Timeline of Events

Tenth century B.C.E. The Jewish Temple of Solomon is constructed in Jerusalem.

63 B.C.E. Jerusalem falls under the control of the Roman Empire.

70 C.E. Romans destroy the Second Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem.

313 Roman Emperor Constantine converts to Christianity.

Fifth century The breakup of the Roman Empire creates the Byzantine Empire in the East; Jerusalem falls into the hands of the Byzantines.

c. 610 Muhammad experiences revelations that lead to the founding of Islam.

632 The death of Muhammad marks the beginning of a long period of Islamic civil war and separation of Islam into Sunni and Shiite sects.

638 The second Muslim caliph, Umar, captures the city of Jerusalem.
1054 The Great Schism divides the Christian church into two branches: the Roman Catholic Church in the West and the Eastern, or Greek, Orthodox Church in the East.

1071 Seljuk Turks seize control of Jerusalem; The Byzantine Empire is defeated by the Seljuks at the Battle of Manzikert.

**November 27, 1095** Pope Urban II preaches a sermon at Clermont, France, announcing the Crusades.

1095–99 The First Crusade is waged ending successfully with the capture of Jerusalem.

1144 The city of Edessa falls to Imad al-Din Zengi.

**March 31, 1146** Bernard of Clairvaux preaches the Second Crusade.

1148 Under Louis VII, the Crusader army is defeated at Damascus, ending the Second Crusade.

1153 The city of Ascalon falls to Baldwin; the last major victory of the Crusaders.

**October 2, 1187** Jerusalem falls to Saladin.

1189 Frederick Barbarossa departs for the Holy Land, launching the Third Crusade.

1191 Richard the Lionheart of England and Philip of France arrive in the Holy Land.

1192–93 Richard and Saladin conclude the terms of a truce ending the Third Crusade.

1193 Saladin dies.

1199 Pope Innocent III calls the Fourth Crusade.

**June 1202** The Fourth Crusade departs for Venice, Italy.

1203 The Fourth Crusade departs Venice for Constantinople.

**April 1204** Constantinople is sacked.

**May 1204** Crusaders leave Constantinople.

1212 The Children’s Crusade is launched.

1218 The Fifth Crusade arrives in the Holy Land.

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1218–19 Damietta, in Egypt, is besieged.

July 24, 1221 The Fifth Crusade, south of Damietta, is defeated.

September 8, 1221 The Crusaders return to Europe.

August 1227 Frederick II departs on the Sixth Crusade.

February 28, 1229 Frederick II and al-Malik sign the Treaty of Jaffa, restoring Jerusalem to the Christians and ending the Sixth Crusade.

1244 The Khwarismians overrun Jerusalem.

1248 King Louis IX leaves Europe for the Seventh Crusade.

1249 King Louis IX arrives in the Middle East and captures Damietta in Egypt.

1250 King Louis IX’s forces are defeated by the Egyptians, ending the Seventh Crusade.

1258 Mongols capture Baghdad.

1260 Baybars defeats the Muslims at the Battle of Ain Jalut.

May 18, 1291 The city of Acre falls.