

Lecture 1 – The Temple Mount and the Temple

Solomon's Temple, the Second Temple, Herod's Temple

2000 BC - Abraham took his son Isaac up to Mount Moriah – The Temple Mount

1400 BC - The story of the Temple begins during the wandering in the Sinai - The Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle

1350 BC – Children of Israel enter the land of Canaan.

1,000 BC - King David conquers the Jebusite city of Jerusalem and establishes the City of David.

966 BC – **Solomon's Temple** - Solomon, with the help of Hiram of Tyre begins construction of the Temple on Mt. Moriah (1 Kings 6).

720 BC - Assyrians Conquer Northern Kingdom of Israel – 10 lost tribes of Israel.

586 BC - **Destruction of Solomon's Temple** - King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia destroys the Temple and Jerusalem. (Ark of the Covenant disappears before the destruction)

540 BC – **Second Temple** - Cyrus the Persian conquers Babylonia and allows the exiles to return to Jerusalem. Rebuilding of the (Second) Temple begins and is completed 15 years later.

332 BC - Hellenistic Period - Alexander the Great

175 BC - Antiochus Epiphanes, ruler of Syria, desecrates the Temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar and carrying off temple treasures. Temple restored by the Macabees – Hanukkah.

63 BC - Rome conquers Judea, Pompey brazenly enters the Temple and the Holy of Holies.

42 BC – **Herod's Temple** – Herod the Great orders the Temple to be rebuilt and expanded considerably. He builds the Antonia Fortress on the Temple Mount

30-33 AD - Jesus in Jerusalem and at the Temple.

70 AD - **Destruction of Jerusalem and Herod's Temple** by Titus – the Arch of Titus in Rome

130 AD – Hadrian destroys Jerusalem again – renames it Aelia Capitolina after his family and the god Jupiter - Bar Kochba revolt put down – Jews banished from Jerusalem

312 AD – Emperor Constantine adopts Christianity as the religion of the Empire. **333 AD** - His mother, Empress Helena visits Jerusalem and identifies Christian holy sites and orders the Temple Mount to be used as a garbage dump.

363 AD – Attempt to rebuild the Temple under Emperor Julian thwarted by earthquake and fire.