

Timeline of Jerusalem: Political Control and Religious Identity

This timeline summarizes who controlled Jerusalem throughout history and identifies the primary religion of the ruling power.

Approx. Dates	Ruling Power	Primary Religion of Rulers
Before ~1400 BC	Canaanite city-states	Neither (Canaanite paganism)
~1400–1000 BC	Jebusites	Neither (Canaanite paganism)
~1000–931 BC	United Kingdom of Israel (David & Solomon)	Jewish / Israelite
931–586 BC	Kingdom of Judah	Jewish
586–539 BC	Babylon	Neither (Babylonian paganism)
539–332 BC	Persian Empire	Neither (primarily Zoroastrian)
332–323 BC	Alexander the Great	Neither (Greek paganism)
323–164 BC	Hellenistic Kingdoms (mainly Seleucids)	Neither (Greek paganism)
164–63 BC	Hasmonean Kingdom	Jewish
63 BC–AD 324	Roman Republic / Empire	Neither (Roman paganism; Christianity legalized AD 313)
AD 324–638	Byzantine Empire	Christian
AD 638–1099	Muslim Caliphates	Neither (Islam)
1099–1187	Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem	Christian
1187–1250	Ayyubid Sultanate	Neither (Islam)
1250–1517	Mamluk Sultanate	Neither (Islam)
1517–1917	Ottoman Empire	Neither (Islam)
1917–1948	British Mandate	Governed by Britain (Christian-majority nation; not a Christian state)
1948–1967	Israel (West Jerusalem) / Jordan (East Jerusalem)	West: Jewish; East: Islam (Jordan)
1967–Present	State of Israel	Jewish state (Temple Mount administered under current status quo by Islamic Waqf)

Summary

- Jewish rule: ~1000–586 BC (David through Judah), 164–63 BC (Hasmonean Kingdom), and 1948–present (State of Israel; all Jerusalem since 1967).
- Christian rule: AD 324–638 (Byzantine Empire) and AD 1099–1187 (Crusader Kingdom).

- Muslim rule: AD 638–1099, AD 1187–1917, and East Jerusalem from 1948–1967.
- Other rulers: Canaanites, Jebusites, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and early Romans.