

THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL'S BORDERS



BIBLICAL ISRAEL—circa 1020–930 B.C.E.



The Kingdom of Israel, during the reigns of Kings David and Solomon, was composed of a vast territory with Jerusalem as its capital.

THE U.N. PARTITION PLAN—1947



The U.N. proposed dividing the British Mandate of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. Israel accepted the plan. The Arabs rejected it and attacked Israel.

ISRAEL'S ARMISTICE LINES—1949



The modern state of Israel established its initial armistice lines after surviving invasions by five Arab armies during its War of Independence in 1948.

THE SIX-DAY WAR—1967



After successfully defending itself in the Six-Day War, Israel controlled territory that tripled its size. It traded most of that land in a peace treaty with Egypt.

PEACE TREATY WITH EGYPT—1979



As part of the 1979 treaty with Egypt, Israel yielded the entire Sinai Peninsula in return for an historic peace treaty sponsored by the United States.

ISRAEL TODAY



Israel's current frontiers reflect its historic 2005 disengagement from Gaza, the first time that Israel ceded territory outside the context of a peace agreement.