

# PROPHECY 102

WHOSE LAND IS IT ANYWAY?

***THE PURPOSE OF THIS SEMINAR:***

- 1. WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?**
- 2. A BIBLICAL VIEW OF ISRAEL AND THE LAND**
- 3. THE HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT**
- 4. THE RISE OF THE PALESTINIANS**
- 5. THE SPIRITUAL FORCES BEHIND THE CONFLICT**
- 6. HOW WE ARE TO RESPOND**



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➤ **Deut 30: 4-6** – “If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. <sup>5</sup> “The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. <sup>6</sup> “Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.”

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➤ **I Sam 15: 29** – “Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind.”

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*Israel's Right to the Land*

## ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO THE LAND

### ***THE LAND IS AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING IN THE MIDDLE EAST OF TODAY AND IN THE PLANS OF GOD FOR ISRAEL AND THE WORLD TOMORROW***

- **Rom 11: 29** – “for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”
  - **gifts** – *charisma* – a favour given without any merit in the one receiving it
  - **calling** – *klesis* – to be called or invited to a banquet –a metaphor for salvation
  - **irrevocable** – *ametameletos* – never to be withdrawn or changed because there is no element of regret

## I. THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

➤ **Gen 12: 1-3** – “Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; <sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; <sup>3</sup> And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.””

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- **Lev 25: 23** – “The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are *but* aliens and sojourners with Me.”
- **Joel 3: 2** – “I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land.”

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- **Gen 12: 7** – “The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To you descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.”
- **Gen 13: 14-17** – “ The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; <sup>15</sup> for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. <sup>16</sup> “I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered. <sup>17</sup> “Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.””

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- **Gen 15: 18** – “On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:””
- **Joshua 1: 3, 4** – “Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. <sup>4</sup> “From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.”



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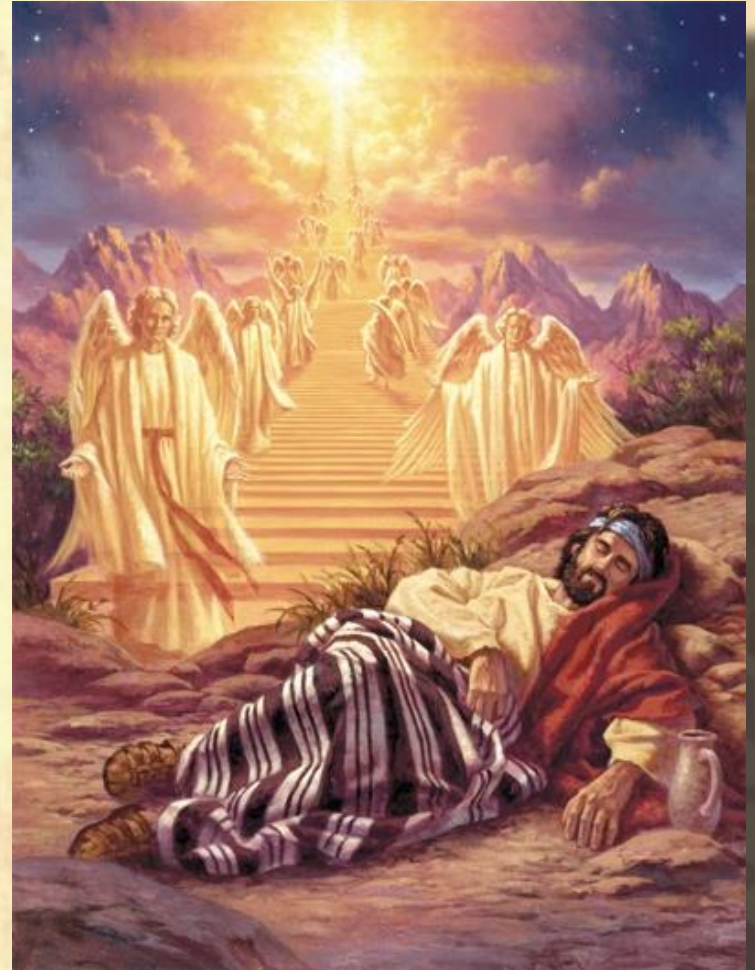


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➤ **Gen 28: 13, 14** – “And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”



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➤ **II Chron 20: 7** – “Did You not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?”



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➤ **Psalm 105: 5-11** – “Remember His wonders which He has done, His marvels and the judgments uttered by His mouth,<sup>6</sup> O seed of Abraham, His servant, O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!<sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.<sup>8</sup> He has remembered His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations<sup>9</sup> *The covenant* which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac.<sup>10</sup> Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,<sup>11</sup> Saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan As the portion of your inheritance,””

### C. ISRAEL'S OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND IS UNCONDITIONAL

#### 1. GOD PROMISED THE LAND IN A UNILATERAL COVENANT

➤ **Genesis 15: 1-6** – “After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.”<sup>2</sup> Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.”<sup>4</sup> Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”<sup>6</sup> Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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- **Genesis 15: 7, 8** – “And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”<sup>8</sup> He said, “O Lord GOD, how may I know that I will possess it?”



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➤ **Genesis 15: 9-12** – “So He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”<sup>10</sup> Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.<sup>11</sup> The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.<sup>12</sup> Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him.”



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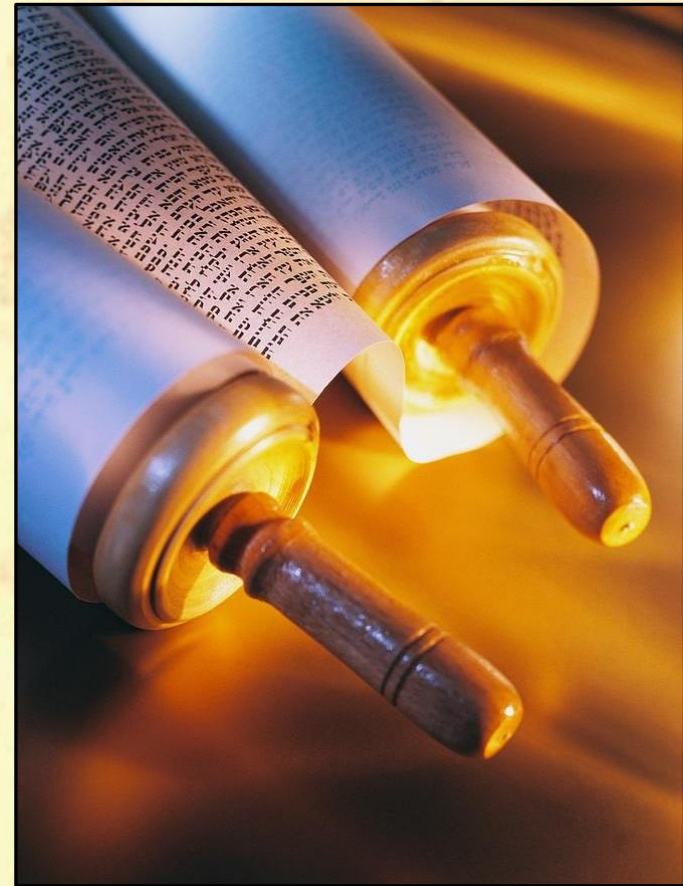
➤ **Genesis 15: 13-18** – “*God* said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.<sup>14</sup> “But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.<sup>15</sup> “As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.<sup>16</sup> “Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”<sup>17</sup> It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, *there appeared* a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces.<sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:”

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- **Heb 6: 13, 14** – “For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, <sup>14</sup> saying, “I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you.”



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➤ **Gen 17: 1, 2** – “Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> “I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly.””

➤ **Gen 17: 8** – “I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.””

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*Some try to make the giving of circumcision as the requirement Abraham had to meet for the covenant to be honoured*

➤ **Gen 17: 10, 11** – “This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.<sup>11</sup> And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.”

*Circumcision was given as a sign of the covenant's existence, not a condition to be met for the covenant to be fulfilled!*

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*a) ONCE A COVENANT IS ESTABLISHED IT CANNOT BE REPLACED OR ALTERED*

➤ **Gal 3: 15** – “Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man’s covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it.”

*b) THE COVENANT WAS RECONFIRMED IN SPITE OF SIN*

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➤ **Lev 26: 42-45** – “then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land. <sup>43</sup> For the land will be abandoned by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes. <sup>44</sup> Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God. <sup>45</sup> But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the LORD.”

**CONCLUSION – ISRAEL CANNOT AND NEVER WILL LOSE CLAIM TO THE LAND**

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***“Throughout the history of Israel, covenant breaking and disobedience and idolatry disqualified Israel from the present divine right to the Land. Be careful not to infer from this that Gentile nations (like Arabs) have the right to molest Israel. God's judgments on Israel do not sanction human sin against Israel. Israel still has human rights among nations even when she forfeits her present divine right to the Land.”***

(John Piper)

***“Therefore, the secular state of Israel today may not claim a present divine right to the Land, but they and we should seek a peaceful settlement not based on present divine rights, but on international principles of justice, mercy, and practical feasibility.”***

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***"ISRAEL HAS NOT EVER FORFEITED HER DIVINE RIGHT TO THE LAND – WHAT SHE FORFEITED WAS THE RIGHT TO REMAIN LIVING IN THE LAND SHE OWNS!"***



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➤ **Deut 4: 25-27** – “When you become the father of children and children’s children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God *so as* to provoke Him to anger, <sup>26</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed. <sup>27</sup> ”The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you.”

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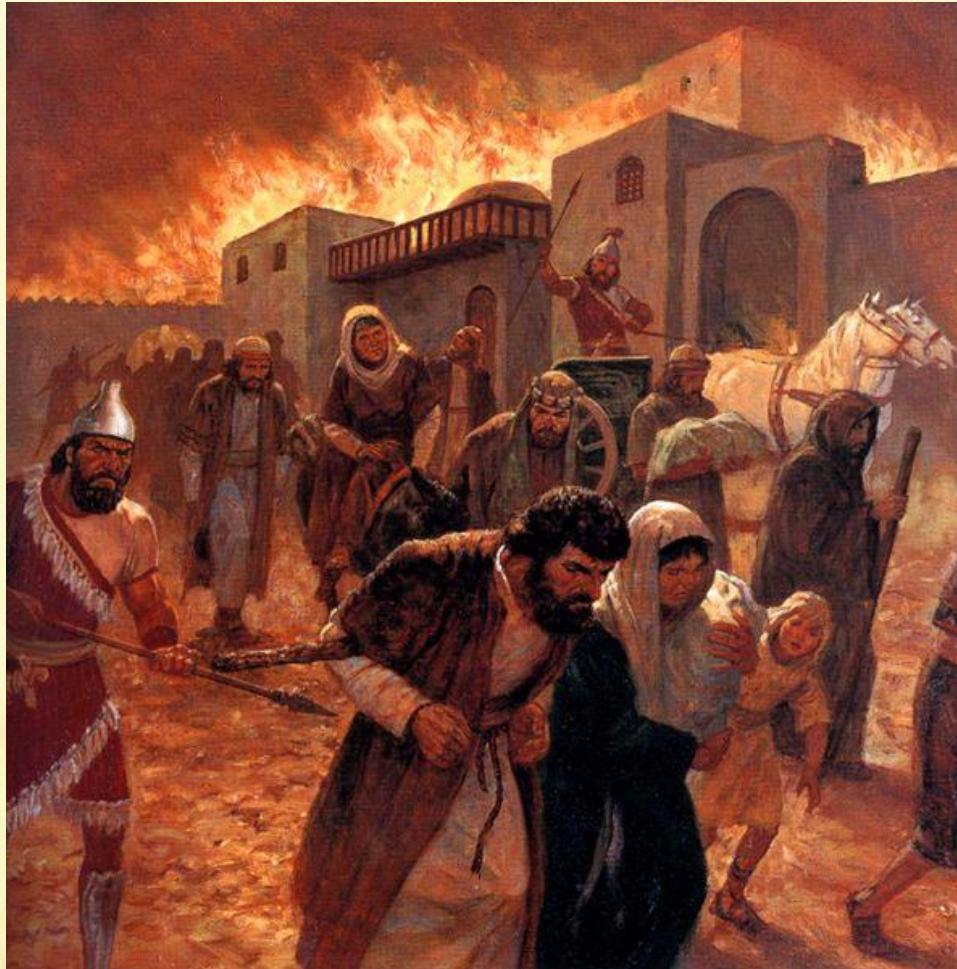
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➤ **Deut 29: 25-28** – “Then *men* will say, ‘Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt. <sup>26</sup>’ They went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they have not known and whom He had not allotted to them. <sup>27</sup>’ Therefore, the anger of the LORD burned against that land, to bring upon it every curse which is written in this book; <sup>28</sup> and the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and in fury and in great wrath, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.’”

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***CONCLUSION – Israel may remain in the land ONLY if she remains obedient and righteous!***



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**2. AND YET ISRAEL IS BACK IN THEIR LAND TODAY – *WITHOUT FAITH!***

*So why does Israel have the right to live in the land today?*



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***THE PURPOSE OF THE COVENANTS WAS TO ENSURE THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE ABLE TO POSSESS AND LIVE IN THEIR LAND FOREVER!***

- 1. ABRAHAMIC COVENANT – The promise of ownership of the land forever**
- 2. MOSAIC COVENANT (The Law) – The conditions for remaining in the land**
- 3. THE LAND COVENANT – God's promise to enable them to meet the conditions – to save Israel**
- 4. THE DAVIDIC COVENANT – the promise of the Seed – the promised Messiah Who would do all required to save Israel so they could meet the righteous conditions to dwell in the land**
- 5. THE NEW COVENANT – The promise of unconditional grace and salvation for Israel**

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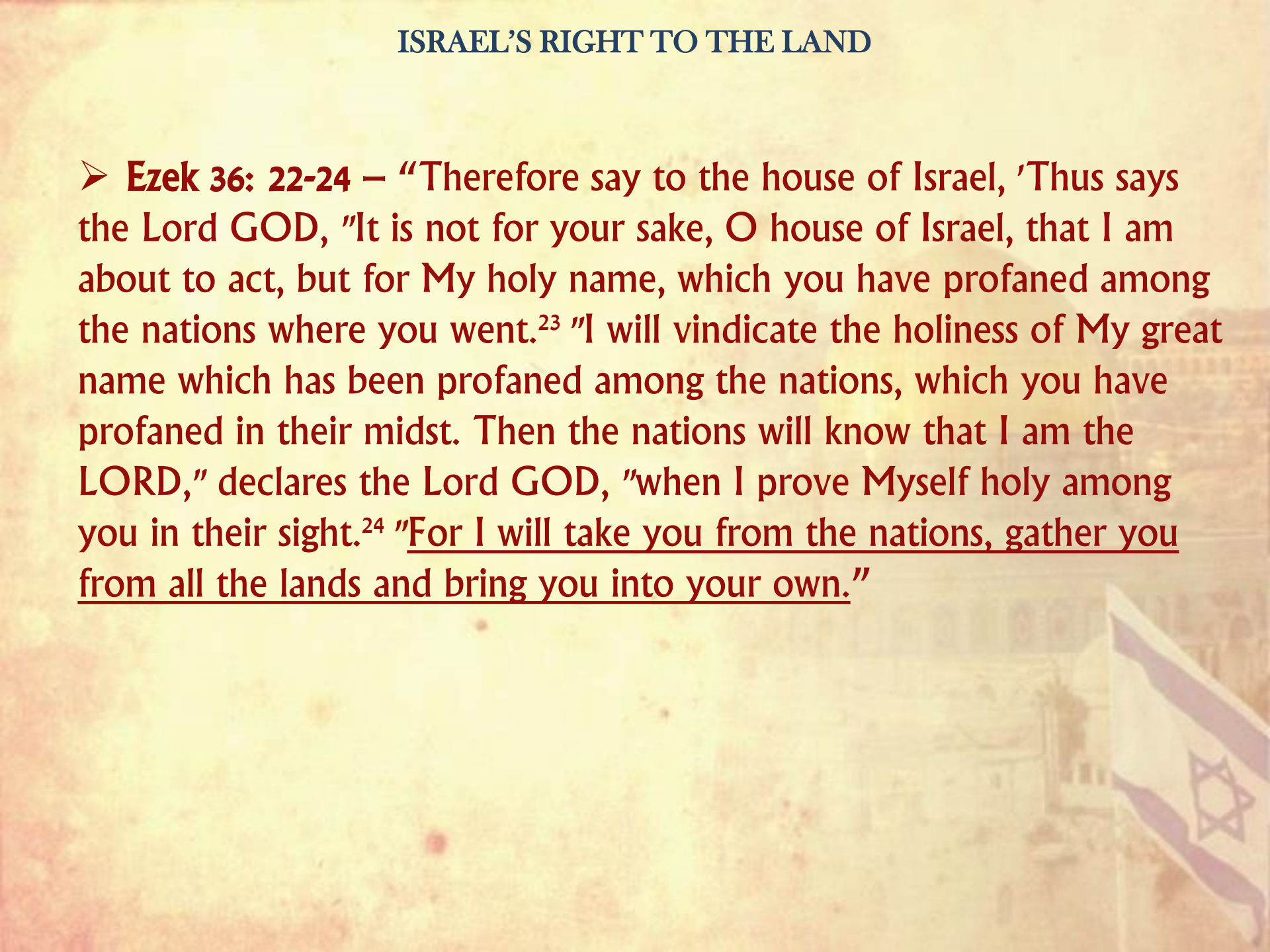
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➤ **Ezek 36: 22-24** – “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.<sup>23</sup> “I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.<sup>24</sup> “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own.””

The background of the slide features a faded, artistic rendering of the Israeli flag (a white field with two blue horizontal stripes and a blue Star of David) and a building, possibly a temple or a historical structure, set against a warm, golden-yellow and orange-toned sky.

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➤ **Ezek 36: 25-28** – “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.<sup>26</sup> ”Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.<sup>27</sup> ”I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.<sup>28</sup> ”You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.””



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***Notice the motivation behind God's decision!***

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***Israel is NOT coming back to their land because they deserve it!***



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**GOD IS NOW BRINGING ISRAEL  
BACK TO THEIR LAND TO VINDICATE HIS  
GLORY AND REPUTATION AS GOD!**

***GOD HAS SOVEREIGNLY ESTABLISHED  
THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL!***



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- 3. GOD WILL SOON MAKE THEM WORTHY OF THE LAND THROUGH SALVATION**

***“Israel’s presence in the land today is because of the gracious promise of God to bring them back, when still undeserving and unbelieving, and then save them, making them worthy to remain in the land which God has given them forever!!”***



# *The History of the Conflict*

# THE HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT

## A. HISTORY FROM THE TIME OF CHRIST

*A continual Jewish presence for over 3,000 years*

- ROMAN CONQUEST 63BC - 313AD
- BYZANTINE EMPIRE 313 - 636AD
- ARAB RULE 636 - 1099AD
- CRUSADERS 1099 - 1291AD
- MAMLUK RULE 1291 - 1516AD
- OTTOMAN EMPIRE 1516 - 1917AD

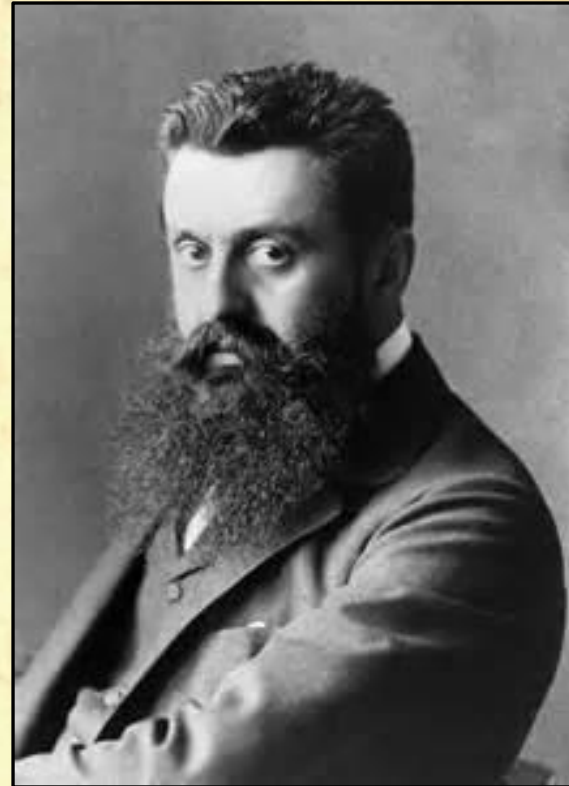
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Theodor Herzl





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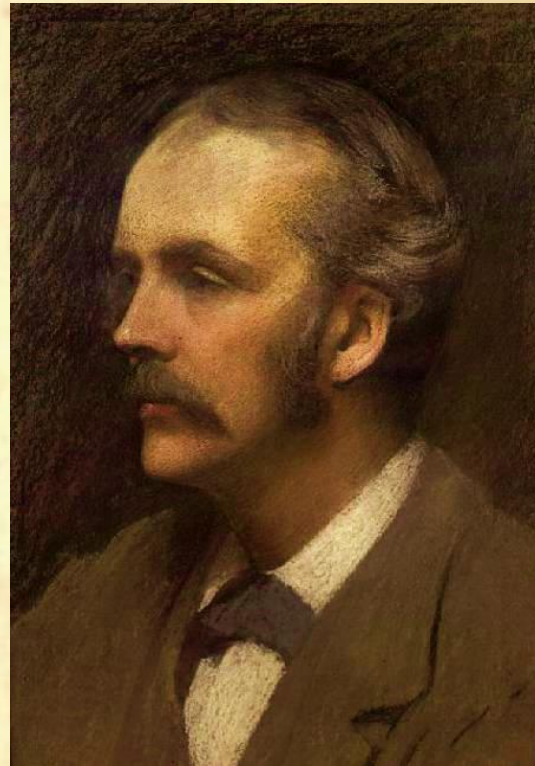
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The “Balfour Declaration” (1917)



# THE HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT

Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

*Y. in*  
Arthur Balfour



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**THIS DIVISION RESULTED IN A 77% LOSS OF TERRITORY INTENDED FOR A JEWISH STATE**

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# THE HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT

## **The British WHITE PAPER of 1939** (severely restricting Jewish immigration to "British Palestine")



## PALESTINE Statement of Policy

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The UN Commission on Palestine report of January 1948



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### Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine went through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.

For the Jewish population there was the anguish over the fate of the free spirited Hagana men and women in the Kfar Etzion line of settlements near Hebron. Their surrender to a fully equipped superior Arab force did probably in need of a victory was a foregone conclusion. What could not be known, with no communication since Thursday morning, was whether and to what extent the Arab Cossack and the Three Columns would secure optimum conditions for prisoners and wounded, and proper respect for the dead. Doubts on some of these anxious questions have now been removed.

On Friday afternoon, from Tel Aviv, came the report of a Jewish settlement in North-Eastern Galilee.

The Security Council met yesterday in a special session to consider action on the measures of Palestine by member states of the U.N.

In the afternoon, Jerusalem was subjected to shelling from the north.

Hagana forces throughout the country continued mopping up and Jewish sources claimed that of Western Galilee and against Arab Nakayama, near Jar of Ma'arot, made a Tzava Indian.

### Jews Take Over Security Zones

The battle was over, which began when the British forces withdrew on Friday morning, continued all day Friday and yesterday. The capture of strategic air and expansion of mortar shells were still being heard in the early hours of this morning as the battle entered its final stage.

Expected efforts on Friday evening and again on Saturday by the U.S. Three Column to bring about a "cease fire" were brought to naught when the Arab negotiators failed to agree within the specified time limit.

On Friday morning, Jewish forces entered the Be'er Sheva Camp and near Gaza. In the morning, Jewish forces moved from Gaza last year. This operation was almost bloodless, but beyond the western edge of their C. Arab engaged the Jews in Gaza and the Be'er Sheva area was taken.

In other parts of the city fighting started, but Jews were fighting against the Arab forces evacuated by the British. By last night, the operation was

### Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

Five hours after the 74 Arab infiltrating planes, reported as 20, arrived yesterday, after news that Tel Aviv had been bombed three times in the two days, the Egyptian air force was reported to have bombed Tel Aviv on Friday night.

In the first raid, four planes attacked from a height of 300 feet. They dropped bombs while the others strafed the city. Little damage was done. In the second attack two hours later, the stripes to the south of the city were bombed, and an Air France plane parked nearby before yesterday, but the ship was damaged.

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### U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

The creation of "Molotov Three", the State of Israel, was proclaimed at midnight on Friday by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, until then Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and now head of the State's Provisional Council of Government.

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by its head, was to abolish all regulations of the British White Paper of the 1939-40, which had restricted Jewish immigration and land ownership.

In the declaration of independence, Mr. Ben-Gurion called on the Arabs of Palestine to make peace, existing laws full their rights and full participation in all governmental organs of the State.

Mr. Ben-Gurion professed the conviction with a sense of the Jewish people, with the land of Israel and of their efforts to return, which were aimed throughout the generation of their dispersion, and that the Jewish people were now the sovereign people of the land of Israel.

The British Declaration of 1917, confirmed by the League of Nations, had given explicit international recognition to

### 2 Columns Cross Southern Border

The Arab forces were reported to have crossed the southern border of the State of Israel.

### Ezra Settlers Taken P.O.W.

The British forces were reported to have taken a number of Jewish settlers in the area of Ezra.

# Al-Nakba 1948



## فلسطين في قلبى

# Never

# Forget!

So then, who is Israel in conflict with?

A high-angle photograph of a massive crowd of people gathered in an urban setting. In the foreground, a person wearing a black and white checkered keffiyeh is seen from behind, holding a large Palestinian flag (black, white, green, and red horizontal stripes with a red triangle at the top) that waves in the air. The crowd extends far into the background, filling the lower two-thirds of the frame. In the distance, a cityscape with various buildings and a clear sky is visible.

*The Rise of the Palestinians*

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## 1. THE PALESTINIANS HAVE NEVER BEEN A DISTINCT PEOPLE

- They have never had their own country
- They have never had a capital city
- They have never been recognized by other Arab nations
- They have never had a history

***"There is no Palestinian nation!" "There is an Arab nation, but no Palestinian nation. This was invented by the colonial powers. When are the Palestinians mentioned in History? Never!"***

**Azmi Bishara , former Arab MK**

***"such a creature as Palestine does not exist at all. This land is nothing but the southern portion of Greater Syria..."***

**Ahmed Shukari, founder of the PLO, the UN General Assembly, 1956**

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***"The Palestinian people does not exist. The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel for our Arab unity. In reality today there is no difference between Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese. Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people, since Arab national interests demand that we posit the existence of a distinct 'Palestinian people' to oppose Zionism. "For tactical reasons, Jordan, which is a sovereign state with defined borders, cannot raise claims to Haifa and Jaffa. While as a Palestinian, I can undoubtedly demand Haifa, Jaffa, Beer-Sheva and Jerusalem. However, the moment we reclaim our right to all of Palestine, we will not wait even a minute to unite Palestine and Jordan...Yes, the existence of a separate Palestinian identity exists only for tactical reasons. The establishment of a Palestinian state is a new tool to continue the fight against Israel..."***

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*“ALLAH be praised, we all have Arab roots, and every Palestinian, in Gaza and throughout Palestine, can prove his Arab roots – whether from Saudi Arabia, from Yemen, or anywhere. Personally, half my family is Egyptian. We are all like that. More than 30 families in the Gaza Strip are called Al-Masri [“Egyptian”]. Brothers, half of the Palestinians are Egyptians and the other half are Saudis.”*

Fathi Hammad, Al-Hekma TV (April, 2013)



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al-Khurani – (southern Syria)  
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➤ **Gen 25: 18** – “His descendants settled in the area from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt, as you go toward Ashur. And they lived in hostility toward all the tribes related to them.”

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➤ **Gen 25: 23** – “The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb; and two peoples will be separated from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; and the older shall serve the younger.”

➤ **Ezekiel 35: 5a** – “Because you have had everlasting enmity...”

*The Arab /Israeli conflict is a family feud from the times of the Patriarchs!*

## THE RISE OF THE PALESTINIANS

***If the existence of the Palestinian's was fabricated, then why?  
What are the goals of the Palestinians?***



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## C. THE GOALS OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE

### 1. TO DESTROY THE NATION OF ISRAEL

*"The Struggle with the Zionist enemy is not a struggle about Israel's borders, but about Israel's existence."*

PLO Spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif



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- **Psalm 83: 1- 8** – “O God, do not remain quiet; Do not be silent and, O God, do not be still.<sup>2</sup> For behold, Your enemies make an uproar, and those who hate You have exalted themselves. <sup>3</sup> They make shrewd plans against Your people, and conspire together against Your treasured ones. <sup>4</sup> They have said, “Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.” <sup>5</sup> For they have conspired together with one mind; against You they make a covenant: <sup>6</sup> The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites; <sup>7</sup> Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; <sup>8</sup> Assyria also has joined with them; They have become a help to the children of Lot. Selah.”

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***“All the agreements are temporary. We the nation of Palestine, our fate from Allah is to be the vanguard in the war against the Jews until the resurrection of the dead, as the Prophet Mohammed said: The resurrection of the dead will not come until you do battle with the Jews and kill them. We the Palestinians, are the vanguard in this issue, in this battle, whether we want to or whether we refuse. All the agreements being made are temporary.”***

**Preacher Dr. Ahmed Yousuf Abu Halbiah, PATV, 28 July 2000**



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*"We will blow them up in Hadera, we will blow them up in Tel-Aviv and in Netanya... We will fight against them and rule over them until the Jew will hide behind the trees and stones and the tree and stone will say: 'Moslem! Servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, kill him'. We will enter Jerusalem as conquerors, and Jaffa as conquerors, and Haifa as conquerors and Ashkelon as conquerors...."*

Preacher Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Madi, PATV, 3 August 2001

*"Oh, Allah, destroy the Jews and their supporters and the Americans and their supporters. Oh, Allah, count them one by one, and kill them all, without leaving a single one."*

Sheik Ahamd Bahr, deputy speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council

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- **Psalm 83: 12** – “Who said, “Let us possess for ourselves the pastures of God.””
- **Ezekiel 35: 10** – “Because you have said, ‘These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess them,’ although the LORD was there,”

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- **Ezekiel 36: 5** – “therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy *and* with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey.””
- **Joel 3: 2** – “I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land.”

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***“We plan to eliminate the state of Israel and establish a purely Palestinian state. We will make life unbearable for Jews by psychological warfare and population explosion...we Palestinians will take over everything, including all of Jerusalem.”***

Yasser Arafat, 1996 – 3 years after signing the Oslo Peace Accords



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*"Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it."*



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*"The Islamic Resistance Movement believes that the land of Palestine is an Islamic Waqf consecrated for future Muslim generations until Judgement Day. It, or any part of it, should not be squandered: it, or any part of it, should not be given up. "*



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*"There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad. Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors."*





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- The Charter of the PLO (Fatah)

*“Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine . Thus it is the overall strategy, not merely a tactical phase. The Palestinian Arab people assert their absolute determination and firm resolution to continue their armed struggle and to work for an armed popular revolution for the liberation of their country and their return to it.”*



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*“He must be prepared for the armed struggle and ready to sacrifice his wealth and his life in order to win back his homeland and bring about its liberation.”*



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*“The liberation of Palestine, from an Arab viewpoint, is a national duty and it attempts to repel the Zionist and imperialist aggression against the Arab homeland, and aims at the elimination of Zionism (Israel) in Palestine.”*



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*“The Arab Palestinian people, expressing themselves by the armed Palestinian revolution, reject all solutions which are substitutes for the total liberation of Palestine and reject all proposals aiming at the liquidation of the Palestinian problem, or its internationalization.”*



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  - c) *PALESTINIAN "APARTHEID"*

*"Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas laid out his vision for a future Palestinian state in which he insists no Israelis will be allowed to remain. "In a final resolution, we would not see the presence of a single Israeli – civilian or soldier – on our lands," Abbas said in a briefing to mostly Egyptian journalists while on a visit to Cairo Monday."*

Mahmoud Abbas – Cairo, 2013



# THE RISE OF THE PALESTINIANS

## D. THE METHODS OF THE PALESTINIANS

### 1. CLAIM ALL THE LAND UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL

*“This Organization does not exercise any regional sovereignty over the West Bank in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on the Gaza Strip or the Himmah Area. Its activities will be on the national popular level in the liberational, organizational, political and financial fields.”*

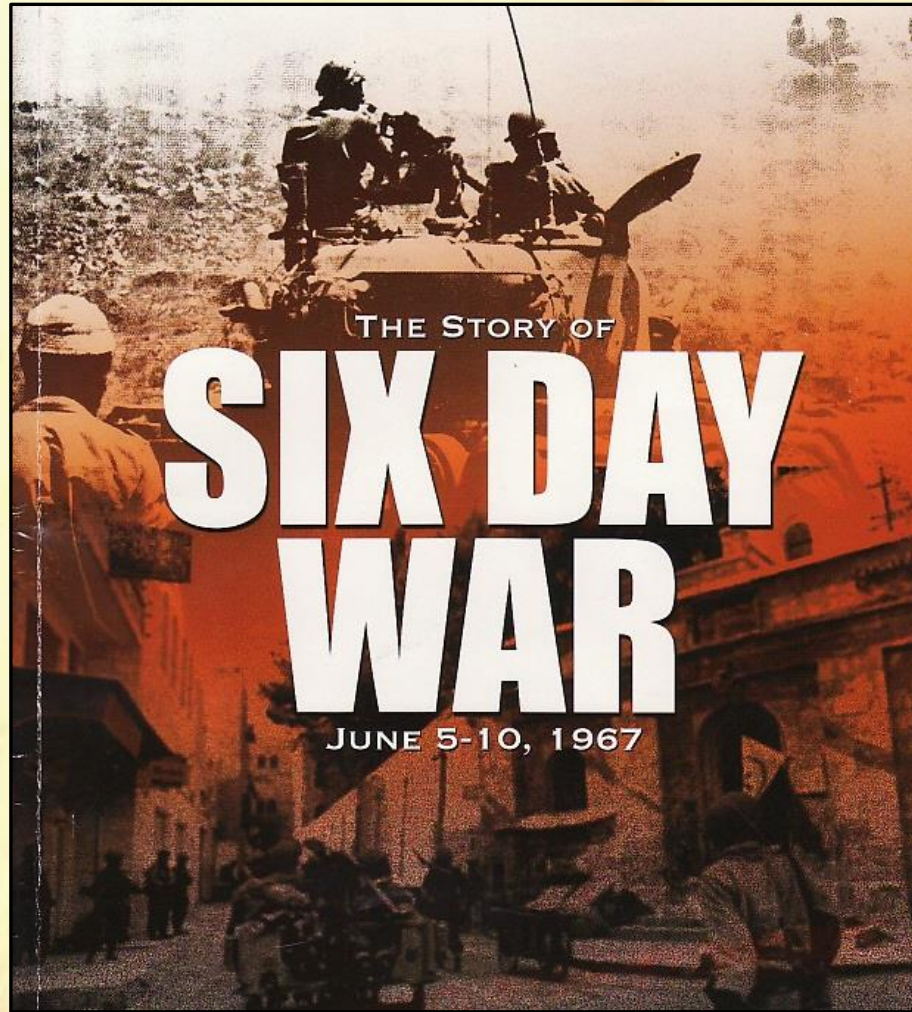
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***"There is a view that where it [the Dome of the Rock] stands was the Holy of Holies of the fictitious Temple – and by the way, that is merely an illusion. There is no remnant of it. It's a myth. A story of no value, like the Arabian Nights, and other legends... Only in Palestine... [after] 60 years of digging, and they've found nothing at all. Not a water jug, not a coin, not any earthen vessel, no bronze weapons, no piece of metal, absolutely nothing of this myth, because it's a myth and a lie. This digging has not left a single meter [unturned], but it has achieved absolutely nothing."***

**Dr. Jamal Amar, PATV, June 23, 2009**



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*“One of the most courageous Palestinian self-sacrifice operation.”*

PATV, March 11, 2013

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*“Palestine in its entirety is a revolution... continuing today, and until the End of Days. The reliable Hadith... says: “The Hour [of Resurrection] will not come until you fight the Jews. The Jew will hide behind stones or trees. Then the stones or trees will call: ‘Oh Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him.’”*

PA Mufti Muhammad Hussein; PATV, Jan. 9, 2012

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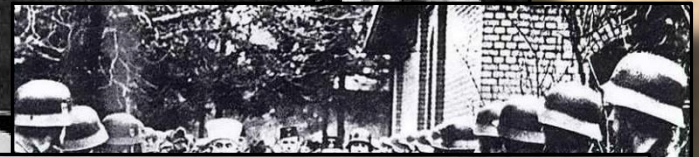
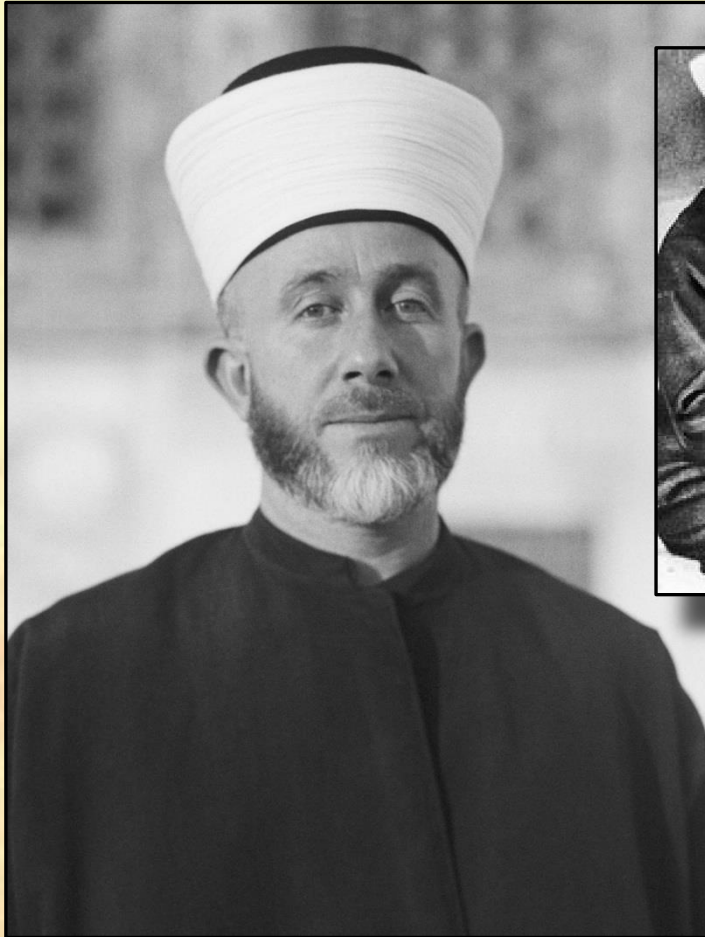
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***"Thanks to Hitler, of blessed memory, who on behalf of the Palestinians, revenged in advance, against the most vile criminals on the face of the earth. Although we do have a complaint against him for his revenge on them was not enough."***

Ahmad Ragab; *Al-Akhbar*, April 25, 2001



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*But a picture speaks a thousand words...*





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*"Our war with the descendants of the apes and pigs (Jews) is a war of religion and faith. Long Live Fatah!"*

PATV, Jan. 9, 2012



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*"Bless Hamas' men, guardians of Palestine..."*

*Killing the occupiers is worship that Allah made into law.*

*Killing Jews is worship that draws us close to Allah*

*Arise, oh determined men.*

*The color of [the Martyr's] blood protects the land.*

*Oh masked one wearing a keffiyeh , terrifying the Jews...*

*call out in Zionism's face:*

*'Muhammad's army has begun to return.'"*



# THE RISE OF THE PALESTINIANS

***ULTIMATELY,  
THIS IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE...***





*The Spiritual Struggle for the Land*

## THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

***Satan does not want Israel to possess the land!***

***Why not?***

***Satan wants to destroy Israel because the prophecies that foretell his final destruction have to do with Israel.***



# THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

## ***A SIMPLE OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC FACTS!***

- ***Israel must be in the land before the Second Coming of Christ***
- ***Christ will then return to destroy Satan and overthrow his rule of planet Earth***
- ***Christ will then rule the Earth on behalf of Israel as their King***
- ***If Satan can keep Israel from the land he can try to stop the entire process***



# THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

## A. SATAN PRESENTLY CONTROLS PLANET EARTH

### 1. MAN WAS GIVEN PLANET EARTH TO RULE UNDER GOD

- **Gen 1: 27, 28** – “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.<sup>28</sup> God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.””



# THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

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- **Heb 2: 7, 8** – *“ You have made him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And have appointed him over the works of Your hands; <sup>8</sup> You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”* For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.”





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➤ **I John 5: 19** – “We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in *the power of the evil one.*”



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➤ **Eph 2: 1, 2** – “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.”



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# THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

## B. CHRIST WILL DEFEAT SATAN AND RULE THE EARTH

### 1. CHRIST WILL RULE THE EARTH

- **Daniel 7: 13, 14** – “I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. <sup>14</sup> ”And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.”

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- **Psalm 2: 9** – “You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.”
- **Psalm 110: 5, 6** – “The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. <sup>6</sup> He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.”
- **Rev 12: 5** – “And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.”

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➤ **Rev 19: 11-21**

➤ **Rev 20: 1-4**

### 4. CHRIST WILL RULE ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL

➤ **Daniel 7: 27** – “Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of *all* the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom *will be* an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.”

## C. CHRIST'S RETURN IS DEPENDENT ON ISRAEL'S SALVATION

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#### a) *OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL SINS*

- **Acts 3: 19-21** – “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; <sup>20</sup> and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.”



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➤ **John 1: 11** – “He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.”



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# THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

## C. CHRIST'S RETURN IS DEPENDENT ON ISRAEL'S SALVATION

### 2. ISRAEL MUST CALL UPON CHRIST TO SAVE THEM = *FAITH!*

- **Hosea 5: 15** – “I will go away and return to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; **In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me**”
- **Hosea 6: 1-3** – “Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us.<sup>2</sup> He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him.<sup>3</sup> So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; and He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth.”

## THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

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- **Ezek 37: 11-14** – “Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.<sup>13</sup> Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.<sup>14</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it,” declares the LORD.’”



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# THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

## ***THE LOGIC IN A NUTSHELL!***

- ***The Jews must first be in the land before they can be saved***
- ***And if the Jews are not back in their land, then how can they call upon Christ?***
- ***And if they do NOT call upon Christ He will not come!***
- ***And if Christ does not come then planet Earth will remain in the hands of Satan!***



## THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE FOR THE LAND

**THE RESTORATION OF THE JEWS TO THEIR LAND IS  
ESSENTIAL TO THE PLANS OF GOD!**







*How should we respond?*

## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

### A. TRUST GOD FOR THE OUTCOME

***"I believe we'd be fooling ourselves if we believed that we can overturn and change what I perceive to be a Goliath of theology in the church. The Goliath we face is the Goliath of replacement theology, the Goliath of Christian Palestinianism that taunts Israel, that goads Israel, that accuses Israel, that condemns Israel and those Christians who stand with Israel."***

**Paul Wilkinson**



## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

### **B. BE AWARE OF THE STRUGGLE WITHIN THE CHURCH**

#### *THE MAJOR POSITIONS:*

#### **1. CHRISTIAN ZIONISM**

- *Support for the right of the Jewish people to the land*
- *Support for the return of the Jewish people to their land*
- *Support for the State of Israel*
- *Belief in the eternal, covenantal commitment of God to His people Israel*



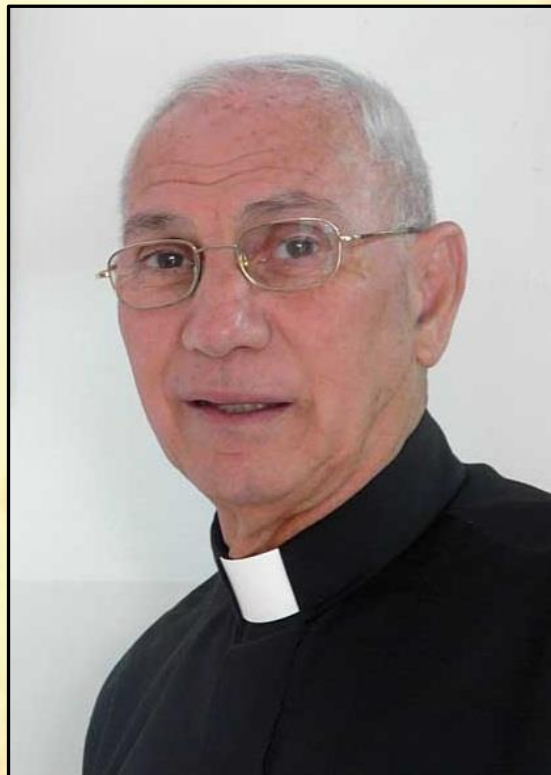
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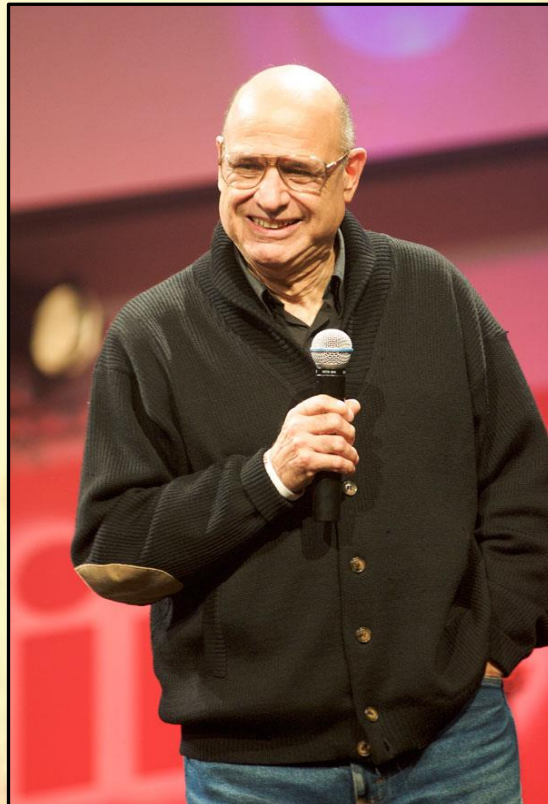
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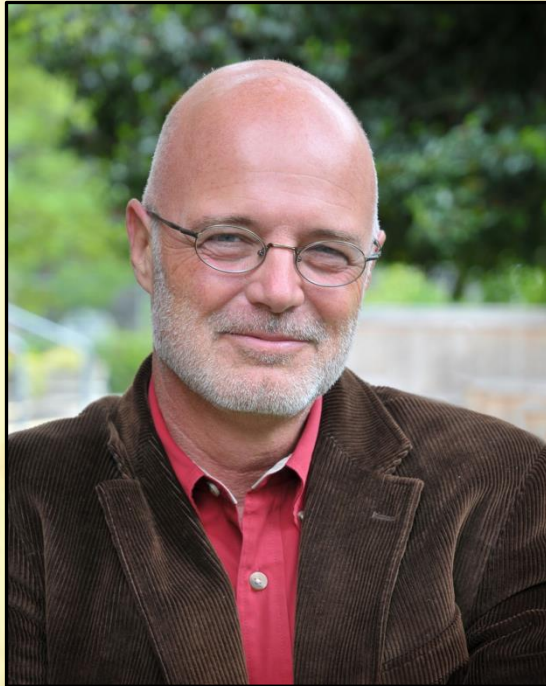
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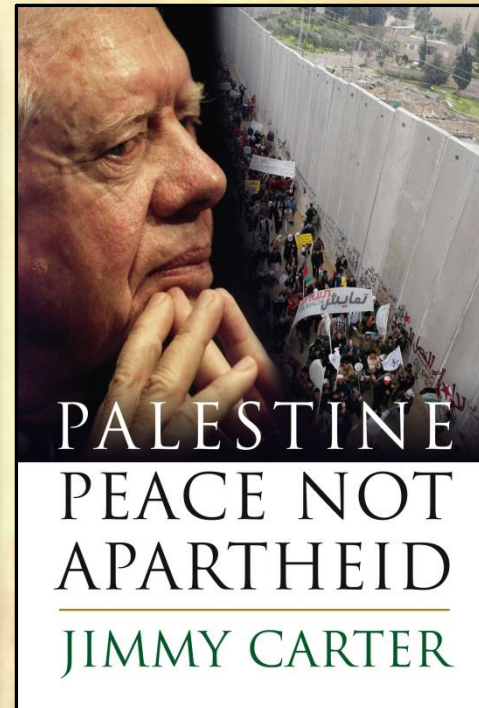
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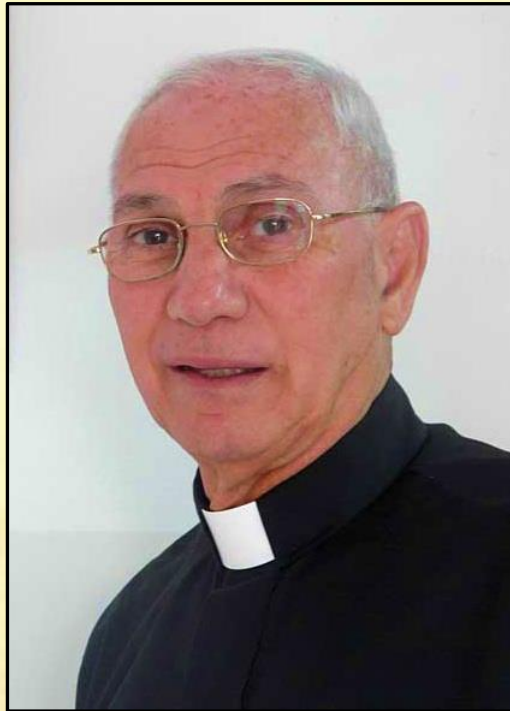
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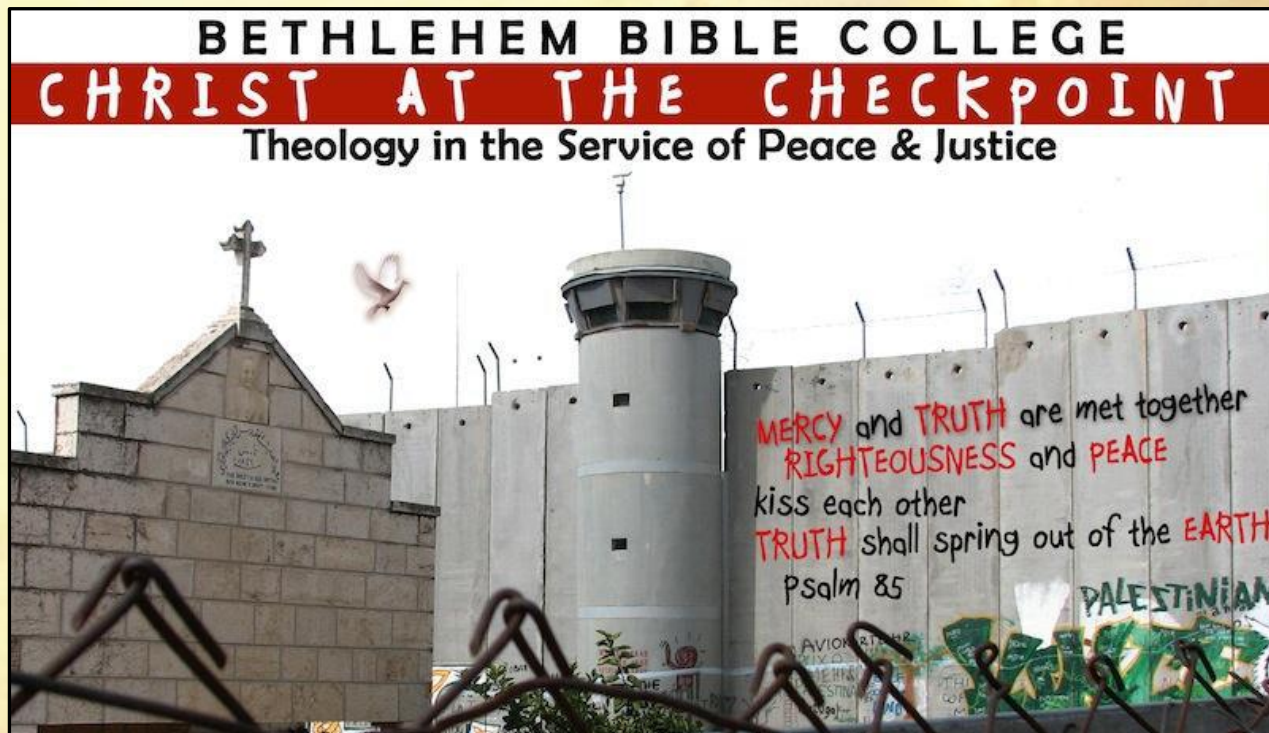
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### C. SEE THE DANGER OF CHRISTIAN PALESTINIANISM

#### 1. A REJECTION OF THE SCRIPTURES

##### a) *REJECTION OF A LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE*

*"When we talk about Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures, we are not talking about a racial identification ... Israel as a racial identification, as a national people, was never how the Old Testament understood God's people"*

Sizer

Stephen



## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

### C. SEE THE DANGER OF CHRISTIAN PALESTINIANISM

#### 1. A REJECTION OF THE SCRIPTURES

##### *b) ADVOCATES OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY*

*"For many years we have been concerned about the growing opposition within the Evangelical Church towards the modern State of Israel. This opposition is rooted in an interpretation of the Bible which views the Church as having replaced (or 'fulfilled') Israel in God's prophetic purposes. In recent years this theology of replacement has become increasingly politicized, and enjoys wide-ranging support among Church leaders, denominations, charities, and associated mission and humanitarian groups. Of particular concern has been the speed with which alliances have been forged with secular, political and non-Christian religious groups in what can only be described as a mounting anti-Israel crusade."*

Andrew Robinson

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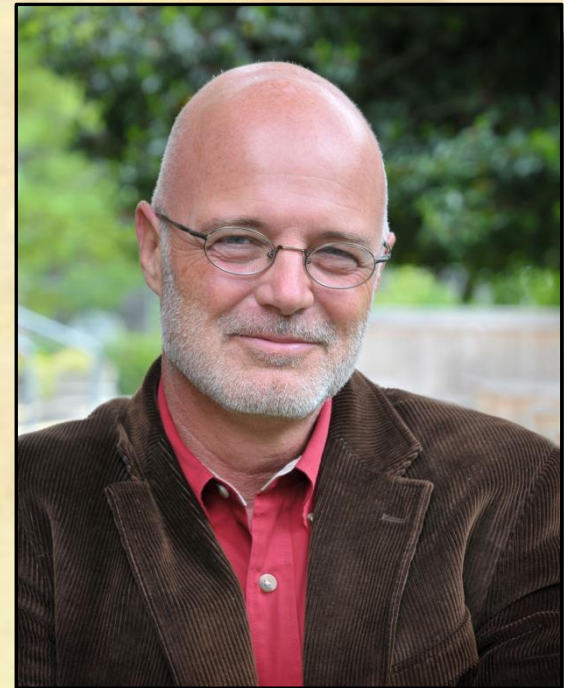
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*"the need to confront the terrible, deadly, distorted, yet popular theologies associated with Christian Zionism and deterministic dispensationalism, which use a bogus end-of-the-world scenario to create a kind of death-wish for World War III, which—unless it is confronted more robustly by the rest of us—could too easily create a self-fulfilling prophecy"*

Brian McLaren



## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

### **C. SEE THE DANGER OF CHRISTIAN PALESTINIANISM**

#### **1. A REJECTION OF THE SCRIPTURES**

##### ***c) THE RESULTING "ISLAMIZATION" OF THE SCRIPTURES***

*Riah Abu el-Assal,  
the Arab Anglican bishop of Jerusalem, ,  
claimed of Palestinian Christians:  
"We are the true Israel..."*



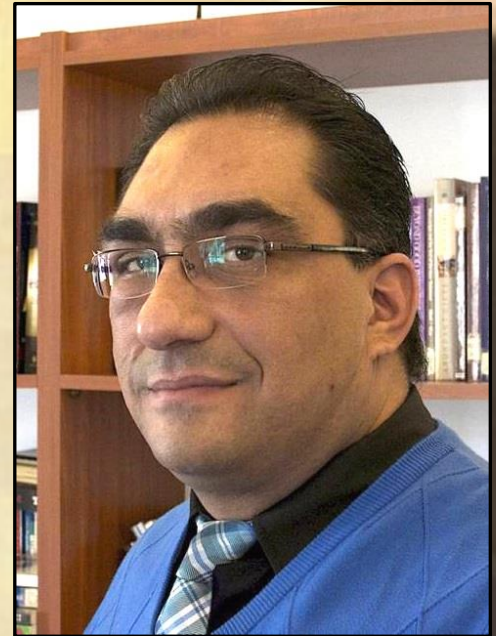
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##### c) *THE RESULTING "ISLAMIZATION" OF THE SCRIPTURES*

*"The hand of the Lord was on me and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of the West Bank – Bethlehem, Qalqilya and Jenin and Salvit and Nablus and Ramallah – it was full of bones ... He asked me, 'Son of Man, can these bones live? Can the Palestinian people live?' Then He said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord"' ... You see, the Palestinian people were, and a lot are still like this valley of dry bones that is in need of the Church to come and prophesy life on them, and I think through the Christ at the Checkpoint conference there was a lot of prophesying life over the Palestinian people. Will you agree with me?" [applause]*



# HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

## C. SEE THE DANGER OF CHRISTIAN PALESTINIANISM

### 1. A REJECTION OF THE SCRIPTURES

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***AND IF WE ISLAMIZE THE SCRIPTURES  
THEN THE CHURCH IS SURE TO FOLLOW!***



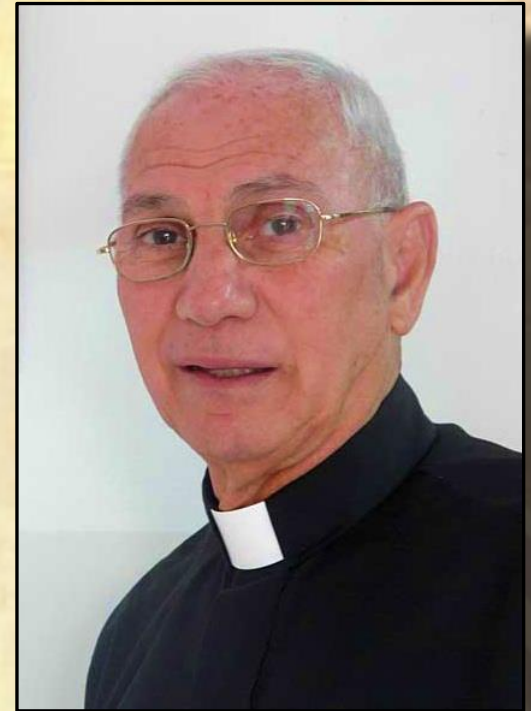
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#### 2. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GOSPEL

##### *A SOCIAL GOSPEL FOUNDED ON LIBERATION THEOLOGY*

*“People quote from Genesis that G-d has given the land to the Jewish people. So the land is given by God so they have a divine right to the land and the Palestinians have no rights. They need to go. It is the wrong way of interpreting scripture. Palestinian liberation theology comes to really help people understand that the message of the Bible is not about a god who is a person concerned about a piece of land here or there, but a god of justice, a god of peace, a god of compassion.”*



Naim Ateek





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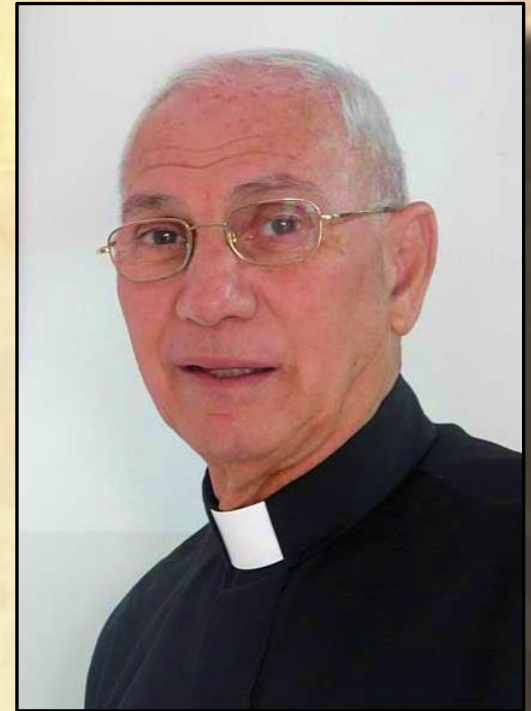
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#### 3. THE DE-LEGITIMIZATION OF ISRAEL

##### a) *"GOD IS AGAINST ISRAEL AND IS ON THE SIDE OF THE PALESTINIANS"*

*"In this season of Lent, it seems to many of us that Jesus is on the cross again with thousands of crucified Palestinians around him. It only takes people of insight to see the hundreds of thousands of crosses throughout the land, Palestinian men, women, and children being crucified. Palestine has become one huge golgotha. The Israeli government crucifixion system is operating daily. Palestine has become the place of the skull."*

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# ***THE PALESTINIAN JESUS***



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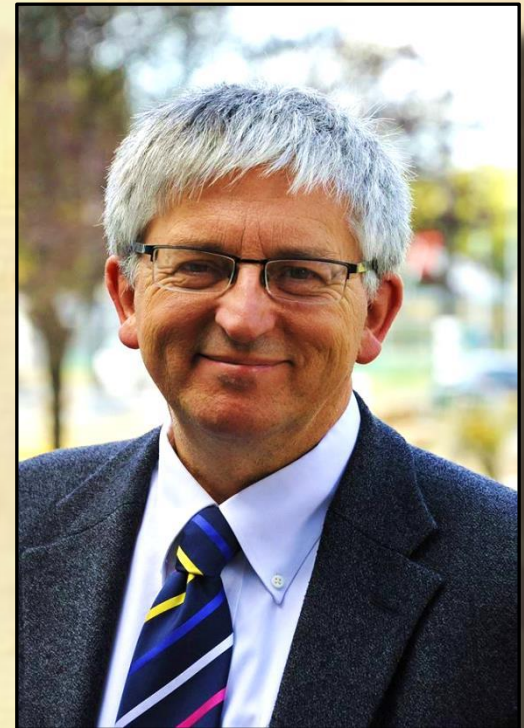
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##### *b) PORTRAY ISRAEL AS A RACIST, APARTHEID STATE*

*“The Holocaust has been perpetuated over the last forty or fifty years; it’s the Palestinians who are going through their Nakba [‘catastrophe’] now, and one wrong doesn’t right another wrong”.*

Stephen Sizer







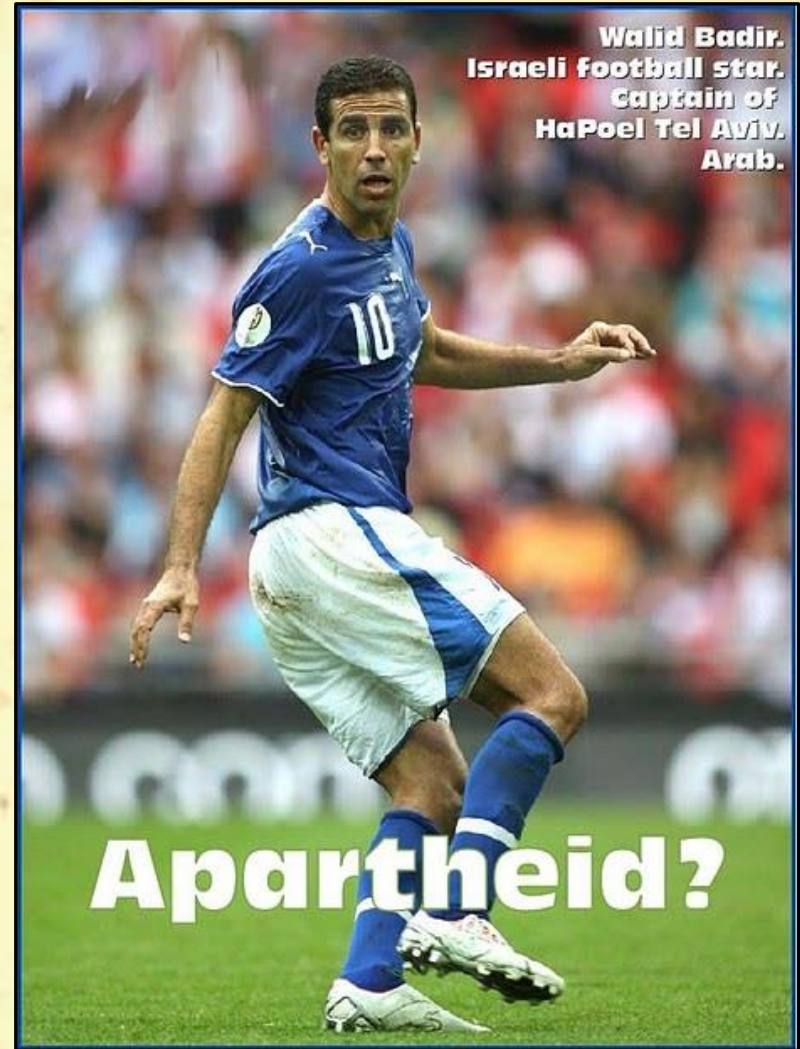
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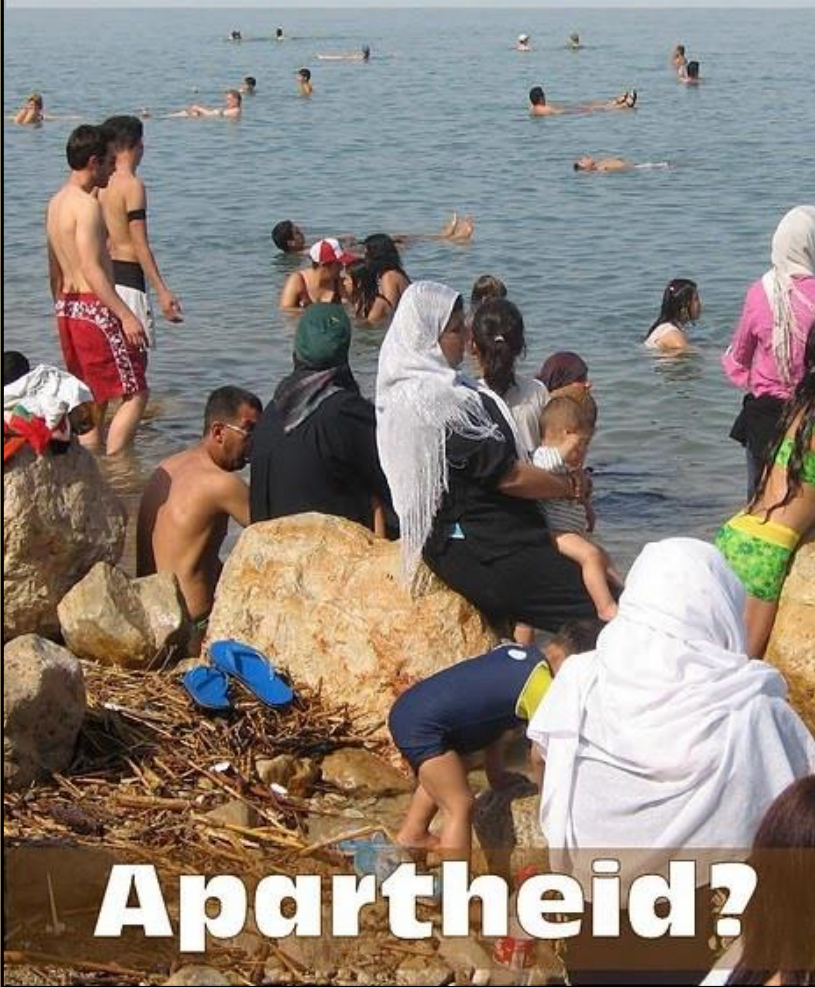
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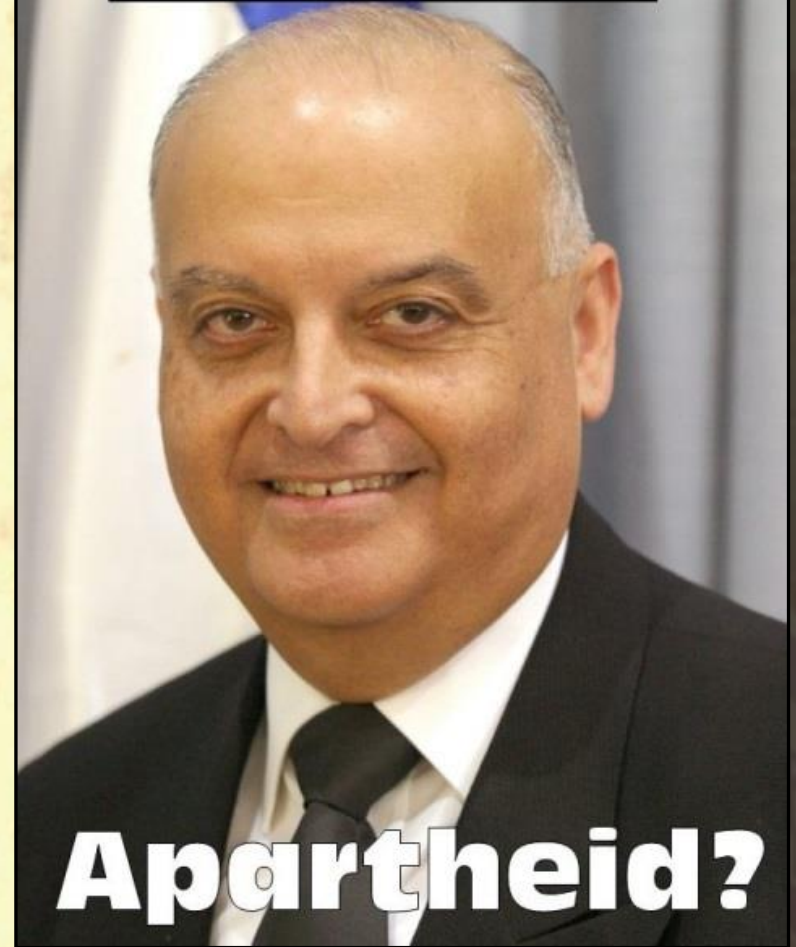
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**Jews and Arabs swimming together in the Dead Sea**



**Salim Joubran  
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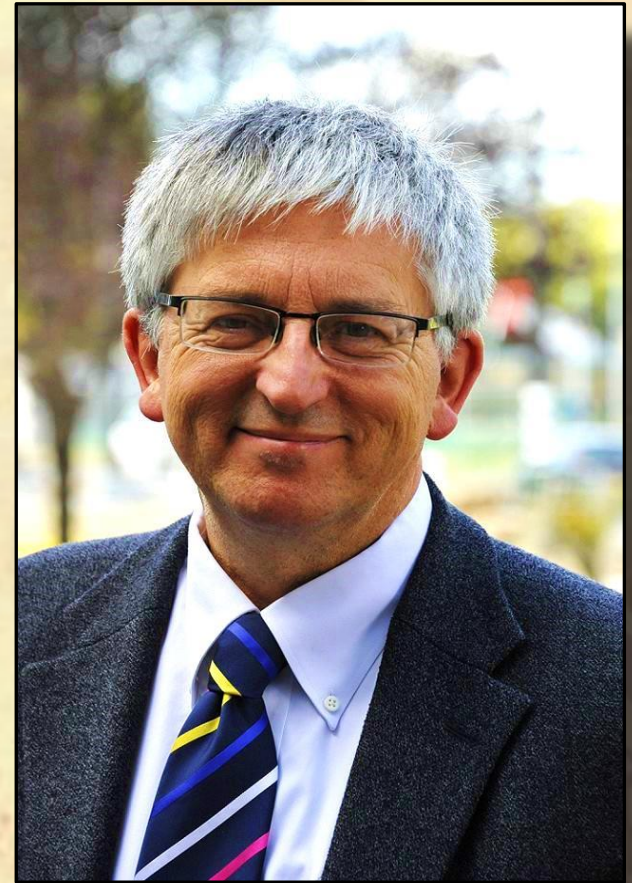


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### C. SEE THE DANGER OF CHRISTIAN PALESTINIANISM

#### 4. THE TARGETING OF EVANGELICALS WHO SUPPORT ISRAEL

*“There are certainly churches in Israel/Palestine that side with the occupation, that side with Zionism. One of my burdens is to challenge them theologically and show that they’ve repudiated Jesus, they’ve repudiated the Bible, and they are an abomination.”*



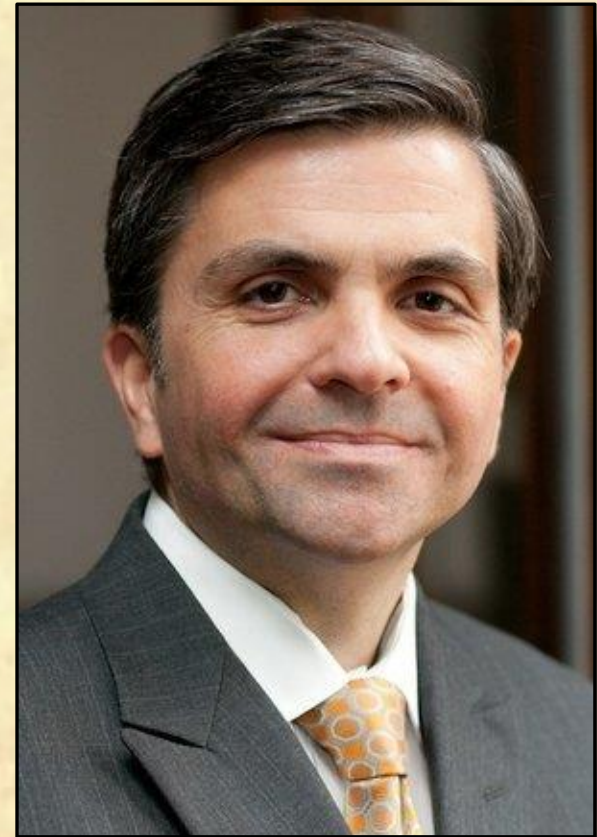
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*“In the mind set of many Christ at the Checkpoint organizers and speakers, a Texas Baptist who believes God still blesses the Jews is more morally culpable for Mid-East conflict than a Hamas-supporting Islamist in Nasrallah who believes Allah wants to drive the Jews into the Sea.”*



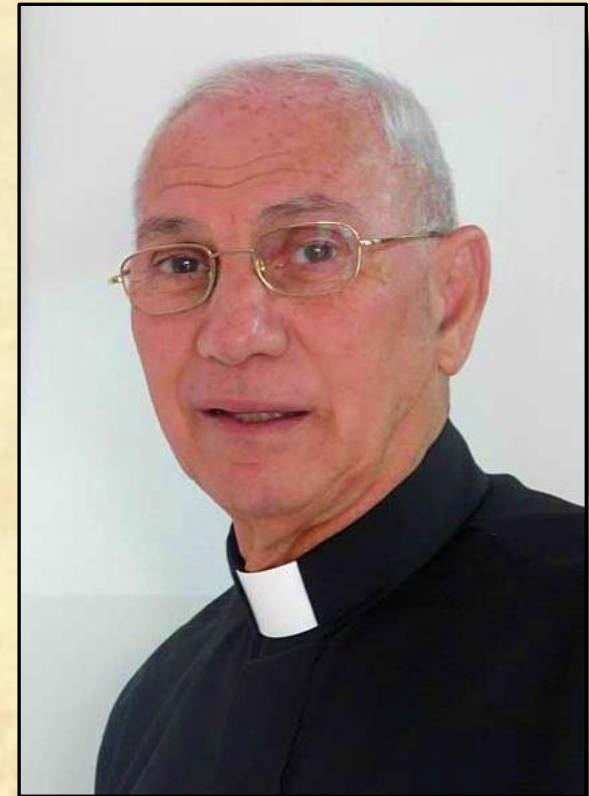
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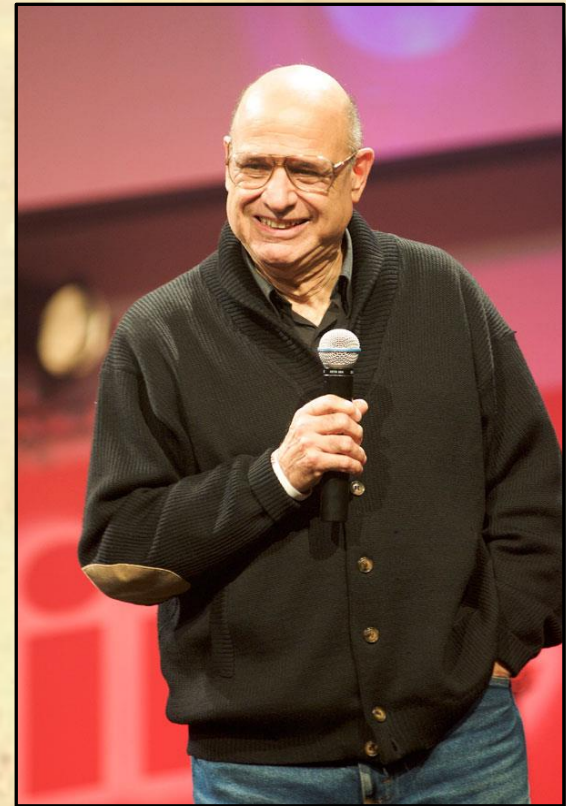
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***“The most serious threats to the well-being of the Palestinians in general, and to the Christian Palestinians in particular, come not from the Jews, but from Christian Zionists here in the United States.”***



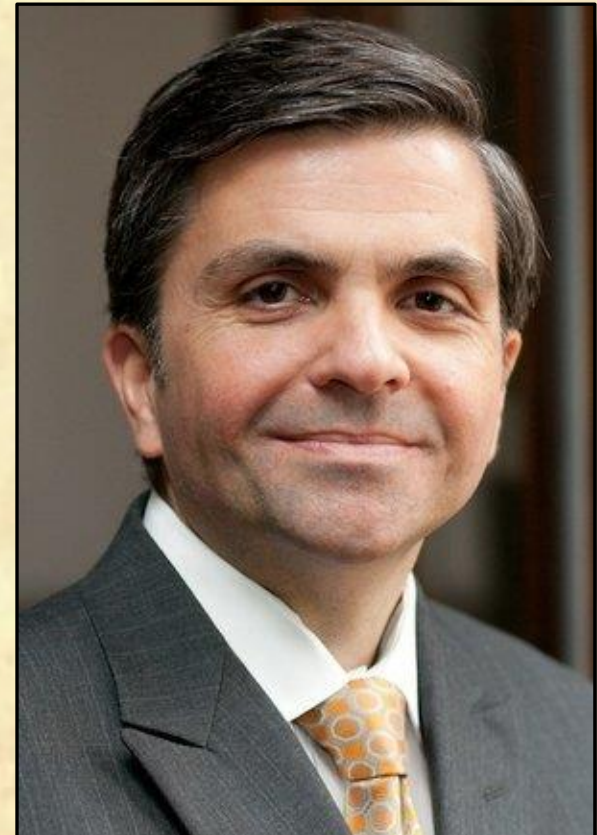
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##### ***b) EVANGELICALS ARE BEING TARGETED TO WIN OVER***

***“The Checkpoint's goal is to highlight 'injustices in the Palestinian Territories' by Israel and, more centrally, to steer U.S. Evangelicals especially away from traditional friendship for Israel towards neutrality or even hostility.”***



## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

### **D. BE READY WITH AN ANSWER**

➤ **Isaiah 62: 1a** – “For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,”

**1. KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS**

**2. KNOW THE FACTS ON THE GROUND**

**3. BE PREPARED TO TAKE A STAND FOR THE TRUTH!**



## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

### **E. BE DEVOTED TO PRAYER**

#### **1. *PRAY FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL***

➤ **Psalm 122: 6** – “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.””

#### **2. *PRAY FOR THE PALESTINIAN / ARAB PEOPLE***

#### **3. *PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES TO TAKE THE RIGHT STAND***







***THANK YOU FOR COMING!***