

Jerusalem



Vocabulary

Monotheistic - relating to or characterized by the belief that there is only one God.

Wage - carry on (a war or campaign).

Besiege - surround (a place) with armed forces in order to capture it or force its surrender.

Crusader - a person who campaigns vigorously for political, social, or religious change; a campaigner.

Deem - regard or consider in a specified way.

Ascend - rise or move up through the air.

Introduction

Jerusalem is a city located in modern-day Israel and is considered by many to be one of the holiest places in the world.

Jerusalem is a site of major significance for the three largest monotheistic religions: Judaism, Islam and Christianity, and both Israel and Palestine have claimed Jerusalem as a capital city.

Because of these strong, age-old associations, bloody conflicts to control the city and sites within it have been waged for thousands of years.

