

## To Understand Israel Today We Must Look at Israel's Past

1. Israel divided after Solomon's reign.
  - A. The Northern Kingdom (Israel). Conquered in 721 B.C. by the Assyrians.
  - B. The Southern Kingdom (Judah). Conquered in 606 B.C. and again in 588 B.C. by Babylon. In 588 B.C. the Temple and Jerusalem were destroyed.
2. From 606 B.C. until today, Israel has been subject to Gentile powers.
  - A. Daniel was shown Israel's future from 606 B.C. until Israel would be restored in the end time.
3. Israelites returned to Palestine in 536 B.C. to rebuild the temple and reestablish Israel as a nation.
4. The coming of Jesus Christ.
  - A. His ministry and miracles were evidence of His identity.
  - B. Jesus' rejection and crucifixion.
  - C. Jesus' resurrection and ascension.
  - D. The beginning of the church age.
5. The coming of the Roman army and the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 A.D.
  - A. Jews were sold into slavery and scattered all over the world.
  - B. Over the years there have been attempts by Jews to reestablish Israel as a nation, a home for the Jewish people. This is called "Zionism."
6. With the establishment of today's Israel, they feel the only thing lacking in the coming of their Messiah is the building of the Temple...on the Temple Mount of course.
7. Herein lies the problem. The Arab World views the Temple Mount as theirs and is Islam's third holiest place in the world. They will defend it at any price.