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**1897: First Zionist Congress**

The Zionist movement, founded by Theodor Herzl and other leaders, advocated for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Widespread antisemitism and persecution of Jewish communities in Europe in the late 19th and early 20th centuries served as a major catalyst for the Zionist movement. Jews faced discrimination, violence, and pogroms, a violent organized riot or attack directed at Jews, in many parts of Europe, which fueled the desire for a safe and secure homeland. The First Zionist Congress was held in 1897 in Basel, Switzerland, where Herzl and other prominent figures in the Zionist movement discussed and debated their vision for the establishment of a Jewish state.

Zionism Is Simply A Biblical Belief in Israel’s Right to Exist and the rightful owner and recipient of God’s Land as outlined in Genesis 12, 15, 17, 22, And Other Passages in The Bible

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“I will give this land to your seed forever” (Gen. 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:8)