

WEEK 6 - Islam continued...

4. Their leader

- The current acting president of Palestine is Mahmoud Abbas though there is some controversy. The two main parties: _____ and _____.

Approximately 70% of the 193 member states of the United Nations have recognized the “state” of Palestine.

- Though Abbas has talked peace with Israel and at times has denounced the violence used by the Jihad movement, he is a follower of former President Yasser Arafat. His true motives are revealed from some of his other public speeches:

“The little jihad is over, and now we have the bigger jihad - the bigger battle is achieving security and economic growth”

“From here [the Gaza withdrawal], our people begin the march towards establishing an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital”

“A Jewish state, what is that supposed to mean? You can call yourselves as you like, but I don't accept it and I say so publicly”

‘I will never allow a single Israeli to live among us on Palestinian land”

- The previous president of Palestine was Yasser Arafat, the _____ born head of the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization). The name “Arafat” is the name of a hill near Mecca mentioned in the Koran (The Cow 194). His real name was Abdul Rauf el-Chodbi el-Husseini. Arafat died in November 2004.
- He is the _____ of Hag Amin el-Husseini, who was the Grand Mufti of Palestine. Hussein organized the anti-Jewish riots of 1921-22, 1929, 1936, and 1938. He was a friend of _____ who worked with the Nazis to plan the “final solution” to the “Jewish Problem.” Hussein was not only Arafat’s uncle, but he _____ Yasser as one of his Islamic students.
- Arafat’s career is well documented. Among his many activities was the masterminding of the 1972 murder of the Israeli Olympic team in Munich, the 1974 murder of school children at Ma’alot, the murder of Jewish passengers on the Achille Lauro cruise ship, the murder of a U.S. ambassador in Sudan, the Lebanese bombing that killed 265 U.S. Marines, as well as many brutal airplane hijackings, and the list goes on and on. He was the personal _____ of Saddam Hussein, Moammar Kadafi, and Osama bin Laden.

TIME TO THINK:

Who could get away with this? No one could pull this off. There have been many other smarter, better financed, evil rulers besides Arafat. How?

There are other forces at work...

5. Why are they, as a particular Islamic people group, fighting against Israel?

- Secularly speaking, in short, it is the combination of TWO differing movements:
 - The awakening or revival of Palestinian Arab nationalism brought on by the _____ rule of the Turkish or Ottoman Empire. Arabs sought freedom from the Turks and began to find answers in nationalism...
 - Although there has always been a Jewish remnant inhabiting the land called Palestine, there was no real growth of Jewish populations until after 1918 and the Balfour Declaration. This was brought on by the World War I, as well as the _____ movement of 1897 which sought to restore and rebuild the ancient monarchy of Israel.

KEY POINT: These TWO movements were destined to collide.

- Scripturally speaking, there has always been a battle for the control of the land, a battle between _____ and _____. This battle manifests itself in many ways. In the physical world it is often manifested through national conflicts and wars, especially in the Middle East. ALL of human history is moving toward the final conflict and the physical establishment of the Messianic Kingdom prophesied in the Bible. Satan, in his attempt to confound the promises of God (thus making God imperfect), is using this issue and the secular historical circumstances to further his plan and _____ God's plan.

6. Why all the violence?

- The Palestinian Arabs have called an Intifada due to the officially stated GOALS of the PNA (Palestinian National Authority) and the NIF (National Islamic Forces). Although all factions of the PLO do not agree, the goals are as follows:
 - The end of Israel's escalating aggression that aims to impose Zionist Security perception
 - The removal of settlers and settlements from the West Bank
 - The withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied territory (East Jerusalem; Gaza Strip; West Bank)

- The return of Palestinian refugees to their homes in the occupied territories
- The actualization of Palestinian national independence and establishment of a Sovereign State, with Jerusalem as its capital.
- They believe these goals will only be achieved through violence...just as Islam originally spread through wars and brute force.
- Although most Palestinians are secular (some are “Christian”), the driving force behind this conflict is the Quranic _____ religious teaching that the Jews and their homeland must cease to exist if the world is to become Muslim. At the heart of ALL the violence is the striving to propagate the false satanic religion of Islam. The actual root source of ALL conflict is spiritual (**James 4**).
- Most terrorist organizations have been borne out of the Palestinian Jihad. Some of the most infamous are:
 - **Fatah** - Name means “conquest.” Headed up by Yasser Arafat. Contains special units named: Tanzim, Force 17, Hawari Special Operations Group. It was founded in Kuwait with bases in Lebanon, West Bank, and Gaza Strip. It is the most important group within the PLO.
 - **Hamas** - It is the Palestinian outgrowth of the Muslim brotherhood. It targets Israeli civilians and military personnel. It is based in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
 - **Hizbullah** - Their purpose is to oppose all peace negotiations between Israel and Palestine. They are anti-Israeli and Anti-West. They are in league with Syria and Iran. They are based in Beirut, South Lebanon; with cells operating in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.
 - Palestine Islamic Jihad - Seeks the destruction of the Nation of Israel. They are anti-U.S. and opposed to any moderate Arab governments. They are located in Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, with their headquarters in Syria.
 - **Palestinian Liberation Front** - Split into pro PLO, pro Libya, Pro Syria factions. They are based in Iraq and supported by Iraq and Libya.
 - **Al-Qaeda** - Founded by Osama bin Laden (killed by US Navy Seals 5/2/2011). They seek to destroy Israel and all US global goals with offensive Jihad. They have a global reach that operated out of Afghanistan under the Islamic Sect known as the Taliban.

- **Al-Jihad** - A close partner with Al-Qaeda. They seek to overthrow the Egyptian government. They are anti-Israel and anti-US. Their headquarters are in Cairo, with cells in Yemen, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan, and Lebanon.

NOTE: Each group has a specific military type of purpose that works together with the other groups.

KEY POINT

We should _____, ever excuse or agree with any Israeli aggression that is _____ and wrong just because they are God's chosen people. It is a proven FACT that Israel has committed its share of wrongdoing and _____ against Palestinians in the heat of this unresolved conflict. Just because terrorist groups have attacked Israel does NOT mean we should support terrorist-like activities by the Israelis.

However, an outward and forward _____ offensive by the Israelis in response to terrorist attacks cannot be confused with Palestinian terrorist acts intentionally perpetrated against _____.

We must understand this conflict through the _____ of God. We must see these peoples and nations through God's eyes.

KEEP IN MIND...

...the Palestinians and Arabs are _____ just like _____ are.

Remember...

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:3-4