

1—The Origin of Conflict

“Peace in the Middle East”

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1. The Land of the Canaan

- A. 1200 Egyptian Colonies—Canaanite Pagan
- B. 1100 Kingdoms of Israel and Judah—Hebrew Religion (w/Canaanite)
- C. 732 Assyrian Empire—Hebrew Religion (w/Assyrian)
- D. 598 Babylonian Empire—Exile
- E. 538 Persian Empire—Judaism
- F. 300 Selucid Empire—Hellenistic Judaism
- G. 153 Hamonian Dynasty— Hellenistic Judaism
- H. 64 Roman Empire—Hellenistic Judaism
- I. 70 Roman Empire—Graeco/Roman, Emperor Cult
- J. 476 Byzantine Empire—Eastern Orthodox Christian
- K. 634 Rashidun Caliphate—Arab Sunni Islam
- L. 656 Ali Caliphate—Arab Shi’a Islam
- M. 661 Umayyad Caliphate—Arab Sunni Islam
- N. 909 Fatimid Caliphate—Shi’a Islam
- O. Seljuq Sultanate—Turkish Sunni Islam
- P. 1099 Crusader States—European Catholic
- Q. 1204 Latin Empire—Lombardi Catholic
- R. 1250 Mongol Ilkhanate—Mongol Buddist/Nestorian Christian
- S. 1268 Mamluk Sultanate—Turkic Sunni Islam
- T. 1400 Ottoman Empire—Turkic Sunni Islam
- U. 1920 Mandatory Middle East—British/French Christian/Secular

2. McMahon–Hussein Correspondence

July 1915—Lieutenant Colonel Sir Henry McMahon, British High Commissioner to Egypt, writes a letter to Hussein bin Ali, Sharif of Mecca, recognizing Arab independence after the war in exchange for the launching the Arab Revolt against the Ottoman Empire.

- A. To counteract the Ottoman declaration of Jihad against the Allies
- B. To maintain the support of the 70 million Muslims in British India

3. Sykes–Picot Agreement

January 1916—A secret treaty between the United Kingdom and France, with assent from Russia and Italy, to define their mutually agreed spheres of influence and control in an eventual partition of the Ottoman Empire.

- A. British Mandate—would control Palestine, Jordan, and Iraq.
- B. French Mandate—would control SE Turkey, Kurdistan, Syria, and Lebanon.

4. Balfour Declaration

November 1917—United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour to Lord Rothschild, a leader of the British Jewish community, announcing its support for the establishment of a “national home for the Jewish people” in Palestine, then an Ottoman region with a small minority Jewish population.