

ERETZ YISRAEL: THE LAND OF ISRAEL

Episode 2 — Student Worksheet | Grades 6–8

Name: _____

Date: _____

Period: _____

PART 1: WARM-UP — Before We Watch

Imagine your family had to leave your home and couldn't come back for 100 years. Do you think your great-great-grandchildren would still remember where you came from? What would help them remember?

PART 2: VIDEO NOTES — Watch and Take Notes

Fill in each box as you watch. Listen for the thumbs-up vocabulary words!

The Covenant with Abraham What did God promise, and to whom?	
The Exodus Who led the Israelites? What happened after they escaped Egypt?	
King David & King Solomon What did each leader build or do? Why did it matter?	
Destroying the Temples Who destroyed the First Temple? Who destroyed the Second?	

2,000 Years of Diaspora

How did Jews stay connected to Israel during this long time?

Three Faiths, One Land

Why is this land sacred to Jews?
To Christians? To Muslims?

What surprised you most in the video?

PART 3: MAP ACTIVITY — Where in the World?

Directions: Use the map below to complete all six tasks. Use your color key!

1. Label the Land of Israel / Canaan
2. Label Egypt and draw an arrow showing the Exodus route
3. Label Babylon (modern-day Iraq)
4. Label Rome (Italy)
5. Put a star on Jerusalem ◆
6. Use the color key to shade each empire that controlled the land

COLOR KEY:

Babylonian Empire = **YELLOW**

Persian Empire = **BLUE**

Roman Empire = **RED**

Ottoman Empire = **GREEN**

[Outline map of the ancient Near East — print or distribute separately]

Map Partner Check: Compare your map with a partner. Which empire controlled the land the longest? Does that surprise you?

PART 4: GROUP DISCUSSION

My group's question:

Ideas from our discussion:

Our group's one key idea to share with the class:

PART 5: PUT IT IN ORDER — Timeline Activity

Cut out or number the events below in chronological order (1 = earliest, 8 = most recent). Then write the approximate date next to each event.

- A. ___ God makes a covenant with Abraham; promises the Land of Canaan
- B. ___ Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt (the Exodus)
- C. ___ King David establishes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel
- D. ___ King Solomon builds the First Temple in Jerusalem
- E. ___ Babylonians destroy the First Temple and exile the Jewish people
- F. ___ The Maccabees revolt against Greek rulers — the story of Hanukkah
- G. ___ Romans destroy the Second Temple; Jews scattered across the world
- H. ___ David Ben-Gurion declares the State of Israel — May 14, 1948

Hint: Use your video notes and map to help you!

EXIT TICKET — My Written Response

