusalem.**"

Mark Twain, in his book *Innocents Abroad*, wrote of his 1867 trip to the Middle East, where he described **Syria** under the **Ottoman Turkish Empire**:

"Then we called at the tomb of Mahomet's children and at ... the mausoleum of the **five thousand Christians who were massacred** in Damascus in 1861 by the Turks.

They say those **narrow streets ran blood for several days**, and that men, women and children were butchered indiscriminately and left to rot by hundreds all through the **Christian quarter**; they say, further, that the stench was dreadful.

... All the **Christians** who could get away fled from the city, and the **Mohammedans** would not defile their hands by burying the 'infidel dogs.'

... The thirst for blood extended to the high lands of Hermon and Anti-Lebanon,

... and in a short time **twenty-five thousand more Christians were massacred** and their possessions laid waste ..."

Twain added:

"How they hate a **Christian** in Damascus! -- and pretty much all over Turkeydom as well. And how they will pay for it when Russia turns her guns upon them again!

It is soothing to the heart to abuse England and France for interposing to save the Ottoman Empire from the

destruction it has so richly deserved for a thousand years ..."

Twain continued:

"It hurts my vanity to see these pagans refuse to eat of food that has been cooked for us; or to eat from a dish we have eaten from; or to drink from a goatskin which we have polluted with our **Christian** lips, except by filtering the water through a rag which they put over the mouth of it or through a sponge! ...

... These degraded Turks and Arabs ... When Russia is ready to war with them again, I hope England and France will not find it good breeding or good judgment to interfere."

Twain wrote in *Innocents Abroad*, chapter 42:

"If ever an oppressed race existed, it is this one we see fettered around us under the inhuman tyranny of the Ottoman Empire.

I wish Europe would let Russia annihilate Turkey a little--not much, but enough to make it difficult to find the place again without a divining-rod or a diving-bell."

Mark Twain wrote in *Innocents Abroad*, chapter 56:

"Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes.

Over it broods the spell of a curse that has withered its fields and fettered its energies ... about whose borders nothing grows but weeds, and scattering tufts of cane, and that treacherous fruit that promises refreshment to parching lips, but turns to ashes at the touch."

In *Innocents Abroad*, chapter 53, **Twain** described the condition of **Jerusalem** under Ottoman Muslim rule:

"Palestine is desolate and unlovely ... Rags, wretchedness, poverty and dirt, those signs and symbols that indicate the presence of Moslem rule more surely than the crescent-flag itself, abound ...

Jerusalem is mournful, and dreary, and lifeless. I would not desire to live here ...

... The Moslems watch the Golden Gate with a jealous eye, and an anxious one, for they have an honored tradition that when it falls, Islamism will fall and with it the Ottoman Empire.

It did not grieve me any to notice that the old gate was getting a little shaky."

Twain wrote in *Innocents Abroad*, chapter 56:

"Renowned **Jerusalem** itself, the stateliest name in history, has lost all its ancient grandeur ... the wonderful temple which was the pride and the glory of Israel, is gone, and the Ottoman crescent is lifted above the spot where, on **that most memorable day in the annals of the world, they reared the Holy Cross.**"

In 1917, during World War I, **Britain** issued the **Balfour Declaration** establishing the **Jewish homeland**.

The **United Nations** was created, in part, **to protect Jews** after the Nazi holocaust.

One of the first acts of the **U.N.** was to **recognize the State of Israel**, May 14, 1948, "a nation born in a day."

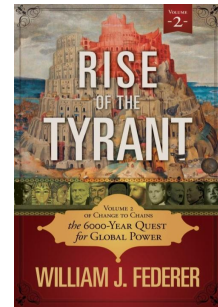
In 1967, after the Six Day War, **Jerusalem** was once again under Jewish control.

In 1973, **Israel** maintained its **independence** after the **Yom Kippur War**.

Jerusalem was reaffirmed as **Israel's capital** with "**The Basic Law: Jerusalem, the Capital of Israel,**" passed

in 1980.

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Despite this, the **U.N. Security Council threatened to divide Jerusalem** and take a **third of Israel** to create a **"Palestinian" State**.

Just as the **Roman Empire** experienced disasters after it forced **Jews** from their land, some consider it more than a coincidence that certain disasters followed more recent attempts by the United States to force Jews to give up land.

On October 30, 1991, **President George H.W. Bush** signed the **Oslo Accord** pressuring Israel to give **"land for peace."**

The next day, **"The Perfect Storm"** hit New England causing damages over \$100 million, including 30 foot waves **demolishing the home of President George H.W. Bush at Kennebunkport, Maine.**

On August 23, 1992, **President George H.W. Bush** pressured Israel with the Madrid **"land for peace"** agreement.

The same day, **Hurricane Andrew** smashed into Florida causing \$30 billion in damages, destroying over 180,000 homes.

On January 16, 1994, **President Bill Clinton** met in Geneva with Syria's President Hafez el-Assad to discuss **Israel giving up the Golan Heights in exchange for peace.**

Within 24 hours a **6.9 Earthquake devastated Southern California.**

On January 21, 1998, **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** was snubbed at the White House when **President Clinton** and **Secretary of State Madeleine Albright** refused to have lunch with him. The same day, the **Monica Lewinsky sex scandal erupted.**

On September 28, 1998, **Secretary of State Albright** detailed another "**land for peace**" agreement requiring Israel to **surrender 13 percent of the West Bank and Gaza.**

President Clinton met with **Yasser Arafat** and **Benjamin Netanyahu** at the White House, followed by **Arafat** telling the United Nations there would soon be a **Palestinian State.**

The same day, **Hurricane Georges** hit the Gulf Coast causing \$1 billion in damages.

On October 15, 1998, **Yassar Arafat** and **Benjamin Netanyahu** met in Maryland to discuss Israel giving up **13 percent of the West Bank and Gaza in exchange for "peace."**

Two days later, **tornadoes hit Texas** leaving \$1 billion in damages.

On December 12, 1998, **President Clinton** arrived in the **Palestinian area** to discuss Israel giving up "**land for peace.**"

The same day, **President Clinton** was **impeached.**

On May 3, 1999, **Yasser Arafat** had scheduled a press conference to announce a **Palestinian state** with **Jerusalem as the capital.**

The same day, **the most powerful tornado storms** to

hit the United States whipped through **Oklahoma and Kansas.**

On June 8, 2001, **President George W. Bush** sent Secretary Tenet to **Jerusalem** with a proposal to exchange land for a "**Roadmap to Peace.**"

The same day, **tropical Storm Allison** hit **Texas** causing \$7 billion in damage and **closing George Bush Airport for two days.**

As part of a U.S. brokered "disengagement" deal, on **Tisha B'Av, 2005, Jews** began to be **forcibly evacuated from Gaza.**

Instead of "**land of peace,**" when Hamas took over Gaza, they began **digging more tunnels** and **firing thousands of rockets** into Israel.

The last Jewish residents were dragged out on August 22, 2005. **The very next day,** a tropical depression in the Atlantic turned into **Hurricane Katrina** and headed straight for **New Orleans,** forcing tens of thousands to evacuate.

Property damage in New Orleans exceeded \$81 billion.

Nearly **2,000 people died.** It was one of the **deadliest hurricanes in U.S. history.**

Just **two weeks** after **Jewish residents** were **forcibly removed from Gaza,** followed by **Hurricane Katrina,** President Bush delivered a **Day of Prayer and Remembrance address,** September 8, 2005:

"**Hurricane Katrina** was one of the **worst natural disasters in our Nation's history** and has caused unimaginable devastation and heartbreak throughout the Gulf Coast Region ...

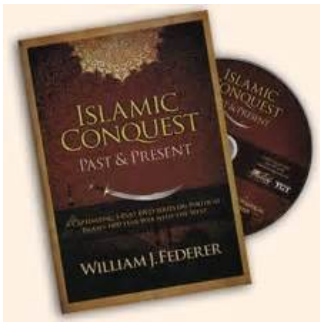
Communities ... decimated ... Lives ... lost ... Hundreds of thousands of our fellow Americans are suffering great hardship."

Though not a call to repentance as past Presidents had proclaimed, **President Bush** did end his **Day of Prayer and Remembrance** with the words:

"To honor the memory of those who lost their lives, to provide comfort and strength to families of the victims ...

I call upon all Americans to pray to Almighty God and to perform acts of service ... Across our Nation, many selfless deeds reflect the **promise of the Scripture:**

'For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in.'"



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The word "Islam" means **submission to the will of Allah.**

A "Muslim" is **one who has submitted** to the will of Allah.

World Peace = The Islamic concept of "**peace**" is **when the world submits to will of Allah.**

World Islam

In other words, "**world peace**" means "**world Islam.**"

A **moderate Muslim** believes the **world will submit to**

Allah later, maybe in the distant future, maybe at the end of the world, or maybe even figuratively.

An **Islamist, or fundamentalist Muslim**, believes the **world should submit to Allah now**, and they want to help make it happen.

The Islamist concept is -- **when your enemy shows fear and weakness**, that is Allah giving them to you -- it is an **indicator Allah wants you to attack them**.

When an enemy is forced to **negotiate**, especially to **gain the release of hostages**, it is a sign of **weakness**.

The Islamist concept of "**treaty**" is "**hudna**," which is -- **when you are weak make treaties until you grow strong enough to disregard them**."

British philosopher Thomas Hobbes wrote in *Leviathan* (1651, pt. 1, ch. 13):

"Force, and fraud, are in war the two cardinal virtues."

On December 6, 2017, **President Donald J. Trump** had the **United States** officially recognize **Jerusalem** as the **capital** of the **State of Israel**:

"My announcement today marks the beginning of a new approach to conflict between Israel and the Palestinians ...

I have determined that it is time to officially recognize **Jerusalem as the capital of Israel** ...

This is a long-overdue step to advance the peace process and to work towards a lasting agreement.

... **Israel** is a sovereign nation with the right like every other sovereign nation to determine its own **capital** ...

It was 70 years ago that the United States, under President Truman, recognized the **State of Israel**. Ever since then, Israel has made its capital in the **city of Jerusalem** — the capital the Jewish people established in ancient times ...

Today, **Jerusalem** is ... the heart of one of the most successful democracies in the world."

Numbers 24:9:

"Whoever blesses **Israel** will be blessed, And whoever curses **Israel** will be cursed." (Good News Translation)

Psalms 122:6:

"**Pray** for the **peace** of **Jerusalem**: they shall **prosper** that love thee."

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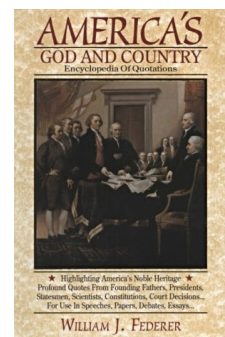
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