

Israel's advance

1967: Israeli forces occupy east Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip, West Bank, Sinai Peninsula and Golan Heights
 1977: The first civilian settlement in the Gaza strip is set up
 1977-80: Number of settlements doubles
 1980: The Knesset declares "Jerusalem in its entirety" to be the "eternal capital" of Israel
 1982: Israel evacuates settlers from the Sinai peninsula as part of a peace deal with Egypt
 1987: Number of Jewish settlers in the West Bank reaches 65,000 spread across 110 settlements
 1994: After the signing of Oslo accords, Israel begins to pull back from most of the Gaza Strip and the contested West Bank town of Jericho
 1995: Israel continues withdrawal in the West Bank. In November Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, is assassinated
 1996: The new Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu lifts the freeze on spread of settlements declared by Rabin in 1992
 1997: United Nations passes a resolution condemning Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. Similar resolutions were passed in 1967, 1979, 1980, 1981
 2003: Israel adopts the international "road map to peace", which calls for a complete freeze of settlement activity
 2005: Ariel Sharon withdraws all settlers from the Gaza Strip
 2009: Netanyahu returns to the premiership promising to expand settlements in the West Bank

