Gaza City has a long history, the Gaza Strip is a recent creation.2The city of Gaza was probably founded around 1500 BC; place of passage, it has been successively Egyptian, Philistine (hence the name of Palestine given to the region by the Roman Emperor Hadrian), Israelite, Achaemenid Persian, Chaldean, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Frankish, Mamluk, Ottoman (1517 to 1917), then British before the emergence of the Gaza Strip.

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