The LORD will not cast off His People

by Jeremy James



We could begin this paper in a number of ways, but they would all lead eventually to Psalm 94:14, so we'll start there:

"For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance." (Psalm 94:14)

The traumatic events in the Middle East, following the terrorist attack on Israeli soil on October 7th, will only be properly understood by those who believe Psalm 94:14.

If we are striving to reach agreement with our friends and neighbors on these issues, we can save ourselves a lot of time and confusion by asking just two questions:

"Do you believe what the Bible says about Israel in the End Time?

If so, do you believe what the Word of God says in Psalm 94:14?"

Anyone who does not answer these in the affirmative will almost certainly view Israel – her existence, her military, her people, or her conduct as a nation – in a hostile or negative way. More than likely they will frame their arguments in terms of "human rights" and the "Palestinian cause", and will rely heavily on the historical narrative repeated for decades in the mainstream media. They will also be influenced, far more than they realize, by the tragic images of suffering and death in Gaza and elsewhere.

Few will want to step back and take a broad view of what's happening. More than likely, those who do not answer our two questions in the affirmative will support what is often called a 'two state solution' – involving the creation of a 'Palestinian' state within the borders of Israel and possibly the transfer eventually of all land in the region into Arab hands.

We have already addressed the existence, the legitimacy, and the future of Israel in previous papers and we would urge our readers to review them. For those who do not have the time to do this, we will try as best we can to present the salient points in this paper and to offer a Biblically sound overview of recent developments.

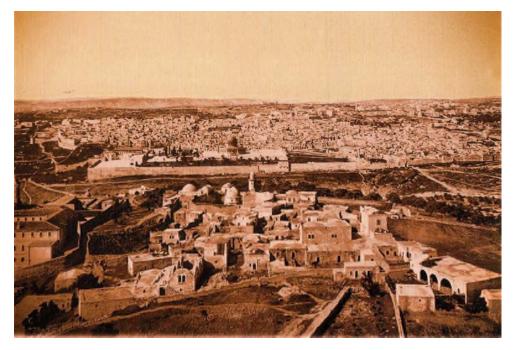
Some basic questions

In our experience, a question-and-answer format provides the easiest way to navigate through the complexities and the confusion which seem to blight all public discussion of Israel and the conflict in the Middle East.

So we'll begin with the most obvious question:

Q1. Where do we start?

Any discussion of Israel must start in one place – the Bible. Anyone who tries to start anywhere else is gravely mistaken. Critics of Israel usually do. They have no patience with an approach which, in their view, is based on ancient history – much of which is disputed – and a religious viewpoint which, as they see it, already begs the question. They want to frame all discussion of Israel strictly in political and legal terms, and to concentrate mainly on events commencing no earlier than the late 19th century.



Jerusalem toward the end of the 19th century

It is not possible to take this approach because there is a claim on the land of Israel which long predates any claim made by man:

"The land shall not be sold forever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me." (Leviticus 25:23)

Note this well! It is more "legal" and "political" than any of us could imagine. The author of the Bible, the LORD God of all Creation, has claimed this land for Himself. In His view, <u>He is the sole owner</u>.

Anyone who fails to examine this claim is incredibly foolish. Not only are they morally disqualified from any further discussion, but they risk drawing retribution upon themselves for daring to dismiss the validity of Scripture. As the LORD said to Job, who was struggling with his own fallibility: **"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding."** (Job 38:4)

The critics should take Gamaliel's advice: **"for if this counsel or this work be of men**, **it will come to nought: But if it be of God**, **ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God**.**" (Acts 5:38-39)**

Let's move on to our next question.



1852 Philip Map of the Holy Land

Q2. So what exactly does the Bible say about the "strangers and sojourners" who, with His permission, live in the land that God claims as His own?

God Himself created the nation of Israel. We tend to forget this. He picked a man from Chaldea and sent him to a distant land. When he arrived He promised to vastly increase the number of his descendants – that is persons who would trace their lineage directly back to him through his son Isaac and his grandson Jacob. He also promised that He would give the land around him, known at that time as the land of Canaan, to him and his descendants in perpetuity. The LORD attached only one condition to these promises – they had to remain faithful to Him and keep His commandments. If they failed to do so He would expel them from the land until they repented of their transgressions:

"For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure." (Psalm 135:4)

Q3. Why was the land of Canaan, and not some other region, chosen by God?

God was implementing His plan of redemption for mankind. He intended to send His Son to serve as His incarnate representative on earth. The incarnate Son of God would need a location to call his own and a people among whom he would live. The land chosen by God was Canaan and the nation was Israel. Within the land of Israel He had selected the center from which His Son would rule. That center was Jerusalem, also known as Zion:

"For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it." (Psalm 132:13-14)

Alas, there is a serious problem. <u>Satan wants Zion for himself</u> (Isaiah 14:13).

Q4. But surely this entire plan fell apart when the nation of Israel rejected their Messiah, the incarnate Son of God?

No, it did not. The Word of God tells us that the great worldwide dispersal of the Jews would come to an end in what it calls **"the last days" (Genesis 49:1)**. The prophet Ezekiel states (chapter 37) that this regathering of Israel in the land of Canaan would begin in <u>unbelief</u>.

The Jews would return to the land for many reasons, but they would not initially return to the LORD God. More than 40% of the Jews in the world today are living in the land of Israel, but they are doing so in their own name. They are not doing so in faithful fellowship with the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They continue to reject the incarnate Son of God and are relying on their own strength as a nation to survive.



Valley of the Tombs of Jehoshaphat, 19th century

The Word of God said that it would come under such intense attack from its neighbors, and the world as a whole, that it would enter a critical phase in its history, a phase of great turbulence and torment which it calls **"the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7).** It is then and only then that they finally turn to the LORD God and accept His incarnate Son. Only then will they, as a nation, utter the words that Jesus prophesied, **"For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." (Matthew 23:39)**

When they do this and realize the magnitude of their rebellious error, their rejection of the Messiah at his first coming, they will go to their respective rooms and weep:

"And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart." (Zechariah 12:12-14)

The time of Jacob's trouble will involve a massive death toll. The Word of God says that two-thirds of the Jews living in Israel will die during this time:

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein." (Zechariah 13:8)

Jesus Christ, the Messiah, **"the Holy One of Israel"**, will take the remaining third under his wing and test their faithfulness:

"And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God." (Zechariah 13:9)

- the righteous remnant

Those who come through this process are the righteous remnant, **"the remnant of Jacob".** They are the Jews who will rule in Jesus' holy name in the Millennium. Their number will include many Gentile believers:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God." (Isaiah 10:20-21)

Q5. If the Church has replaced Israel in God's plan, then surely everything you say in your reply to Q4 is wrong?!

Once again we return to Psalm 94:14 -

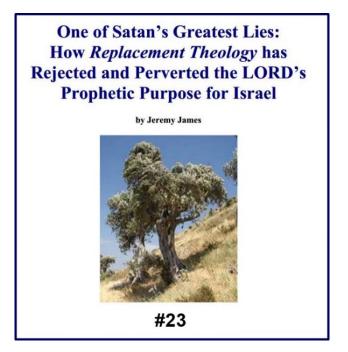
"For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance." (Psalm 94:14)

The doctrine that the Church has replaced Israel in God's eyes is known as Replacement Theology. Anyone who takes the trouble to study the Bible objectively and weigh its words in accordance with Biblical standards will soon see that God had foreseen the conduct of His inheritance – Israel – all the way to the end of time. As such all of the promises that He made to Israel would ultimately be fulfilled. He did what He did for His great Name's sake. Neither the children of Israel nor Church-age believers have done ANYTHING to deserve the gifts that God has prepared for them.

Read that again: NONE of them – Jew or Gentile – has done or ever will do ANYTHING to deserve what God has promised them.

It is through His great mercy that we are saved, Jew or Gentile. And in all cases His salvation is found only through faith in what His Son did for us on Calvary. The Jews, as a nation, will come to repent of their transgression and accept Jesus as their Messiah.

We examined Replacement Theology in detail in paper #23 - One of Satan's Greatest Lies: How Replacement Theology has Rejected and Perverted the LORD's Prophetic Purpose for Israel.



Replacement Theology is a crude attempt to erase Israel from the face of the earth or to portray them solely as worthy recipients of all the curses set out in Chapter 28 of Deuteronomy. It teaches that the Jews as a nation have permanently forfeited all of the promises of God.

The arguments on which it is based are laced with galling contradictions and any passage of Scripture which refuses to be re-engineered to suit its purpose is dismissed as purely symbolic. For this reason we gave the following challenge at the end of that paper:

A Challenge to Replacementists

If you are a hardened Replacementist and have difficulty coming to terms with the idea that the church has *not* replaced Israel, then I would invite you to undertake the simple test... Words relating specifically to Israel in End Time prophecy appear 22 times in chapter 12 of the Book of Zechariah. Your task is to replace each one with an appropriate reference to the church, in a consistent manner throughout. Naturally, your exposition should give a consistent interpretation of the chapter, in relation both to Zechariah as a whole and to the rest of scripture. Please understand that this paper is not directed against sincere Christians who believe that the church has replaced Israel. They have been deceived by a lie. But it is definitely directed against those who preach and teach this lie even when they are familiar with the wealth of scripture which conflicts with their opinion. Given that a portion of the Promised Land was returned to the Jews in 1948, and that the Israelis assumed control of the entire city of Jerusalem in 1967 – in accordance with ancient Biblical prophecy – there is no excuse for Christians anywhere to remain under the thrall of Replacement Theology and its bogus interpretation of scripture.

It is 12 years since that paper appeared and not one person has sent us a refutation along these lines. Why? Because it cannot be done.

We would encourage anyone who still believes in Replacement Theology to read paper #23.

Q.6 If what you are saying is true, then in what sense can it truthfully be said that Israel is God's chosen people?

The Bible teaches throughout that Israel is God's chosen people. The Church – the totality of all believers during the Church Age (the time between Pentecost and the Rapture) – is a separate flock among God's people. Jesus confirmed this when he said:



"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (John 10:16)

Sheepfold in northern England. Credit: David Brown.

The Apostle Paul refers to the true olive tree in chapter 11 of his epistle to the Romans. Israel was and continues to be the true olive tree, but its branches have been cut off. The living trunk remained (via the Jewish believers at Pentecost), onto which the Holy Spirit grafted fresh, mostly Gentile, branches. The Apostle states that God is able to graft in or re-attach the original (Jewish) branches to the olive tree, provided they relinquish their unbelief:

"And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again." (Romans 11:23)



Wild branch on a cultivated tree.

- the time of Jacob's trouble

At present Israel is in an appalling spiritual condition but, through the grace and mercy of God, this will all change during the period known as "Jacob's trouble." One third of the nation will turn to Christ in faith. This righteous remnant will, in effect, have become the branches that are grafted back in.

Can we guess today who these might be? No, it's impossible to say. God alone knows.

Q.7 How can you reconcile what you are saying with the perceived anti-Christian attitude of many Jews, their practise of Kabbalah, their support of Communism, their treatment of the Arabs, and their oppressive domination of the banking system and the media?

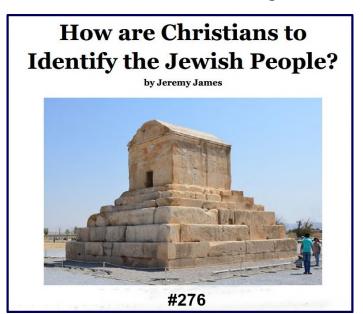
Jesus warned of a wicked group within Judaism that worshipped and worked with Satan:

"I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan." (Revelation 2:9)

"...the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie..." (Revelation 3:9)

This group is working with Satan to destroy both Christianity and Judaism. They are conspiring with apostate Gentiles to create a totalitarian form of world government. This plan has been followed for centuries and is now at a very advanced stage. [See the papers on our website dealing with the proposed 'New World Order'.]

The synagogue of Satan is embedded within Judaism itself and poses a terrible threat to all Jews. There are differing opinions as to how large this entity actually is. Some believe it could be as much as ten percent of the world Jewish population, while others put it at just one or two percent. We believe the number is low since Satan demands the utmost secrecy from and among those who serve him. Besides, the Word of God tells us that a few well-placed individuals can cause considerable harm: **"Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good."** (Ecclesiastes 9:18).



See paper #276 for a more detailed discussion of this topic:

Q.8 Why does the Israeli government want to deal so harshly with Gaza, even to the point of destroying it entirely? Why kill or displace millions of innocent people? The world sees little or no distinction between the clique that rules over Israel and the Jewish people as a whole. Few people, including many born-again Christians, seem to recognize the control that the Synagogue of Satan is exercising over the government of Israel, its top politicians, the Israeli military, and military intelligence.



As we showed in our earlier paper, *Holy City: The LORD has Chosen Jerusalem for His Son (#137)*, Satan wants Jerusalem for himself. He wants his 'son', the Antichrist, to rule the world from Jerusalem. As the most important piece of real estate on earth, Zion is being cunningly encircled, as it were, by Satan and his servants. Most of the top political leaders in Islam and the Arab world are Freemasons, just like their Israeli counterparts. They appear to be pursuing different goals but, in reality, they are all carrying out their allocated role in the overall plan to (a) build the Masonic Temple in Zion, (b) form a one world government, (c) create a one world religion, and (d) prepare a path for the Antichrist.

Does this mean that the top people in Israel, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Egypt, Syria, England, Germany, France, Turkey, Russia and the USA, among others, are all working in concert to achieve these goals? <u>Yes, it does</u>. Perhaps their lines of communication get interrupted from time to time, or their interpretation of their respective roles does not always perfectly coincide, but they are following Satan's plan.

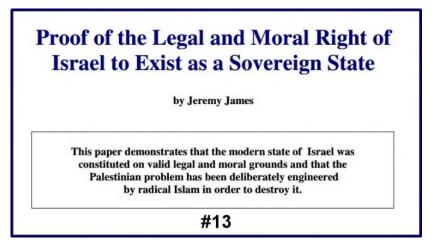
As committed Luciferians, these people have no respect for human life. The suffering and death of millions of people is merely a stepping stone toward achieving their goals. They manipulate and exploit "the herd" on a grand scale, whether through wars, invasions, migration, economic oppression, or colonial expropriation. The people of Gaza are a perfect example of this.

- Gaza and its history

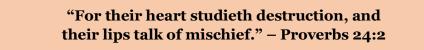
Let's take a moment to review their history. Since it is of particular importance at this time we would urge our readers to weigh the facts carefully.

The people known as 'Palestinians' are direct descendants of the Arabs who were living in the land of Israel under the British Mandate at the time the state of Israel was declared in 1948. They were not a separate ethnic group, as commonly understood, but simply a geographical segment of the sprawling Arab world. While living in Israel they were not seen by Arabs elsewhere as being anything other than Arabs. They had no racial or cultural distinctives. They spoke the same language as other Arabs and were mostly Muslim.

Some left Israel and abandoned their homes in 1948 in the expectation that the surrounding Arab states would invade Israel and drive out the Jewish population. Others, seemingly, were threatened or intimidated by Jewish militia and relocated temporarily to a neighboring Arab state. None of those who left were later readmitted to Israel, while the Arabs who remained, a substantial portion of the original Arab population, continued to reside and work in Israel after the formal foundation of the Jewish state in 1948. Today their descendants comprise roughly 2 million people or 20% of the population of Israel (This figure does not include Arabs living in the West Bank or Gaza).



We set out in **Appendix A** an extract from our earlier Paper #13. In it we show how this Arab population was deliberately isolated from the rest of the Arab world by the leaders of Islam and used thereafter as a means to goad and provoke Israel, to continually make claims to which there could be no peaceful political resolution, and to provide a base from which to conduct hostilities against Israel, using this 'captive' population as a human shield.



- a weaponized accumulation of people

They are being used as a weapon by Islam to undermine and eliminate the state of Israel. The people themselves are trapped, innocent victims in a very dark plan. Close to half of them are children. The leaders of the Islamic conspiracy against Israel are fully prepared to sacrifice all of them if in doing so they destroy the state of Israel.

The one factor the Islamists have always had in their favor is their numerical superiority. They are prepared to sacrifice millions of Muslims if, in doing so, they fatally deplete the Israeli military and its reserves. As the Jews in Israel have rightly remarked, the Arabs can afford to lose again and again, but Israel cannot afford to lose even once. If they do, tens of thousands of Arab terrorists and Islamic extremists will surge over their border and butcher or enslave the Jewish population. That's the reality facing all Jews living in Israel. They must win every time or perish.

Hamas uses the people of Gaza to terrorize the Israeli people. They provide cover within Gaza and serve as human shields. The attack on southern Israel on 7th October was predicated on the fact that Hamas militants (terrorists) can run and hide inside Gaza and leave millions of innocent civilians to deal with the fall-out.



Still from a video released by Hamas showing the moment one of its explosive devices demolished part of the fortified fence around Gaza.

- "an inside job"

This brings us to a matter of immense importance and we would urge our readers to examine it carefully. As many former IDF soldiers have observed, there was not the slightest possibility that the terrorists could have left Gaza on 7th October without being immediately detected by the Israeli surveillance cordon around Gaza. Even if they had escaped initial detection, the alarm would have been raised almost immediately and Israeli gunships would have been swarming around southern Israel within ten to fifteen minutes. The notion that Hamas was able to carry out its murderous campaign for nearly <u>seven hours</u> without facing <u>any</u> retaliation from the Israeli side is simply preposterous – unless, of course, the Israeli leadership allowed it to happen.

As one former IDF soldier remarked [we paraphrase]: We are faced with two deeply disturbing choices: Either the Israeli government (Netanyahu and his cronies) deliberately allowed the attacks to take place or the IDF and intelligence services are utterly incompetent and incapable of defending Israel against a concerted Islamic attack. Which of these is worse?

Comments by Israeli citizens posted online in video format

1. Comment by an Israeli woman who served in the IDF

"I served in the IDF 25 years ago in the intelligence forces. There is no way in my view that Israel did not know of what was coming. A cat moving alongside the fence is triggering all forces. So this? What happened to the strongest army in the world? How come border crossings were wide open? Something is very wrong here. Something is very strange. This chain of events is very unusual and not typical for the Israeli defense system.

"The current government is highly corrupt in my view while the previous one was no better. I don't care about having a popular opinion. I care about exposing evil forces wherever and whoever they are. So to me this surprise attack seems like a planned operation on all fronts."

2. Comment by an Israeli man who served in the IDF in Gaza

"September 1st, the Israeli government confiscated the weapons of the security team in the Gaza Belt community. This was done against the will of those security teams in the Gaza Belt community. Why that happened nobody knows. Fast forward to September 10th. On September 10th ... the municipalities of the Gaza Belt community received reports ... these are civilians ... received reports of increased tensions on the border of Gaza during the Jewish holiday ... which spanned from Yom Kippur ... to Saturday [7th]. Those same heads of municipalities asked the Army whether they should cancel their festivities in light of the increased tensions on the border of Gaza. And what did the Army say? They said, "No, don't cancel anything. It appears as though we are heading into a state of calm."

Now you can assume that the [Army] did not know about this attack in advance, but this is highly improbable. Israel is probably the most advanced surveillance state in the world and the Gaza border is probably the most heavily surveilled ... The fence was breached in fifteen different locations and you want to tell me that the most highly advanced surveillance equipment arguably on any border in the world didn't pick that up? ... the terrorists had seven hours to kill everyone in their path, completely destroy *kibbutzim*, not only that ... take hostages back to Gaza – unscathed! unopposed! ... Do you know how long it takes an attack helicopter to get activated and blow up one of those the tractors, pick-up trucks and hang-gliders that invaded Israel? – less than five minutes! I know all these things firsthand because I served on the Gaza border. Less than five minutes, it could all have been over! ... Instead they had <u>seven hours</u>! ...That's an inside job!"



View from inside Gaza showing the huge concrete wall breached by Hamas using an explosive device.



Benjamin Netanyahu with British Prime Minister, Theresa May, and Lord Jacob de Rothschild in 2017, reviewing the original Balfour Declaration.

- The Times of Israel, 26 October, 2023 -

At least three months prior to the attack, surveillance soldiers serving on a base in Nahal Oz reported signs that something unusual was underway at the already-tumultuous Gaza border, situated a kilometer from them.

The activity reported by the soldiers included information on Hamas operatives conducting training sessions multiple times a day, digging holes and placing explosives along the border. According to the accounts of the soldiers, no action was taken by those who received the reports...

In a segment aired on Kan News on Wednesday evening, two soldiers, Yael Rotenberg and Maya Desiatnik, recounted their experiences in the months before the attack and up until 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 7. Rotenberg recalled frequently seeing many Palestinians dressed in civilian clothing approach the border fence with maps, examining the ground around it and digging holes. One time, when she passed the information on, she was told that they were farmers, and there was nothing to worry about.

Rotenberg was asleep when the attack began, and of the surveillance soldiers who were in the living quarters that morning, she is the only one to have survived. Desiatnik, who was on duty, was the only other surveillance soldier at the base not killed or abducted. "It's infuriating," she told Kan of the intelligence failure. "We saw what was happening, we told them about it, and we were the ones who were murdered."

The Hamas terrorists would train at the border fence nonstop, Desiatnik told Kan. At first, it was once a week, then once a day, and then nearly constantly.

In addition to passing on information about the frequency of the training going on at the fence, the surveillance soldier said she collected evidence of the content of the training, which included how to drive a tank and how to cross into Israel via a tunnel. As the activity on the border increased, she realized that "it was just a matter of time" until something happened. Former *tatzpitaniyot* [surveillance soldiers] Amit Yerushalmi and Noa Melman corroborated the accounts of the two survivors in an interview published by Channel 12 on Thursday morning [26 October].

https://www.timesofisrael.com/surveillance-soldiers-warned-of-hamasactivity-on-gaza-border-for-months-before-oct-7/ Is is known that the security forces that were assigned to protect the southern border were withdrawn and sent to the West Bank shortly before the Hamas attacks took place! So who was defending the southern border on 7th October and who tipped off Hamas well in advance so that they could prepare an invasion force for that date? We are dealing with treason at a very high level in both the Israeli government and the Israeli defense forces.

We reproduce <u>above</u> an extract from an article in *The Times of Israel* which reports how surveillance soldiers beside the border at Gaza raised the alarm well in advance but were repeatedly ignored.



Netanyahu with Jacob de Rothschild and his daughter, Hannah Rothschild.

This is a shocking scenario for the citizens of Israel. It means their government and senior military figures are following an agenda which has never been disclosed to the Israeli people. Their response after 7th October is equally shocking since it means the Israeli government is prepared to kill thousands of innocent people in Gaza in a prolonged bombing campaign, ground offensive, and blockade of essential supplies without first considering less punitive, more measured options.

If the current Israeli government is working for the New World Order and if it is prepared to act contrary to the best interests of the people of Israel, then the path they are following would appear to be designed to <u>turn world opinion against Israel</u>, to <u>deprive their cause of moral legitimacy</u>, and to <u>ignite a frenzied response by the Islamic world</u>. This will only endanger Israel and risk igniting a much wider conflagration in the region.

In short, we are witnessing in all of this the controlling hand of international Freemasonry and the Synagogue of Satan. Jewish communities around the world ought to be deeply concerned at what Netanyahu and his colleagues are doing in their name.

CONCLUSION

All over the world large pro-Arab public gatherings are now chanting, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free". This effectively calls for the abolition of the state of Israel and the transfer of the land – which they conceive as 'Palestine', lying between the Jordan <u>river</u> and the Mediterranean <u>sea</u> – to the Arabs. This outpouring of anger is a direct result of the decision by the Netanyahu government to bomb extensive targets in Gaza at the cost of thousands of Arab lives, many of whom are children.

To make matters worse, Netanyahu and members of his government have made several statements designed to greatly inflame the situation and foment intense international resentment against Israel. Chief among these was the following by Netanyahu when he ordered the IDF to invade Gaza on 28 October:

"You must remember what Amalek has done to you says our Holy Bible, and we do remember and we are fighting. Our brave troops and combatants who are now in Gaza or around Gaza and in all other regions in Israel are joining this chain of Jewish heroes, a chain that started 3,000 years ago – from Joshua to the heroes of 1948 – the Six Day War, the 1973 October war – and all other wars of this country – are hero troops. They have one supreme main goal, to completely defeat the murderous enemy and to guarantee our existence in this country."

His mention of "Amalek" may not be significant to Gentile ears, but to a Jew it is dynamite. The Bible records the deep and sustained hostility which the tribe of Amalek directed at the children of Israel. It was so offensive to God that He ordered Saul to destroy them completely:

"Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." (1 Samuel 15:3)

Today, when the word 'Amalek' is mentioned it is universally understood to denote the complete annihilation of the enemy, the death of every man, woman and child. When Netanyahu used it, the IDF would have understood what he demanded of them. (Whether they will carry out the order according to his terms is a separate question.)

So, the Synagogue of Satan has lit the fuse. Netanyahu and his cronies are serving their masters in the New World Order (World Economic Forum, Bilderberg Group, Rothschild clique, Rockefeller clique, etc). They want war, seemingly a massive conflagration across the Middle East. They also seem to want to provoke immense social unrest in all countries that support Israel, inciting their respective Muslim populations to stage angry demonstrations in large cities and resort to violence against the citizens and institutions of their host country. These may possibly destabilize some of the countries concerned and lead to martial law. European countries with an exceptionally high proportion of Muslims among their population – Germany, France, the UK, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, and Spain – are most at risk.

Christians must continue to distinguish carefully between the actions of the Israeli leadership and those of ordinary Israeli citizens. Satan is using the Synagogue of Satan to harm Israel, in particular those who, in due course, will constitute the righteous remnant:

"O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."

– Isaiah 3:12

We support the continued existence of Israel and her right to defend herself against attack and invasion, but we do <u>not</u> endorse the methods that its leaders are using where such methods contravene the laws of God, causing unnecessary suffering and death and compromising the security and integrity of the state of Israel.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the millions of innocent people – whether Arabs, Christians or Jews – who are entangled in this heartbreaking catastrophe in Israel and Gaza.

Whatever happens, the LORD will not cast off His people, the righteous remnant. Neither will He forsake the Church of born-again believers, namely those who trust in His holy name and in His wonderful son, Jesus of Nazareth:

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good;

for his mercy endureth forever."

(1 Chronicles 16:34)

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APPENDIX A

Extract from Paper #13

The historical analysis below [dated 2010], which follows a Q&A format, seeks to establish (a) whether or not the state of Israel (including the land it currently controls) is constituted on sound legal and moral grounds and (b) whether or not the state of Israel is responsible for the plight of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Questions and Answers

Having set the scene as it were, we will now focus on the principal questions that most westerners appear to have regarding the legitimacy of the state of Israel and its treatment of the Palestinian Arabs, both before its foundation in 1948 and thereafter.

1. Surely the Arabs who had already settled in West Palestine, and who had been there for generations ("time immemorial"), were equally entitled to the land and should have been given a state of their own?

There are four major assumptions embedded in this question.

Firstly, the question assumes that West Palestine was continuously settled for centuries by a substantial population of Arabs, just like the surrounding regions (Syria, Lebanon, Jordan). However this is not the case. The land was significantly under-populated during the Ottoman period. Having been neglected for so long, the soil had deteriorated to the point where it was of little agrarian value. Visitors to the Holy Land in the 19th century, such as Mark Twain and Karl Marx, were greatly surprised by the emptiness of the terrain, the barrenness of the soil and the tiny size of the population. The indigenous people, mostly Arabs, Jews and Christians, were confined in the main to a few towns, where living conditions were primitive. The Ottomans had not invested in the country and there was no infrastructure to speak of.

Secondly, the Jews had continuously maintained an unbroken presence in Palestine since the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. The numbers were not large, but a remnant always remained. Whether the land was controlled by the eastern Roman empire, the Ummayad, Abbasid or Fatimid empires, the Christian Crusaders (who butchered many Jews), or the Ottoman Turks, the Jews continued to maintain a sufficient presence in the land to be recognized by these conquerors as an indigenous people.

They also continued to migrate into West Palestine, albeit in small numbers, during the entire period of the Diaspora. As Katz noted:

In spite of bans and prohibitions, in spite of the most improbable and unpromising circumstances, there was never a period throughout the centuries of exile without Jewish immigration to Palestine. (p.95)

Thirdly, the question assumes that the Palestinian Arabs were never given a state of their own. As we have already seen, this assumption is <u>completely false</u>. The British gave the Arabs the entire Mandate region east of the Jordan River (77% of Palestine) in 1922 and called it Trans-Jordan – presumably to disguise the fact that it was actually Palestine. They did this unilaterally, in violation of the San Remo agreement and international law. Furthermore, Jews were forbidden to settle in this new Palestinian state.

Finally, the question assumes that the Arabs in West Palestine – who could have relocated to the new Palestinian state of Trans-Jordan – were denied sovereign entitlement to part of West Palestine. As we have seen the UN offered the Arabs a state of their own in West Palestine in 1947 (in *addition* to the one they had already been given in East Palestine) but they refused it, almost certainly on the basis that they expected to overrun and destroy the fledgling state of Israel the following year, murder or evict the entire Jewish population, and claim the whole of Palestine, East and West, as their own.

Much misunderstanding has arisen, even among those who ought to know better, from a failure to recognize these unfounded assumptions.

2. But many Arab families lost their homes in West Palestine after the Jews forced them out. How could this be fair?

When the Jews first began to return to Palestine in large numbers in the mid-19th century, they were obliged to pay exorbitant prices for the land sold to them by the *effendis*, the absentee Arab landlords living in Aleppo, Damascus, Amman and elsewhere. These prices were often 4-5 times the fair value of the property.

Many of these Jews were driven from their homes in other Arab countries, for which they received no compensation. (In 1945 there were about 800,000 Jews living in Arab countries. Today that figure is a mere 8,000.) It has been estimated that the number of Jews who lost property in this way was at least *double* the number of Arabs who left West Palestine 'temporarily' in 1947-1948 and lost property as a result.

It is also assumed that the Arabs had been settled in West Palestine for generations, but this is not the case. A significant number, at least 200,000, arrived in the 20th century, attracted by the prospect of employment by Jewish immigrants who were redeveloping the land and producing crops where none had grown for generations. It was worth their while to relocate since the Jewish farmers were offering better pay and conditions of employment than the same Arab workers would have enjoyed in their own countries. And this is why Palestinian Arabs continue to live in Israel today – their overall living conditions and their general treatment is better than they could expect to enjoy in any neighboring Muslim state.

3. That may be so but it does not excuse the fact that many Arabs left West Palestine because they were effectively driven out by Jewish threats. Surely this cannot be justified?

One must consider the magnitude of the threats to which the Jews in West Palestine were themselves subject. As Ben-Ami noted:

It was then [just prior to the Arab invasion] that the Jews really felt they faced slaughter should they be defeated and that the survival of the incipient Jewish state hung by a mere thread. (p.56)

Despite having initially facilitated the creation of a Jewish homeland, the British thereafter had consistently obstructed all attempts to create a Jewish state, while the Arabs had been committing atrocities against Jewish settlers on a fairly regular basis from the start of the 20th century. These attacks had increased in frequency and intensity after the Hebron massacre of 1929 and numerous Arabs leaders, including the Grand Mufti in Jerusalem, had called for the total annihilation of the Jews in West Palestine. This was not empty rhetoric. The Grand Mufti had advised Hitler on the mass slaughter of Jews in Europe and had even requested that large numbers of European Jews be forcibly transferred to Poland lest any migrate to West Palestine. He knew well the fate that awaited them in Poland, where millions died at the hands of the Nazis:

"The Mufti was one of the initiators of the systematic extermination of European Jewry and had been a collaborator and adviser of Eichmann and Himmler in the execution of this plan...He was one of Eichmann's best friends and had constantly incited him to accelerate the extermination measures." – Dieter Wisliceny (Eichmann's deputy) giving evidence at the Nuremburg Trials [*Wisliceny was hanged as a war criminal in 1948*]

After the Holocaust, the Jews of West Palestine knew only too well that the Arab threat of genocide was very real. As a result their fears translated in some instances into actions which cannot be justified. However, the popular claim that the Arabs were driven from West Palestine by Jewish threats and aggression does not stand up to scrutiny. Here is how Samuel Katz described it in his tightly argued book, *Battleground: Fact and Fantasy in Palestine* (1973):

The fabrication can most easily be detected by the simple circumstance that at the time the alleged expulsion of the Arabs by Zionists was in progress, nobody noticed it. Foreign newspapermen abounded in the country...even those most hostile to the Jews saw nothing to suggest that the flight [of the Arabs] was not voluntary. In the three months that the major part of the flight took place, the London Times, a newspaper most notably hostile to Zionism, published 11 leading articles on the situation in Palestine, in addition to extensive news reports. In none was there even a remote hint that the Zionists were driving Arabs from their homes...Even more pertinent: No Arab spokesman made such a charge. At the height of the flight, the Palestinian Arabs' chief U.N. representative, Jamal Husseini, made a long political statement (on April 27, 1948) that was not lacking in hostility toward the Zionists; [but] he did not mention refugees...The secretary-general of the Arab League, Azzam Pasha, made a fiercely worded political statement on Palestine; it contained not a word about refugees...When, four months after the [war began], the prospect of the flightlings' returning "in a few weeks" had faded, there were some recriminations. Emil Ghoury, a member of the Palestinian Arabs' national leadership, said in an interview with the Beirut Daily Telegraph: "The fact that there are these [Arab] refugees is the direct consequence of the action of the Arab states in opposing partition and the Jewish state. The Arab states agreed upon this policy unanimously, and they must share in the solution of the problem."

The author was a member of Irgun and served for a time as advisor to Prime Minister Begin. No doubt his enemies would have taken considerable satisfaction in disproving his sources and refuting his analysis had they been able to do so.

Ben-Ami, who gives a very uncompromising analysis of the Arab-Israeli conflict of 1948, stated that

[T]he mass exodus was, however, inadvertently encouraged by the leaders of the Palestinian community when, in their eagerness to trigger the invasion of Palestine by the Arab armies, they blew up out of all proportion the atrocities committed against Arab civilians. The Arab armies came in eventually, but by puffing up the atrocities, local leaders such as Dr Hussein Fakhri Al-Khalidi, the head of the Arab National Committee in Jerusalem who gave explicit instructions to the Palestinian media to inflate the reports, helped enhance the magnitude of an exodus driven by fear and hysteria. [p.44]

Bard commented as follows:

The Haganah did employ psychological warfare to encourage the Arabs to abandon some villages. For example, some were told that a large Jewish invasion force was coming to burn their villages and that they had better get out...Arab fears were exacerbated by fabricated stories of Jewish atrocities following the attack on Deir Yassin. In his memoirs, King Abdullah of Jordan stated, "The tragedy of the Palestinians was that most of their leaders had paralyzed them with false and unsubstantiated promises that they were not alone; that 80 million Arabs and 400 million Muslims would instantly and miraculously come to their rescue." [pps.128 and 132]

It is also significant that *The Economist* reported as follows on 2 October, 1948:

Of the 62,000 Arabs who formerly lived in Haifa not more than 5,000 or 6,000 remained. Various factors influenced their decision to seek safety in flight. There is little doubt that the most potent of the factors were the announcements made over the air by the Higher Arab Executive, urging the Arabs to quit...It was clearly intimated that those Arabs who remained in Haifa and accepted Jewish protection would be regarded as renegades.

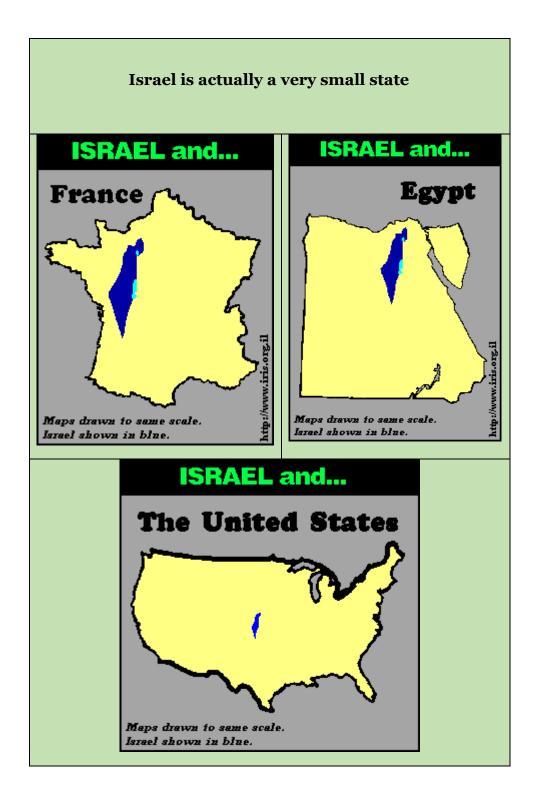
A few years later, the New York Lebanese daily newspaper, *Al Hoda*, reported:

The Secretary General of the Arab League, Azzam Pasha, assured the Arab peoples that the occupation of Palestine and of Tel Aviv would be as simple as a military promenade...He pointed out that they were already on the frontiers and that all the millions the Jews had spent of land and economic development would be easy booty, for it would be a simple matter to throw Jews into the Mediterranean...Brotherly advice was given to the Arabs of Palestine to leave their land, homes, and property and to stay temporarily in neighboring fraternal states, lest the guns of the invading Arab armies mow them down. [Habib Issa, 8 June 1951]

Katz, who made extensive use of published Arab sources, as well as reports and dispatches by British reporters and public servants who were patently hostile to the Jewish cause, drew attention to the fact that the British government ordered the destruction of a significant number of official files in order to cover up their complicity in the Arab campaign against the Jews. In addition to the file series relating to the Haganah and another titled 'Propaganda Among the Arabs,' which dealt with the British policy of inciting Arabs against Jews, Katz noted that

[t]he entire correspondence between the Palestine administration and its chiefs at the Colonial Office in London relating to the records of the meetings of the Executive Council (in effect the Cabinet) of the Palestine government had been "destroyed under statute."

These files, had they been available, would have shed copious light on the extent to which the British had, for almost the entire duration of the Mandate, incited the Arabs to revolt against the Jews and had trained and financed Arab terrorists. They even created the Arab League (in 1945) to stiffen Arab resistance to the creation of the Jewish state. These deceitful tactics were similar to those adopted by Britain in Kenya, Aden and elsewhere during its imperial decline. Finally, as we have already noted, the British published a White Paper in 1939 which completely overturned the Balfour Declaration and announced that West Palestine would in due course become an Arab state.



4. If the Arabs countries have made, and continue to make, every effort to resolve the Palestinian refugee problem, then why should Israel default on its obligations in this regard?

This is a common myth. The truth of the matter is that the nations of Islam have continually done everything in their power to retain the Palestinian refugee problem and to use it as a rod to beat Israel. The United Nations offered them their own state (in addition to Jordan) in West Palestine in 1947, but they refused the offer. Then Jordan annexed the West Bank in 1950 (which it had already occupied for two years) and was in a position to declare a new Palestinian state in that territory during the following 17 years, before it lost the West Bank to Israel in 1967. <u>However, it made no attempt to do so</u>. Here is how Kumaraswamy (2006) put it (Introduction, p.59):

Even though Israel is normally blamed for the absence of Palestinian statehood, at least until 1967 the Arab states were equally responsible for that failure. Until then, they occupied most of the territory that was given to Palestine under the UN partition, and their failure to create a state in these territories not only weakened the Palestinian cause but, more importantly, created doubts about their commitment to Arab unity.

Karsh, among others, has also drawn attention to the glaring cynicism of the Arab position:

Perhaps the best proof of British prescience regarding this matter was that neither Egypt nor Jordan ever allowed Palestinian self-determination in the parts of Palestine they conquered during the 1948 War: respectively, Gaza and the West Bank. As the Egyptian representative to the armistice talks told a British journalist: 'We don't care if all the refugees will die. There are enough Arabs around.' More than half a century later, many of these refugees still languish in squalid camps waiting for their problem to be solved. (p.92)

Furthermore, the low population density of the former Ottoman Empire meant that there was never any shortage of land to allocate to the refugees, even if the West Bank had not been available. Nor was there ever a shortage of finances, either from oil-rich Arab states or from international organisations and sympathetic western sources, to facilitate their relocation. The reality is that the Palestinians were evicted from Jordan in 1970 and from Lebanon in the 1980s because of the escalating terrorist activities of the PLO. This ongoing aggression, orchestrated by radical elements within Islam, made sure that the unfortunate Palestinian people were deliberately abandoned by the nations of Islam and exploited in the most cynical fashion imaginable. <u>They were never more than pawns in the genocidal plan to destroy Israel</u>.

It should be noted also that the alleged cultural affinity of the Palestinian refugees with the land of West Palestine has little or no foundation since a large proportion are descendants of Arabs who had been resident in West Palestine for no more than a few decades.

Besides being an open sore for propaganda purposes, the Palestinian refugees have long provided convenient cover for Islamic terrorist groups such as the PLO, Fatah, Hamas and Hezbollah. That their operations must inevitably result in casualties among Palestinian civilians is of no consequence in a society where martyrdom and death in the cause of Islam are esteemed as the highest good. In such a twisted philosophy, women and children may be used as human shields, with or without their consent. (For a disturbing insight into the methods used by Hamas to control its members and sacrifice Arab civilians, read *Son of Hamas* by Mosab Hassan Yousef.)

In light of these well-established facts, it is impossible to see how Israel is under any obligation to solve a problem which extremist, Jew-hating elements within Islam have deliberately engendered and aggravated over a period of sixty years.

5. Given that Arabs and Jews lived peacefully together for centuries under Ottoman rule, why can't they jointly occupy and administer a unified Arab-Israeli state in Palestine?

This 'solution' is part of the misleading propaganda spread by radical Islamists and their sympathisers. It tries to disguise the fact that the Jews were always an oppressed minority under Islam, subject to extraordinary mistreatment and abuse.

As unbelievers, Jews were known as *dhimmis*, a sub-class with significantly fewer social and political rights than Muslims, very little security, subject to the prospect of arbitrary assault by any Muslim (against which they had little or no legal recourse), and made to pay an exorbitant tax called *Jizya*. This tax, which was levied normally on all able-bodied male infidels, was unusually onerous and could consume up to half of one's annual income. In short, *dhimmis* were down-trodden serfs whose continued existence was tolerated mainly on economic grounds. The *dhimmi* system also had a major social advantage in that it placed a layer of indigent people below the Muslim community. So, no matter how badly the Muslims themselves were treated by an oppressive ruling regime, there was always a layer beneath them that was even more exploited and oppressed.

Both the *Koran* and the *Hadith* (the sayings of Muhammad) contain numerous verses which call for the exploitation, and even the elimination, of Jews. They are described several times as a curse upon the earth and a subhuman class – "pigs" and "apes" (Many websites list these verses).

Today it is virtually impossible for anybody other than a Muslim to live safely in some Muslim countries. While immigrant workers are tolerated, they have no status and may be expelled at any time. The Christian Copts of Egypt are subject to dreadful persecution and appear to be a target for annihilation by extremist groups. The Muslim belief in the inferiority of non-believers is demonstrated in many ways, but perhaps the best known is their insistence on the use of Sharia law in any country where they possess sufficient political influence to compel its introduction. Sharia is simply the codification of Islamic doctrine in all matters pertaining to human behaviour. Applying as it does to just about every aspect of a person's life, it is far more sweeping and inclusive than any western idea of jurisprudence. Sharia law is "above the law," that is it supersedes the statutes of all western nations and any law constituted outside the parameters of Islam.

Arabs resident in Israel (excluding the West Bank and Gaza) number around 1.2 million, 8 times the number in 1948. They are eligible for full Israeli citizenship and enjoy the same rights as Jews (except they cannot join the armed forces). They live peacefully with the Jews, elect representatives to the Knesset, and worship in their mosques. As yet they have not been radicalised by Islamic extremist philosophy and seem to be satisfied to remain in Israel (They could sell up and leave without penalty if they so wished). The prospect of living under a despotic regime, with a lower standard of living and fewer civil rights, has not attracted them to countries like Syria or Egypt. In short, peaceful co-existence between Jews and Muslims is only possible when Sharia law has no political force whatever – a condition that could never be satisfied in an Arab-Israeli state.

6. Even allowing for these considerations, surely there is still a case for allowing the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank to establish their own state? Would that not bring peace?

Many westerners incline toward this view. There are even many Israelis who think it may be the best solution. But it is founded on a lie.

Most Westerners do not understand Islam. They fail to see that it is not just a religion in the accepted sense but an autocratic political system, where all aspects of the individual's life are regulated by the state. It is lawful under Islam to kill a Muslim who converts to another religion. No religion other than Islam may be preached openly in an Islamic country. Their holy book espouses violence against Jews and Christians, as well as other non-believers (*infidel*) and the concept of *jihad* – the aggressive expansion of Islam – is enshrined in its theology. It is even lawful for Muslims to deliberately deceive their enemies in defense of their religion and to sign a 'peace' treaty which they have no intention of honoring. (Muhammad himself set this precedent when, having made a 10-year treaty with the Jews of Mecca, he returned two years later and wiped them all out. In effect their code says "Make peace with your enemy until you are strong enough to destroy him.")

It is difficult to get an objective account of any controversial incident in which Moslems were involved since their religion allows them to indulge in fabrication if it will help the cause of Islam. Such lies are neither immoral nor displeasing to Allah since the overall aim, the protection of Islam, is what ultimately counts. This principle is similar to the Jesuit belief that the end justifies the means, or the supposedly ethical device, known as *mental reservation*, which Catholic bishops use to justify their lies. Furthermore few Westerners realize that the Koran is not the only scripture in Islam. The *Hadith* or sayings of Muhammad, which are even more intolerant, sectarian and aggressively anti-Jewish and anti-Christian than the Koran, also carry divine authority. There is no shortage of verses in either branch of Islamic scripture to convince radical Muslims that their campaign of hatred and violence is morally justified. (While it might be true to say that the majority of Muslims give little weight to these verses, it is equally true that the views of moderate, peace-loving Moslems have no effect whatever in a religion dominated by extremists.)

The nations of Islam will never be satisfied until every trace of the Israeli state has been erased from the earth. Never. Even if it was reduced to the size of a postage stamp they would still continue to rage until that final insult to Allah was obliterated.

Israeli leaders made some serious strategic errors in the past when they failed to grasp this fact. For example, having secured a vital buffer zone to the west with the annexation of Sinai, they gave it back to Egypt for a piece of paper. It would be a serious mistake for Israel to surrender *any* of the territory that it currently possesses or controls. It holds all such territory by right, as land acquired in a defensive war against a genocidal invader.

During negotiations brokered by the US at Camp David in July 2000, the Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, offered the Palestinians most of the West Bank, all of the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem as the capital of a new Palestinian state; in addition, all Palestinian refugees could apply for compensation for loss of property from an international fund to which Israel would contribute along with other countries. And, incredibly, the Palestinian leadership <u>rejected</u> this astonishing offer!

As Abba Eben famously observed after the Geneva peace talks in 1973: "The Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity."

The Palestinian attitude at Camp David shows, if further proof were needed, that the rulers of Islam have no intention of resolving the plight of the Palestinian refugees and no interest whatever in a negotiated settlement – their only goal is the complete annihilation of Israel.

The Palestinian people have been used by the leaders of Islam in a most despicable way, as pawns in a vicious game which they intend to continue playing until Israel is destroyed. These cynical leaders know the power of international opinion and the sympathy that can be gained for their cause by the ongoing televised plight of these unfortunate people. They know that most westerners fall for this type of propaganda, the endless repetition of heart-rending images. They know that the West will continue to perceive the Palestinians as victims – which they are – without seeing that the true architects of their oppression are the Islamic nations which surround them.

Katz noted (p.163) an article in the Egyptian journal *El Mus war* of December 1968 which frankly admitted that "[t]he expulsion of our brothers from their homes should not cause us any anxiety, especially as they were driven into Arab countries...The masses of the Palestinian people are only the advance-guard of the Arab nation...a plan for rousing world opinion in stages, as it would not be able to understand or accept a war by a hundred million Arabs against a small state."

In his discussion of the same theme, Karsh stated:

Indeed, had the Jewish State lost the war, its territory would not have been handed over to the Palestinians but rather divided among the invading forces, for the simple reason that none of the Arab regimes viewed the Palestinians as a distinct nation. As the American academic Philip Hitti put the Arab view to a joint Anglo-American commission of inquiry in 1946: 'There is no such thing as Palestine in history, absolutely not.' - p.91

Bard is just as blunt:

The Arab League created the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Cairo in 1964 as a weapon against Israel. Neither the PLO nor any Palestinian groups campaigned for Jordan or Egypt to create an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank or Gaza. The focus of Palestinian activism has always been on the destruction of Israel. After the PLO was expelled from Jordan by King Hussein in 1970, many of its active units went to Lebanon. The PLO seized whole areas of the country, where it brutalised the population and usurped Lebanese government authority. -p.69

The Palestinians **already** have their own state – East Palestine (Jordan) – but the refugees are kept out by the Islamic leadership. Through their choice of flag, the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza virtually admit that Jordan is their homeland – note the remarkable similarities between it and the Jordanian flag:

National flag of Jordan	Palestinian flag
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The Palestinian refugees could also be accommodated quite easily in another neighboring Arab state, such as Lebanon and Syria, which already have a significant Palestinian presence, but they are not allowed to enter these countries. Or they could be given a slice of the vast Sinai peninsula by Egypt or the sprawling sovereign state of Saudi Arabia, which is one of the most under-populated countries in the world. In short, the plight of the West Palestinian Arabs could be resolved in a week by the global Islamic community if they really wanted to do so.

But this will never happen because the leaders of the Islamic world hate Israel and are fully prepared to bully, oppress, starve and, if necessary, sacrifice millions of their own people – the Palestinians – in order to destroy it.

As Jamal al-Husseini, Vice-President of the Arab Higher Committee, the effective government of the Palestinian Arabs, told the UN General Assembly in 1947 as it was about to cast its vote: 'We are solidly and permanently determined to fight to the last man against the existence in our country of any Jewish state, no matter how small it is.'

Former director of the UNWRA, Ralph Garroway, didn't mince his words when he stated in August, 1958 that "The Arab States do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don't give a damn whether the refugees live or die." These three simple sentences by Mr Garroway sum up the Arab attitude to the Palestinian refugees.

The essence of the wider problem, the survival of Israel itself, is well captured by Ben-Ami:

The battleground as such was never the only problem for Israel; it was the wider strategic context of a nation surrounded by an immense Arab hinterland that could afford, as indeed it did, one defeat after another, yet always recover and be ready for the next round. This was a luxury – losing a war – the Israelis were always genuinely, and one should also say rightly, convinced that they could never afford.

The Islamic monolith only needs to win once, while Israel needs to win every time.

In the end only one Viewpoint matters

For all our opinions and convictions, and the huge diversity of views that obtain in this matter, at the end of the day only one viewpoint counts, and that is God's. And he has expressed it with remarkable clarity for all to see.

Firstly, he established a binding agreement with Abraham and all of his descendants around 2000 BC:

And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (Genesis 17:7-8)

Lest anyone think for a moment that God might not honour his word, he said (around 1500 BC):

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Numbers 23:19)

Then, around 1000 BC he again reminded his people that he had every intention of honoring his covenant with them:

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: (Psalm 105:8-10)

What is more, he said he would honor this "everlasting covenant" even if his people strayed from the precepts that he had laid down for them:

If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. (Psalm 89:30-37)

About 400 years before Christ, he again reminded his people that he does not change, that his covenant will stand, and that those who turn to him in the End Time ("in that day") will be spared, as though each man was His own son:

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. (Malachi 3:6)

And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. (Malachi 3:17) Jesus confirmed this promise when he said:

Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21:24)

Jerusalem fell to the Gentiles in 70 AD and only returned fully into Jewish hands in 1967. This is a clear sign that the End Time clock is ticking.

Finally, in the Book of Revelation (around 96 AD), the LORD stated in stunning detail exactly how he intends to deal with Satan, the enemies of Israel, and the gross apostasy of mankind in the End Time. If you think for a moment that he did not mean what he said, think again:

The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it...And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12:1-3, 9)

Concluding Comments

When I set out to research this topic I didn't expect to end up here. Somehow I imagined that the Arab cause would have some justification, however tenuous. After all, there are two sides to every story. So it came as a real surprise to see just how well defined the main issues really are. On the one hand we have a small nation under siege, and on the other a sprawling despotic empire which is determined at all costs to destroy it.

I have based this analysis on facts which are fairly easy to establish. If you have difficulty with my conclusions, then I would suggest you research the facts which, in your opinion, have the greatest bearing on my analysis. I believe it is important that people establish the actual historical position for themselves and not rely solely on secondhand sources.

This paper does not address the conduct of the Israeli Defense Force in recent decades, the activities of Mossad or Shin Bet, the Zionist influence on American politics or the global financial system, the use of Israel as a flashpoint for World War Three, its role in the Illuminati plan to create a New World Order, or any similar factor.

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