

Jerusalem Crucified, Jerusalem Risen: A Tale of Two Cities

The Early History of Jerusalem

The earliest evidence of human habitation in the area of Jerusalem dates back to the 4th millennium BC. The Jebusites, a Canaanite tribe, established a fortress on the site of the present-day Old City around 2000 BC. The Israelites conquered Jerusalem under King David in the 10th century BC, and it became the capital of the United Kingdom of Israel. After the kingdom split in two, Jerusalem remained the capital of the southern kingdom of Judah.

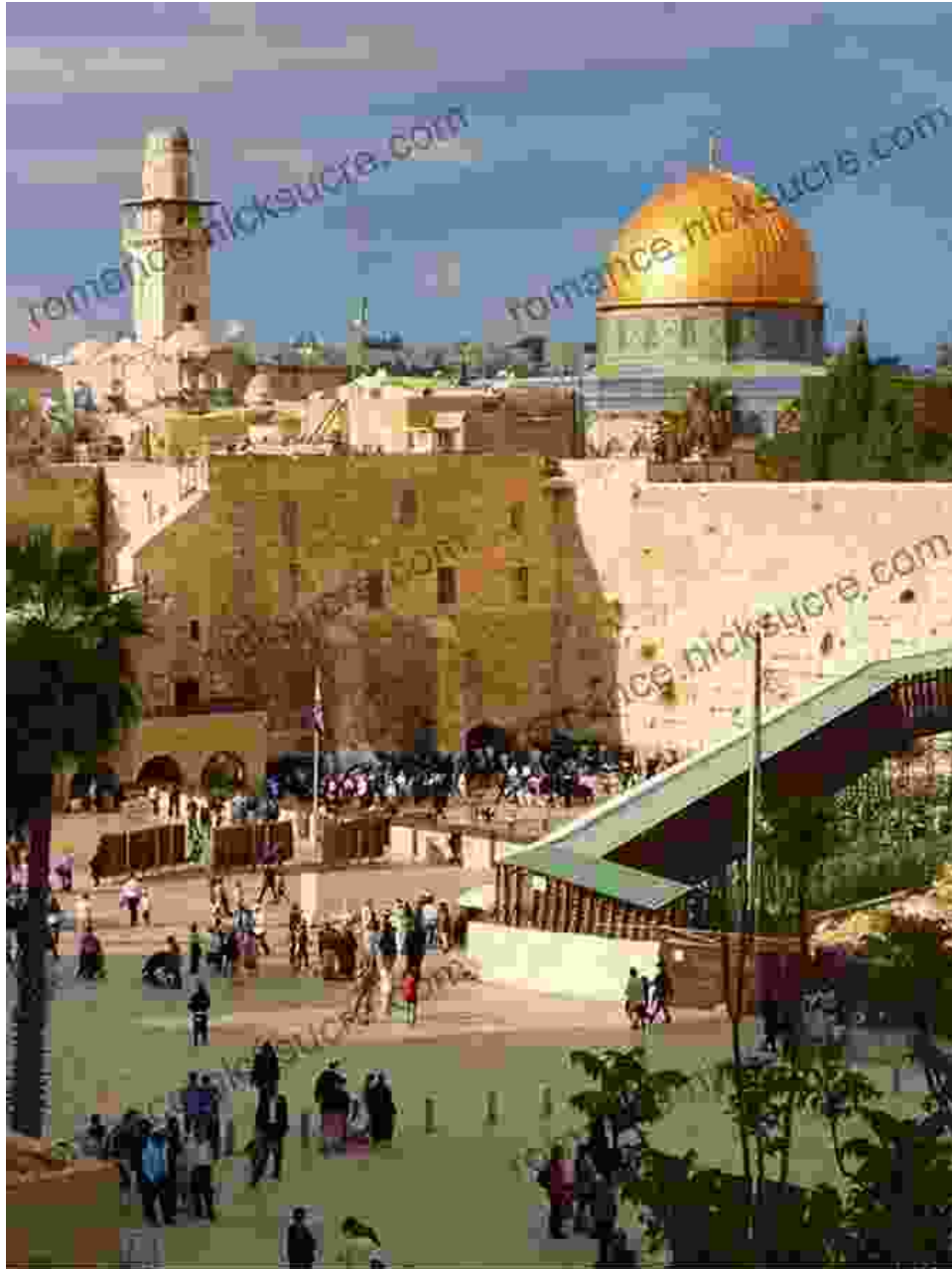


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Jerusalem in the Roman Empire

Jerusalem was conquered by the Roman Empire in 63 BC. The Romans destroyed the city in 70 AD after a Jewish revolt, and it was rebuilt as a Roman colony called Aelia Capitolina. The Romans introduced a new system of government and infrastructure, and they encouraged the settlement of non-Jews in the city. Jerusalem gradually became a center of

Christianity, and it was here that the first Christian churches were established.



This mosaic shows the city of Jerusalem as it appeared during the Roman Empire. The walls of the city are visible, as well as the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock.

The Byzantine Period

Jerusalem became part of the Byzantine Empire in the 4th century AD. The Byzantines rebuilt the city and made it a major center of pilgrimage for Christians. They also constructed a number of churches and monasteries in the city, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is considered to be the holiest site in Christianity.



The Islamic Period

Jerusalem was conquered by the Arabs in the 7th century AD. The Arabs built the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount, which is considered to be the third holiest site in Islam. They also established a number of mosques

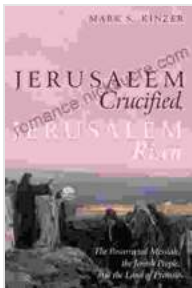
and madrasas (Islamic schools) in the city. Jerusalem became a major center of Islamic learning and culture.



The Dome of the Rock is one of the most important religious sites in Islam. It is believed to be the place where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven.

The Crusades

The Crusades were a series of religious wars fought between Christians and Muslims in the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries. The Crusaders captured Jerusalem in 1099 and established a Christian kingdom in the city. The Crusaders built a number of churches and castles in the city, and they also restored the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



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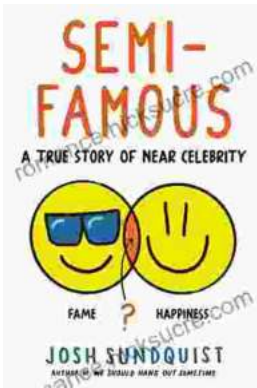
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