

# Memory Verse

**Psalm 105:4**

**Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His  
presence continually!**

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# Selections from the Psalms

## Part 13

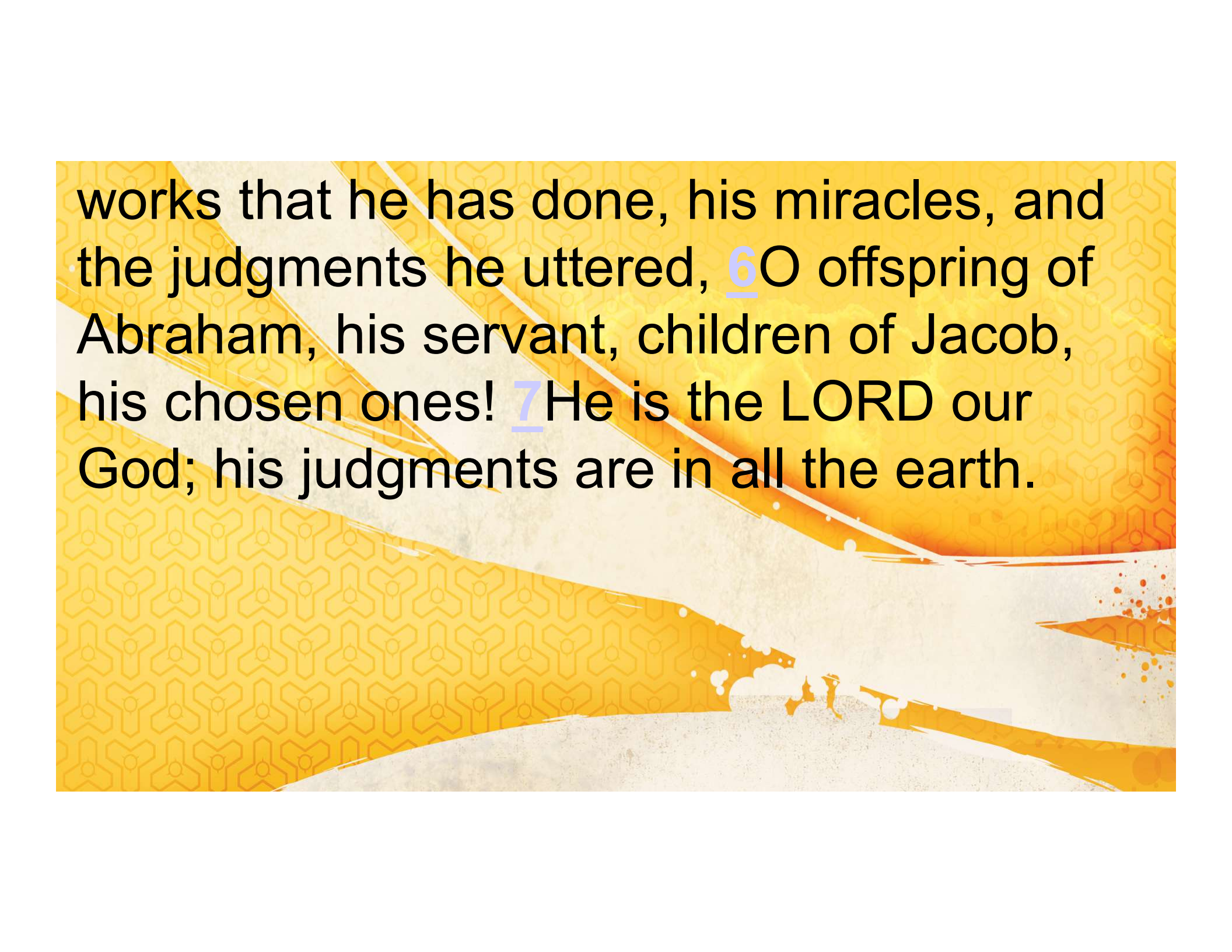
# Psalm 105

# The Early History of Israel

Today, we will look at *Psalms 105*, a historical Psalm about Israel. It thanks God for *His covenant faithfulness*, recounting the history of Israel. *Psalms 78* and *106* are also historical Psalms, though others include historical points about God's dealing with Israel. *106* gives *different details* about events surrounding and history beyond *105*.

## Psalm 105:1-7

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! 4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! 5 Remember the



works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, 6O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! 7He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

## **A. *Psalm 105:1-7* – Praise the LORD**

Like *Psalm 96*, the historical context of *this Psalm* is related to *1 Chronicles 16*.

Verses 1-15 appear in *1 Chronicles 16:8-22*. Here, verses 1-7 are a **summary** of what the rest of the Psalm gives more details about. A *common* way for the Hebrews to write was to give a summary first, and then *go back and gives details*.

## **A. *Psalm 105:1-7* – Praise the LORD**

Verses 5-7 talk about the *wonderous works* and miracles of God. We will see specifics in a moment.

The Bible contains the *miracles God did* at various points in history. They were never for show, and only at *certain times in Israel's history*, did they occur.

## **A. *Psalm 105:1-7* – Praise the LORD**

The text is about Israel, as *verse 6* notes, the offspring of Abraham, the children of Jacob. The LORD, the *covenant keeping God (vs. 7)*, is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and nation of Israel. They **were and are, God's chosen ones!**



## **B. Psalm 105:8-11 – The Abrahamic Covenant**

These verses refer to the Abrahamic covenant. A **covenant** was a *binding promise or agreement* in the ancient world.

**2 kinds:** A **1-way** covenant was when someone said he/she would do something *apart from* what another would do. A **2-way** was an agreement where *both parties fulfilled certain requirements*.

## **B. *Psalm 105:8-11* – The Abrahamic Covenant**

God *promised Abram*, whose name was changed to Abraham, **3** main things:

- 1.** A people
  - 2.** A land
  - 3.** All nations would be blessed through him
- You could say, a *nation*, an *inheritance* and a *blessing*.

## **B. *Psalm 105:8-11* – The Abrahamic Covenant**

This *covenant* was *restated* to Isaac (*Gen. 28:13-15*), then Jacob (*Gen. 35:9-12*).

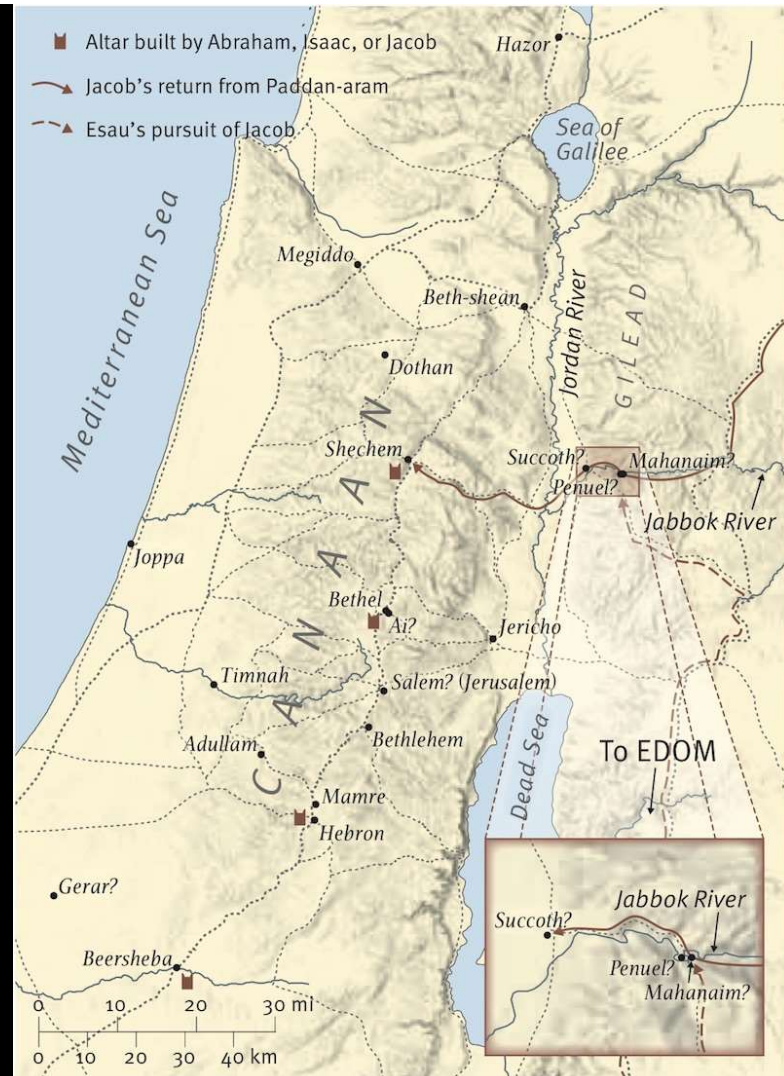
*Verse 10* - this was an *everlasting* *covenant* to *Israel!* The Hebrew word for *everlasting* is the same as the *covenant* God made with mankind after the flood, in *Genesis 9:16*. This is *connected* with the *promise of the land: Genesis 13:15, 15:18.*

## **C. 105:12-15 – God’s Protection in the Land**

Here we find specifics mentioned in the general introduction. When the *forefathers*, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, wandered the Promised Land, and Egypt and the Ancient Near East, *God protected them*.

*Genesis 20:1-7*

# Canaan at the time of Abraham



## **D. *Psalm 105:16-22* – Joseph in Egypt**

From the fathers, God summoned a famine in Egypt.

*Before the famine (vs 17), God sent Joseph, sold as a slave, who was tested, and then released by the king or Pharaoh. Joseph became the second in command of Egypt. Verse 22 says God put him there to teach the elders wisdom.*

## **E. *Psalm 105:23-25*— Israel in Egypt**

While Joseph was in power, and in *God's providence*, his brothers came to Egypt to get food because of the famine. *God was in control of the events*. He orchestrated them and *had promises to fulfill*, and He was going to do it! While in Egypt, the *Hebrews became slaves and grew in number*.

## **F. *Psalm 105:26-38* – Freedom from Egypt**

While in Egypt, the *Hebrews cried out for freedom and release from bondage*. God heard their cries and sent... **Moses**. Verse 26 - God chose Moses and Aaron. Verse 27 - *miracles God did through Moses*, as specific examples. It was during the *time of Moses* God did the first grouping of miracles for Israel.



## F. *Psalm 105:26-38* – Freedom from Egypt

What were *these miracles*? The text refers to 8 of the 10 plagues God brought on Egypt through Moses. The first is *darkness* in *verse 28*. This was the 9<sup>th</sup> plague, and seems to be the one that really struck the Egyptians. Why? Because it was *against the sun god Ra!*

## **F. *Psalm 105:26-38* – Freedom from Egypt**

The plagues on Egypt had a *theological purpose* - each one was against one of the gods of Egypt: *Exodus 12:12, Numbers 33:3-4*. In *verse 29*, the first plague of waters to blood is mentioned, then others.

The last plague is in *verse 36*, and was the *last plague* - the death of the firstborn.

*Exodus 7-12*

*Exodus 12:33-36*: The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste. For they said, “We shall all be dead.” 34 So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders. 35 The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver

and gold jewelry and for clothing. 36And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

# From Egypt to the Wilderness



## **G. Psalm 105:39-45 – Provision and the Promised Land**

God guided His people, though we often think they "*wandered*," by a pillar of *cloud* by day and *fire* by night: *Exodus 13:22*. God fed the people quail and manna (*Ex. 16*), gave them water 2 times, from rocks in the desert (*Ex. 17:1-7, Num. 11:31-34*). He did this because *He remembered His holy promise or covenant to Abraham*.

# Dividing the Land under Joshua



## **G. Psalm 105:39-45 – Provision and the Promised Land**

The doctrine of *election* is a controversial topic and generally, there are **2 views**: **Calvinism** and **Armenianism**. *Calvinism* focuses on the sovereignty of God in salvation and states God chooses someone to be saved. *Armenianism* talks about "*free will*" and focuses on someone *choosing Christ* or *making a decision* for Christ for salvation.



## **G. Psalm 105:39-45 – Provision and the Promised Land**

When you start with the Old Testament, you find "*election*" is focused on God's choice of a person or group of people **for a purpose**. God **chose** Noah to *build a boat*. God **chose** Abraham that *through him the nations would be blessed*. God **chose** Israel, which is the *primary way* election is referred to, not only in the Old, but in the New Testament.

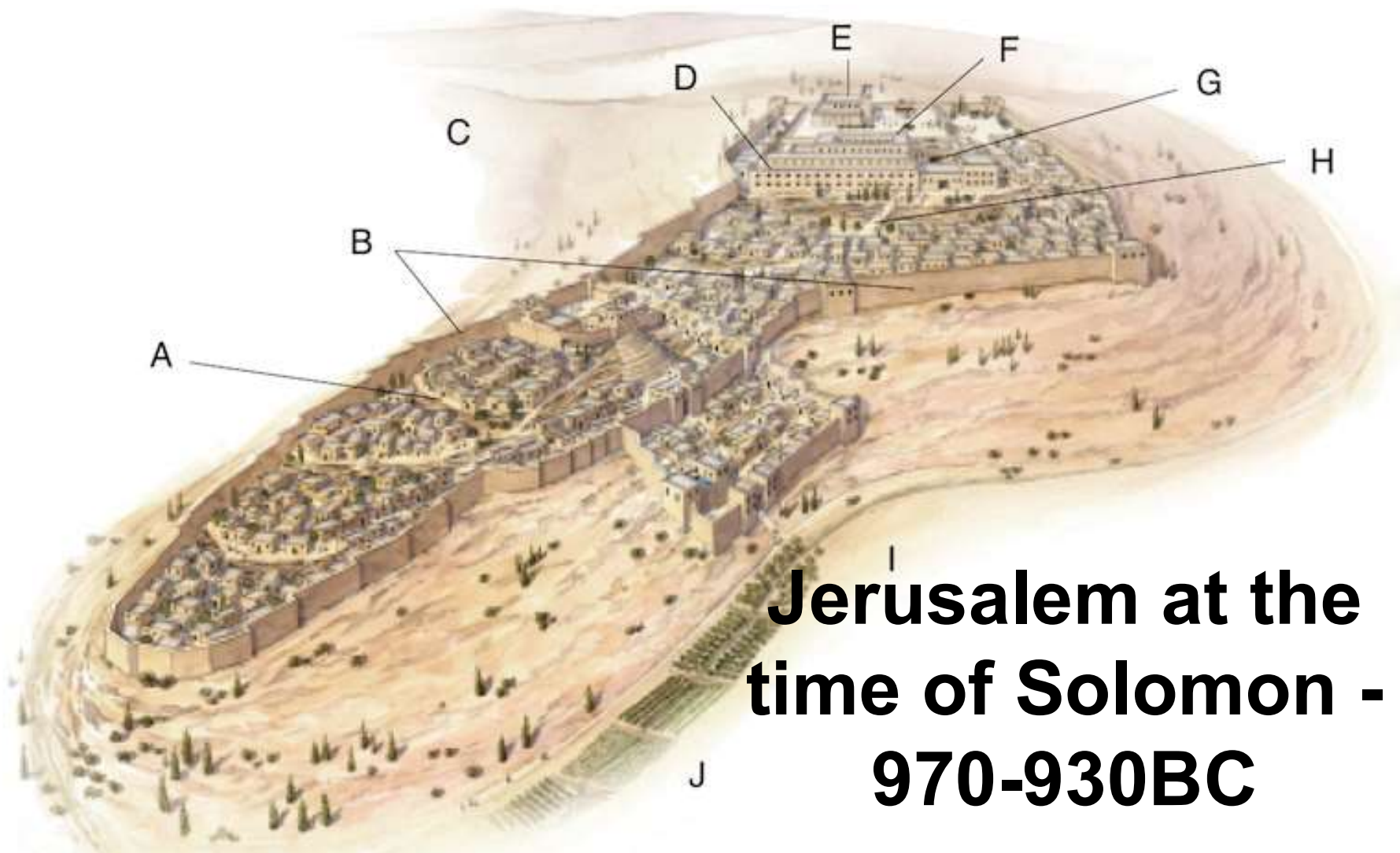
*Deuteronomy 7:6-11*: “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

*it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers*, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his

commandments, to a thousand generations, 10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. 11 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

## H. Beyond Joshua...

After Joshua, we have the *Judges*, when people did what was right in their own eyes. They *cried for a king*. God gave Saul; he *failed* and God chose *David*, who brought in Israel's "golden era," which continued under Solomon, his son.



**Jerusalem at the  
time of Solomon -  
970-930BC**



## H. Beyond Joshua...

During the *divided Kingdom*, there were no good kings in the north, and only a few in the south. God sent the *prophets to Israel and Judah*, to call them back to covenant faithfulness. The north refused and the *Assyrians took the 10 northern tribes into captivity in 722BC*. Babylon came and from 606-586BC took captives 3 times, destroyed Jerusalem and Solomon's Temple in 586BC.



## **H. Beyond Joshua...**

*70 years after the Babylonian captivity, some came back to the land, noted in *Nehemiah* and *Ezra*. There were a few more prophets, and the *walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt*. The city and new Temple were constructed under Persian rule, after 538BC. *Alexander the Great*, about 332 BC, took control of the region under Hellenistic or Greek rule. He died and his kingdom went to his 4 generals.*

# Antiochus Epiphanes





**Herod's Temple – Began about  
18BC – Completed about 63AD**

# 135 A.D.

**Roman Emperor Hadrian expels the Jews out of Jerusalem and renamed the area Palaestina after the Philistines.**



Most Jews fled Israel and settled in areas in Eastern Europe. By this time Christianity had begun and was spreading in the Middle East and into Europe.

Israel becomes known as Palestine.



Roman Empire

# British Mandate - 1920



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**STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN**

The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinat Yisrael" (State of Israel) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Modern armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a mediator but without taking any action on the Partition Resolution of November 29. Yesterday the battle for the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

**Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History**

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**JEWS TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES**

The British high command in Palestine today announced that the Jewish forces had taken over the security zones in the West Bank and Gaza. The British high command also announced that the Jewish forces had taken over the security zones in the West Bank and Gaza. The British high command also announced that the Jewish forces had taken over the security zones in the West Bank and Gaza.

**Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down**

A heavy raid on Tel Aviv was carried out by Egyptian Spitfires on Friday. The raid was carried out by Egyptian Spitfires on Friday. The raid was carried out by Egyptian Spitfires on Friday. The raid was carried out by Egyptian Spitfires on Friday.

**U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE**

The creation of "Medinat Yisrael," the State of Israel, was proclaimed at midnight on Friday by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, until then Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and now head of the State's Provisional Council of Government.

**Proclamation by Head of Government**

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by the head, was to establish the significance of the day. The White Paper of the late Mandatory Government, particularly the Conference and Orders relating to immigration and land acquisition. In the declaration of independence, Mr. Ben-Gurion called on the Arabs of Palestine to continue peace, covering them full civic rights and full representation in all governmental organs of the State. Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed the distinction with a review of the historic connection of the Jewish people with the Land of Israel and of their ability to return, which have remained throughout the passage of time. The proclamation stressed the right of the Jewish people to reconstitute the National Home in Palestine, by law.



Special Assembly Adjourns

The United Nations Special Assembly adjourned on Friday. The United Nations Special Assembly adjourned on Friday. The United Nations Special Assembly adjourned on Friday.

**A God Thing**

This is a very good thing to add.

**EMERGENCY**

A state of emergency in Jerusalem has been declared.



May 14, 1948 - For the first time in nearly 2000 years, Israel became a Nation again!



# Prayer

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6**

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