Ancient History: Palestine has a rich history dating back thousands of years. Ottoman Rule: For over four centuries, Palestine was under Ottoman rule, from the early 16th century until the end of World War I. During this time, the region experienced a degree of stability and relative tolerance among different religious and ethnic groups. British Mandate: After World War I, the League of Nations granted Britain a mandate to govern Palestine. It was home to several ancient civilizations, including the Canaanites, Philistines, Israelites, and others. It played a significant role in the development of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This period, from 1920 to 1948, saw increasing tensions between Jewish and Arab communities.