## Jerusalem, a divided city - revision guide



**Timeline**. 19 BCE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple rebuilt by King Herod – 63 BCE – Pompeius conquered Palestine. 33 AD – crucifixion of Jesus (according to religious sources) – 70 AD – destruction of the Temple by Titus – 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> c. Byzantine rule (Church of the Holy Sepulchre) – 638: Jerusalem conquered by the Umayyad califs (Dome of the Rock, Al-Aqsa mosque) – 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> c. Christian Crusader States – 1187 : Jerusalem conquered by Saladin, an Ayyubid prince – 1917 – 1948 : Palestine became a British Mandate, entrusted by the League of Nations – 1948-1967 : Jordan rule over Old Jerusalem and East Jerusalem. 1967 – Jerusalem conquered by the Israelis. 1980 : annexation of East Jerusalem by Israel

## Vocabulary

A crossroads for different civilisations – the Holy City – a thrice Holy City – to worship – a place of worship – Nabuchadnezzar – King Herod - the Crusaders – the Umayyad caliphs – the Mammeluk – the Ottomans – a mandate – the League of Nations – to conquer – to annex – an annexation – to occupy a country – a settlement policy – a fence – the Arab - Israeli wars – the Israeli-Palestinian conflict – an international border - archaeological excavations – artefacts – archaeological remains- a World Heritage site – a disputed land – a Diaspora.

**Three times a Holy Place –** the Temple Mount – Old Jerusalem – the Western wall (or *Wailing* wall); the *Noble Sanctuary* (*the Dome of the Rock – Al-Aqsa mosque*) – The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the *Via Dolorosa.* 

**Landmarks** – The Middle east (the Near east) – Lebanon – Syria – Palestine – Israel – Jordan – the Jordan river - Jerusalem – Old Jerusalem – East Jerusalem – the Gaza Strip – the West Bank – the West Bank Barrier – the Golan Heights – the Sinai peninsula.

**About Judaism -** Torah scrolls - Holy Covenant – a bimah – a menorah – the Eternal Light -The Ark - The Star of David - The Lions of Judah – a rabbi - Sephardic Jews – Ashkenazim – orthodox/liberal Jews – a synagogue – Yahweh – an Abrahamic monotheism – Moses.

**About Christianity -** the Old Testament - the New Testament - crucifixion - Salvation - redeeming - sins - the pope a parish - a priest - the Orthodox church - a patriarch - protestant churches (Lutherians, Calvinist, Methodists, Pentecostalists, etc.) - a minister - a tall spire - the *Waqf.* 

**About Islam –** mosque – a gilded dome – a minaret – a mihrab – the qiblah – a minbar – a prayer hall - an imam – the Koran (or Qu'ran) – Allah – a prophet - the Sunnah – Sunni Islam – the Sunnis (or Sunnites) – Shia Islam - the Shias – the Mecca – Isa – a pilgrimage – to fast.

**Conclusion**: Jerusalem remains one of the hottest flaspoints today, involving many different fields: building up independent states, redrawing of borders, dismantlement of Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories, re-integration or compensation for the Palestinian refugees, mutual recognition, security and peace, etc.