Jerusalem Timeline

1000 BCE	Jerusalem capital of David's great nation. Solomon builds temple on site of Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac and to house Ark of the Covenant
587 BCE	Babylonians destroy First Temple; Ark of the Covenant disappears
515 BCE	Second Temple completed
20-19 BCE	Herod renovates and expands Second Temple
70 CE	Jewish uprising crushed; Second Temple destroyed
335 CE	Constantine builds Church of the Holy Sepulchre
638 CE	Muslims conquer Jerusalem
Late 600s, early 700s	Muslims build Haram al-Sharif (Dome of the Rock & Al-Aqsa Mosque)
1095	European Christians launch First Crusade
1099	Crusaders conquer Jerusalem (First Crusade)
1187	Muslims retake Jerusalem
19th century	Jews fleeing persecution return to Palestine. Arabs and Jews clash as Jewish settlements increase.
After WWII	United Nations votes to divide Palestine into two states. Jews accept the proposal; Arabs do not.
1948	Fighting breaks out between Jews and Arabs. Jews forced out of Old City and barred from Western Wall.
1967	Six-Day War: Jews retake Old City. (Haram al-Sharif remains under Arab control.)