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# From Holy Land to Paradise: Flight Plan for Jews & Gentiles

## **Key questions:**

What is God's plan for the Jews?

What is God's plan for Gentiles, including Arabs & Palestinians?

### A Brief History of the Holy Land (BC dates approximate; sources vary)

4000 BC Land controlled by Canaanites; Philistines move in at some point

1875 BC God promises land to Abram and descendants:

The deed to the land Genesis 12:7

Abram Genesis 13:14-15

Abraham's offspring Genesis 17:7-8

Isaac & Ishmael Genesis 17:19-21

Israelites Deuteronomy 1:8

1250 BC Israelites enter Canaan

600 BC Israelites exiled; land ruled by Babylonians, Persians, Hellenists, Romans

70 AD Romans destroy the temple

130 AD Emperor Hadrian renames the region Syria Palaestina

130 AD - 1917 Region governed by Romans, Byzantines, Muslims, Crusaders, Ottoman

**Empire** 

1920-1948 League of Nations gives mandate to the British, who believe the Jews

deserve a homeland

1947 United Nations partitions region into two states, one for the Jews, one for

the Arabs. Jews accept; Arabs reject

May 14, 1948 Israel established as a modern nation

1967 Israel attacked by neighbors but manages to gain land in the Gaza

strip, Sinai, Golan Heights, West Bank, and Jerusalem

2005 Israel turns Gaza over to Palestinians; Hamas voted in as government

Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas attacks; Israel retaliates and war continues

#### Romans 11:1-16

11:1	Paul's credentials	History of Jews
11:2-6	Elijah's despair	l Kings 19:10, 14, 18
11:7-8	Israel's heart	Isaiah 29:10 and Deuteronomy 29:4
11:9-10	David's warning	Psalm 69:22
11:11-16	Israel's offering	Numbers 15:17-21
Prophecy	Israel's hope	Zechariah 12:10; 13:1

Summary: God chose the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for a special role in history: to be given the **law**, which does *not* save, and to be given **Jesus**, who does save. A remnant of the Jews will eventually accept Jesus as the Messiah, as will many Gentiles. It's a complete picture, spanning the entire Old and New Testaments.

## Flight Plan

An allegory concerning God's plan for both Jews and Gentiles, including Arabs and Palestinians



## **Pray**

- For Jews and Palestinians, that their hearts will be softened and that they will be receptive to the gospel
- For Arabs, that they will recognize God's blessings and embrace Jesus as their savior
- For Muslims, that God will open their eyes to His truth
- For the peace of Jerusalem, as David prayed in Psalm 122:6
- That as Christians we demonstrate God's love to all people