

Romans 9:1-5 “I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.”

From Israel God provided:

- His Word
- His promises
- His covenants
- Our adoption as sons
- Glory
- Worship
- The patriarchs
- The Savior of the world, Christ Jesus

This book which we revere as holy, complete, and inherent has and always been Middle Eastern centric. When we look at the prophetic narrative we see the scriptures begin to unfold.

On October the 7, 2023 Hamas unleashed a brutal attack on Israel, savagely murdering and massacring Israelis in their homes and Kibbutz (An Israeli community) and in a music festival in Raheem. Their surprise attack came on foot by para gliders, motorcycles and jeeps as they broke through the protective security fence. For the first time in fifty years Israel has now declared war on her terrorist enemies. Many are declaring this as Israel's 9/11 but proportionally its 30 times worse.

I want to say from the outset that we here at Grace NM stand unequivocally with the nation of Israel!

It is tremendously important to understand that just as in the Holocaust there were some sensible Germans who opposed Hitler and his barbaric attack on the Jews so also there are



sensible Palestinians who are opposed to Hamas and terrorism. They also believe that Israel has a right to exist and to those Palestinians we say we stand with you also.

1. WHO OR WHAT IS HAMAS?

Hamas: The Islamic Resistance Movement.

- They are a terrorist organization.
- Hamas in Arabic means zeal or strength.
- It is also a Hebrew word spelled "*Chamas*" which means violence.
- Hamas has no regard for anyone or anything that gets in the way of their ultimate goal to kill Jews and wipe Israel off the map.
- Really the only way to describe them accurately is PURE EVIL!

The **Hamas Covenant** or **Hamas Charter**, formally known in English as the **Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement**, was originally issued on 18 August 1988 and outlines the founding identity, stand, and aims of Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement). A new charter was issued by Hamas leader Khaled Mashal on 1 May 2017 in Doha.

The original Charter identified Hamas as the Muslim Brotherhood in Palestine and declares its members to be Muslims who "fear God and raise the banner of Jihad in the face of the oppressors." The charter states that "our struggle against the Jews is very great and very serious" and calls for the eventual creation of an Islamic state in Palestine, in place of Israel and the Palestinian Territories, and the obliteration or dissolution of Israel

- Hamas is not even concerned with Palestinians. It uses them as human shields.
- Hamas is preventing their own people from exiting Gaza City.
- Almost all of the recourses Hamas has received has been directly invested in building tunnels and stock piling munitions to attack Israel instead of advancing and developing a struggling infrastructure that suppresses the Palestinian people.

2. WHY IS HAMAS SO INTENT ON DESTROYING ISRAEL?

There are political, ideological and even religious answers to this but really only one that matters as believers and that is the spiritual or biblical answer. Ever since the beginning it has been inspired by Satan; it goes back to the book of Genesis — **Genesis 3:15** "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."



The issue between two brothers, Isaac and Ishmael. [Genesis 18-21](#)

A further explanation comes from Isaacs offspring in Esau and Jacob. [Genesis 25](#)

[Revelation 12:4](#) “And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.”

The passage is talking about a dragon, a woman and a child.

The dragon is Satan, the woman is Israel and the child is Jesus the Messiah.

We know from these Scriptures that Satan is responsible for these acts but we need to come to grips with the reality of a seeming reality that God the Father is using this as a final judgement against His chosen nation to bring them back to Himself.

[Ezekiel 38:4](#) “And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords.”

[Joel 3:1-3](#) “For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land, ³ and have cast lots for my people, and have traded a boy for a prostitute, and have sold a girl for wine and have drunk it.”

3. THE HISTORY OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS

The Jews are not occupiers, they are the indigenous people of the land. We get this affirmation from the Scriptures but also from the archeological evidence.

[Genesis 15:17-21](#) “When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

[Joshua 21:43-45](#) “Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. ⁴⁴ And the LORD gave them



rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. ⁴⁵ Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.”

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Ever since 586 BC when the Babylonians came in as a punishment for Israel, Israel has been occupied by:

- The Babylonians
- Persians
- Greeks
- Romans
- Byzantines
- Arab Islamic Empire
- Catholic Crusaders
- Mamelukes
- Ottoman Empire
- British Empire

During this time the Jews were oppressed, killed, persecuted and mistreated, so its no wonder that so many other people groups feel like its their land.



Where then did the Palestinian people come from and what is the origin of the name?

AD 135 Roman Emperor Hadrian in an effort to quash a Jewish revolt depressed the Jews once again and in deference to the Philistines, one of Israel's arch enemies during the reign of the kings, named it Palestrina. From 135 AD to 1948 it has been referred to as Palestine.

4. WHY ARE SO MANY YOUTH SUPPORTING THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE TODAY?

Young adults and today's youth have tremendous traits of compassion going for them. They are concerned for the underdog, for the disenfranchised, sex slave trafficking, people without a voice, world hunger, concern for the environment. Here is the challenge: get your facts straight and know what you are for and why. Israel is by no means perfect and are at fault in some areas. When Israel took back their land with a war it was messy. Primarily many of today's youth are standing with Hamas is because of misinformation. Another reason that youth are so ready to jump on the latest humanitarian cause is because it makes them feel good. A sense of accomplishment. Every one of us has a guilty conscience and in order to pacify that conscience is to take up a cause. In reality the ONLY thing that can appease a guilty conscience is the blood of the Lamb and what was done on Calvary.

In 2005 Dr Christian Smith coined the phrase, "Moralistic therapeutic deism" (basically making a god out of humanitarian causes).

Moralistic — I want to do good.

Therapeutic — When you do good you feel good.

Deism — Then you make a god out of it.

Key, all of this in and of itself is in most cases good but the only one that can truly make us feel good is a submissive and contrite heart to Jesus and allow Him to lead us.

5. HOW DOES THIS FIT IN TODAY'S TIMELINE OF BIBLE PROPHECY?

Philippians 3:17-21 "Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you



and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,* ²¹ *who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body,* by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

Matthew 24:3-8 "As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains."

Daniel 10:10-14 "And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹ And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³ The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴ and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."

Revelation 12:1-6 "And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his



throne, ⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.”

Daniel 9:24-27 “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. ²⁷ And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

