

# ISRAEL, ISLAM, & THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS



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## The Middle East Crisis – part 2

### ISLAM'S CLAIM ON PALESTINE

- Muslims claim that the land is theirs because ALL Arabs are the physical descendants of Abraham through his son \_\_\_\_\_. Sound familiar? **Note:** this claim was not made until Muhammad came along and founded Islam nearly 600 years AFTER Christ was on the earth (approx. 2,500 years after Ishmael).
- Although "Palestinian Muslims" claim Allah wants them to have Jerusalem, the word "Jerusalem" NEVER ONCE appears in the Quran. Nor does the Quran mention any specific location in the land of Palestine as being an Islamic holy place given to Muslims.
  - Remember the *Miraj*? (Muhammad's magical trip to Jerusalem on the magic horse from where he ascended to heaven and met Abraham, Ishmael, Jesus, and God) This is the verse in the Quran referring to that most sacred event:

*17:1 - Glory to Him who journeyed His servant by night, from the **Sacred Mosque**, to the **Farthest Mosque**, whose precincts We have blessed, in order to show him of Our wonders. He is the Listener, the Beholder.*

Jerusalem is not mentioned. The "details" of this event were recorded later by "traditions" (oral traditions written by others of the sayings and actions of Muhammad)! Even these writings about the event are questioned by Muslims:

*"There are different versions of this journey. Some say that this happened in a dream, while others are of the opinion that the Prophet (peace be upon him) was fully awake and went on the journey with his own physical body. Some others say that it was merely a mystic vision which was shown to him."*  
-The Islamic Foundation

- Remember this is why the **Dome of the Rock** is where it is at!!!
- Modern "Palestinian Muslim" leaders revise not only history, but their own statements and beliefs in order to suit their claim for the land:
  - They once said they were the decedents of the Philistines BUT, the Bible lists the Arabs as different and \_\_\_\_\_ from the Philistines - 2 Chron. 17:11.
  - The Bible says that they joined forces to defeat King Jehoram but were instead defeated themselves by King Uzziah - 2 Chron. 21:16, 26:7.
  - The Philistines \_\_\_\_\_ from history after being taken into captivity around 600 BC by Nebuchadnezzar.
  - So now many "Palestinians" say they are the decedents of the Canaanites, which in turn would make them JEWISH since Israel invaded, conquered, kicked out, killed off and/or absorbed the Canaanites. ("*Her ways are moveable*" !!!!!)
- The use of the term "Palestinian," in reference to the Arab population of the land, began in the early 1960's as Muslim Arab leaders sought to create a unified identity for the plethora of Arab citizens of Israel...whether they are Muslim or not.

- Based on these facts, there is **NO** legal or legitimate claim to the land of Palestine for Arab Muslims supposedly stemming from Ishmael OR Palestinian Muslims supposedly stemming from Canaan!

## PALESTINE'S MODERN DAY MELTING POT

Remember, Satan's plan has always been to counter God's plan. He wants to stop God's plan from ever fully happening. He wants control of the throne he originally had as Lucifer. Ever since he was expelled from Eden, he has been working fiercely to reclaim it as his. He has always been trying to fill the land with ANYONE EXCEPT THE JEW:

- Canaanites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizites, Rephaims, Amorites, Girgashites, Jebusites. This is just to name a few already in the land when Abraham shows up – Gen. 15:18-21!
- Citizens of many different nations who had been conquered – 2 Kings 17:24-26 (\_\_\_\_\_ years before Muhammad).
- From AD 1453 – 1918, the Ottoman Empire conquered and ruled the Middle East including Palestine, and especially Jerusalem. The Ottomans were Sunni Muslim.
- During the late 19th century when the Ottoman rule was dying, harsh conditions forced many people groups to immigrate into "Palestine" where work was available. The nationalities of these migrant workers included:
  - Balkans, Greeks, Syrians, Latins, Egyptians, Turks, Armenians, Italians, Persians, Kurds, Germans, Afghans, Druzes, Circassians, Bosnians, Sudanese, Samaritans, Algerians, Motiwila, Tartars, Hungarians, Scots, Navarese, Bretons, English, Franks, Ruthenians, Bohemians, Bulgarians, Georgians, Indians, Copts, Maronites, Persian Nestorians, and many others.
  - Of the 141,000 mainly Turkish Muslims settled in the land of "Palestine" in 1882, at least 35,000 of these were migrants.
  - It is from these migrant workers that the modern day Palestinian Arabs are descended making the Palestinians mainly \_\_\_\_\_ people MINGLED with many other various nationalities. This is historical fact, proving they are NOT aboriginal Canaanites nor direct descendants of Ishmael by majority!
- The Ottoman empire was defeated by the British in WWI and completely dismantled after WWII.
  - World War I: God prepared the Land for the Jew.
  - World War II: God prepared the Jew for the Land.
    - England divided the land and labelled part of it Palestine – resurrecting the European historic name for the region.
    - The borders of the British Mandate of Palestine bore no resemblance to the Roman province and instead incorporated all of Jordan, Israel, \_\_\_\_\_ and the West Bank.
- Since Jerusalem has been destroyed at least 2x, besieged 23x, attacked 52x, and captured and recaptured approximately 44x...the inhabitants of the land have been very \_\_\_\_\_. There was no language, history or culture that would tie all of them together as an ethnicity or a nation! Historically, Jews have ruled the land the longest and have been dwelling within its borders for millennia! Today, Palestine is a melting pot of MANY different countries and ethnicities.

So if Palestine is just a melting of pot of different nationalities dwelling in a land of shifting borders made of dotted lines, why all the fighting? Palestinian nationalism: the desire for a government and independent Palestinian State.

- The Palestinian Arab demand for international recognition as a distinct people group who can fly a flag, receive foreign diplomats, elect a president, and claim Jerusalem as their capital (all actions of an autonomous State) have created a FACT from FICTION history (Matt. 28:11-15). It was not until **after**

the reformation of the Jewish State of Israel that the Palestinian Arabs started demanding that the land was their historic homeland (Joshua 9:1-20).

- The “Palestinian State”:
  - On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1988, the Palestinian National Council, (*the legislative body of the PLO led by Yasser Arafat*) declared the establishment of the State. It encompasses two disconnected territories — the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The signing of the Oslo Accords in the 1990s, negotiated between Israel and the PLO, created the Palestinian Authority (PA) to exercise partial control over parts of Palestinian territories.
  - In 2007, internal divisions between Palestinian political factions led to a takeover of the **Gaza Strip** by **Hamas**. Since then, the West Bank has been governed in part by the Palestinian Authority, led by Fatah, while the Gaza Strip has remained under the control of Hamas.
  - On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel involving a barrage of several thousand rockets concurrent to an estimated 3,000 militants breaching the Gaza–Israel barrier and attacking Israeli civilian communities and military bases. During this attack, 1,139 Israelis and foreign nationals including 766 civilians and 373 security personnel were killed.
  - As of May 2024, Palestine is recognized as a sovereign state by 145 out of 193 member states of the United Nations.

## THE PALESTINIAN ARAB AGRESSION

- The previous president of Palestine was Yasser Arafat, the EGYPTIAN born head of the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization).
- He was the nephew of Mohammed el-Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Palestine.
  - Husseini was born in Ottoman Sunni – Islam ruled Jerusalem.
  - His ancestry dates back to Abu Talib, the uncle who raised his nephew Muhammad!
  - He is known as one of the Fathers of Modern Radical Islam.
  - Husseini 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.”
  - He formed Muslim units for the SS troops to fight for the Axis powers and later the “al-jihad al-muqaddas” or Holy Jihad against the resettlement of Palestine.
  - Husseini was not only Arafat’s uncle, but he trained Yasser as one of his Islamic students.
- Arafat’s many terrorist activities included:
  - 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.
  - Many brutal airplane hijackings.
  - The formation and/or supporting of many terrorist anti-Jewish groups.
  - He was the personal FRIEND of Saddam Hussein, Moammar Kadafi and Osama bin Laden.

- The current President is Mahmoud Abbas
  - He is picking up where Arafat left off, desiring all Jews to be pushed out of Palestine by any means necessary.
  - He is levying for Palestinian statehood to the United Nations. (Last week we saw that Ireland, Spain, and Norway officially recognized this false state)
- Most terrorist organizations have been borne out of the Palestinian Jihad. Some of the most infamous are:
  - PLO: Palestinian Liberation Organization
  - Fatah
  - Hamas – leader: Yahya Sinwar
  - Palestinian Liberation Front (multiple entities)
  - PRC: Popular Resistance Committees
  - Palestine Islamic Jihad
  - Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade
  - Harakat al-Sabireen

**NOTE:** Each group has a specific **MILITARY** purpose that works together with the other groups.

## **Conclusion**

The conflicts throughout history leading up to the current Middle East Crisis are a manifestation of the Battle for the Throne and the establishment of God's righteous Kingdom. The Middle East conflict between the Religion of Islam and the Nation of Israel is actually the revealing of the forces of \_\_\_\_\_ against the plans and purposes of the one true God. The root core of the Middle East Crisis is **SPIRITUAL**, yet the end result will be physically seen – Amos 9:14-15.