

Revelation – History of Jewish Nation Handout

Genesis 15:5–18 (NASB95)

⁵And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

⁶Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

⁸He said, “O Lord GOD, how may I know that I will possess it?”

⁹So He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

¹⁰Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

¹¹The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

¹²Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him.

¹³God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

14[“]But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

15[“]As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.

17[“]It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces.

18[“]On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land...

Romans 4:2–3 (AMP)

2[“]For if Abraham was justified (established as just by acquittal from guilt) by good works [that he did, then] he has grounds for boasting. But not before God!

3[“]For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed in (trusted in) God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness (right living and right standing with God).

Daniel 9:24–27 (NASB95)

24[“]Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

25[“]So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it

will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

²⁶Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

Daniel 8:23 (AMP) (Intellectual genius)

²³And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors [the apostate Jews] have reached the fullness [of their wickedness, taxing the limits of God's mercy], a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark trickery and craftiness shall stand up.

Daniel 11:36 (AMP) Great charismatic speaker

³⁶And the king shall do according to his will; he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished, for that which is determined [by God] shall be done.

Daniel 11:43 (AMP) Commercial genius

⁴³But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver and over all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall accompany him [compelled to follow his steps].

Daniel 7:8 (AMP) there will be a reunited Roman Empire – one world government

⁸I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots; and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things.

Revelation 6:2 (AMP) Military genius

²And I looked, and saw there a white horse whose rider carried a bow. And a crown was given him, and he rode forth conquering and to conquer.

Daniel 9:27

“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Zechariah 14:2–4 (NASB95)

²For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

³Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

⁴In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

Romans 11:1–26 (NASB95)

¹I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

²God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

³“Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.”

⁴But what is the divine response to him? “I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.”

⁵In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice.

⁶But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

⁷What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;

⁸just as it is written, "GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."

⁹And David says, "LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP, AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM."

¹⁰"LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT, AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."

¹¹I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.

¹²Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!

¹³But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

¹⁴if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them.

¹⁷But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,

¹⁸do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.

¹⁹You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

²⁰Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear;

²¹for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either.

²²Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

²³And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

²⁴For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

²⁵For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

Romans 11:27–29 (NASB95)

²⁷“THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”

²⁸From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;

²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Note: These earliest dates (B.C.) are not without differences of opinion. They are offered as a general guideline, there being somewhat of an agreement as to their general accuracy. Investigation into the timeline is still ongoing.

Israel's beginnings:

2035 B.C. - Abraham born.

1960 B.C. - Abraham leaves Haran for Canaan.

1935 B.C. - Isaac born.

1875 B.C. - Jacob born.

1767 B.C. - Joseph sold to Egyptians.

1745 B.C. - Jacob and family move to Egypt.

Egyptian bondage and the Exodus under Moses:

1610 B.C. - Moses born.

1530 B.C. - The Exodus from Egypt. Israel crosses the Red Sea.
- The Law is given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Israel given The Promised Land:

1490 B.C. - The Hebrews enter Canaan.

980 B.C. - David becomes King of Israel.

930 B.C. - The first Temple completed in Jerusalem.

900 B.C. - The nation is divided into the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

Assyrian & Babylonian captivities and the Return:

722 B.C. - Israel (Northern Kingdom) conquered by Assyria.

586 B.C. - Judah (Southern Kingdom) conquered by Babylon. Jerusalem destroyed, including the first Temple (on the 9th of Av), and the Jews exiled to Babylon.

538 B.C. - The exiles return to Jerusalem from Babylon.

516 B.C. - The second Temple dedicated.

445-444 B.C. - Nehemiah rebuilds The walls of Jerusalem.

332 B.C. - Jerusalem conquered by Alexander the Great. Hellenistic rule in the area begins.

168 B.C. - Antiochus Epiphanes ransacks Jerusalem and prohibits the practice of Judaism, triggering the Maccabean revolt.

80 B.C. - The Maccabees defeated by the Romans.

63 B.C. - Jerusalem conquered by Pompey, who makes Jerusalem a Roman province.

37 B.C. - Herod appointed King in Jerusalem by Rome.

20 B.C. - Herod begins restoration of the 2nd Temple.

4 B.C. - The birth of Jesus.

30 A.D. Jesus crucified.

66-73 - The Jewish revolt against the Romans.

66 - Jewish Zealots capture Masada from the Romans.

Worldwide Dispersion/Diaspora:

70 - Jerusalem destroyed, including the second Temple by the Romans who begin expelling the Jews from The Land.

73 - Masada, the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion, falls to the Romans.

136 - The Temple area in Jerusalem was plowed under by the Romans on the 9th of Av.

324 - Jerusalem under Byzantine rule.

395 - The Roman Empire is partitioned into Eastern and Western divisions. Palestine comes under the Eastern division.

570 - Birth of Mohammed.

614 - Jerusalem conquered by Persians.

624 - Mohammed executes all Jewish males in Medina, levies a tax on all Jews in Khybar, and changes the prayer direction of his followers from Jerusalem to Mecca.

632 - Death of Mohammed.

636 - Muslim conquest of Jerusalem.

650 - The compilation of Mohammed's Koran is completed.

691 - The Dome of the Rock is completed on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

701 - The Al Aqsa Mosque is completed on the Temple Mount.

747 - An earthquake hits Jerusalem, collapsing part of the Dome of the Rock.

771 - Another earthquake hits Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

813 - Another earthquake hits Jerusalem.

1492 - 300,000 Jews expelled from Spain. Christopher Columbus watched them leaving in ships as he was leaving to discover the New World.

1555 - In Spain, all copies of the Jewish Scriptures in Spanish are seized and burned.

1648 - 100,000 Jews massacred in Poland and 700 Jewish communities destroyed in the Ukraine.

Moving toward the Restoration of the Nation of Israel:

1891 - Over 10,000 Jews expelled from Moscow. 110,000 Jews flee Russia due to persecution..

1919 - All Jewish religious communities in Russia are dissolved, their property is confiscated, most of their synagogues are closed, and the study of Hebrew is banned.

1920 - Adolph Hitler begins using the terms, "extirpation", "annihilation", and "extermination" concerning the Jews.

1933/34 - The German parliament gives full powers to Adolph Hitler.

1933-1945 - The Holocaust.

1939-1945 - World War Two

1941 - The Germans first use gas chambers at Auschwitz.

- Jews in German territories required to wear a yellow star for identification.

1942 - In Berlin on January 20, the establishment of the "Final Solution" to exterminate the Jews of Europe.



The State of Israel:

1948 - May 14, Britain leaves Palestine and the Jews declare their independence, which starts the next day. The United States is the first nation to recognize the new State of Israel - 13 minutes after their Declaration of Independence.

- The War of Independence starts immediately after Israel's Declaration of Independence. Israel is invaded by five Arab nations as 750,000 Jews living in Arab countries are forced to flee to Israel.

1948-1951 - 1,000,000 Jews move to Israel, mostly from Europe and Arab countries.

1949 - January 25, David Ben-Gurion elected Prime Minister in Israel's first national election..

- Israel declares Jerusalem it's capital.

1949-1950 - Operation Magic Carpet brings the entire Jewish community of Yemen to Israel, numbering about 49,000 people.

1950 - Israel's Knesset passes the "Law of Return", giving citizenship to any Jew in the world who moves to Israel.

- May, Operation Ali Baba begins, bringing 113,000 Jews to Israel from Iraq.

1950-1952 - Operation Ezra and Nehemiah brings 130,000 Jews from Iraq to Israel.

1958 - On Israel's 10th anniversary it has 2,000,000 citizens.

1958-1960 - 27,500 Jews come to Israel from Romania.

1961-1964 - Another 215,000 Jews come to Israel from Morocco and Tunisia.

1967 - The Six-Day War (June 5-10). Israel gains control of East Jerusalem, including the Old City, and the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula, along with Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank"). Immediately after the war, Israel offered to negotiate the return of land for peace - but the Arab governments refused to talk to them.

- Israel's Knesset formally annexes East Jerusalem, including the Old City, into the State of Israel.

- In Hebron, the tombs of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are opened to non-Muslims for the first time in 700 years.

1968-1976 - 100,000 Jews come to Israel from the Soviet Union.

1997 - June 10, U.S. Congress recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's "United Capital".

2000 - September 29, start of the second Intifada.

2004-2006 - 10,000 Jews come to Israel from France as anti-Semitism flares up there.

2006 - Israel now has the largest Jewish population of any nation in the world, finally surpassing the USA.

2007 - July 15-19, The first-ever international gathering of Kohanim (Priests) and Levites in Jerusalem - "the first family reunion of the Jewish priestly dynasty in nearly 2,000 years".

Ezekiel 37:1–15 (NASB95)

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones.

²He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry.

³He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

⁴Again He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'

⁵"Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.

⁶I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.' "

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life." ' "

¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.'

¹²"Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.

¹³"Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.

¹⁴"I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD.' "
