

PART TWO

THE HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT

So, if God has given the land to Israel forever and has graciously brought them back to it again, then why is there a conflict over it – who is the conflict with?

A. HISTORY FROM THE TIME OF CHRIST

There has been a continual Jewish presence in the Land 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

B. MODERN HISTORY OF ISRAEL and the PALESTINIANS

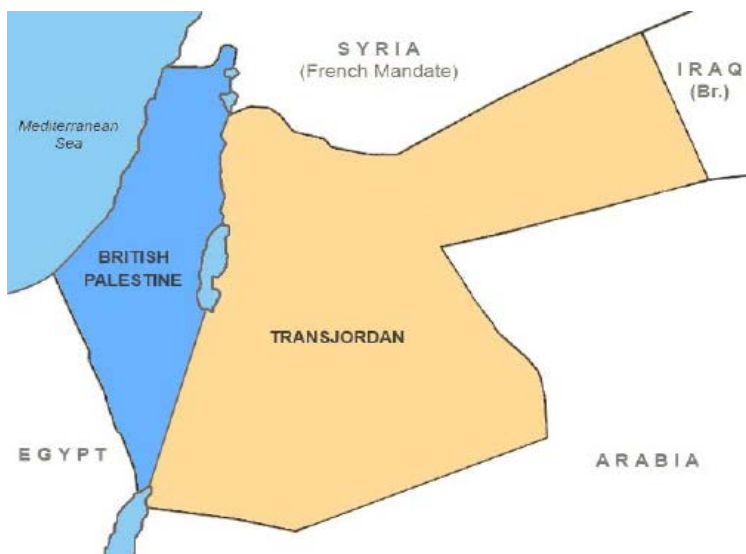
1. RISE OF ZIONISM (1897) – Theodor Herzl

The movement for the establishment and advancement of a Jewish nation in their traditional homeland!

2. BRITISH MANDATE – 1918-1948

During WWI...

Balfour Declaration – 1917



In 1921 Britain divided its Mandate into two parts:

- *The territory of Transjordan east of the Jordan river – the present day nation of Jordan*
- *This division resulted in a 77% loss of territory intended for a Jewish state.*

3. JEWISH and ARAB IMMIGRATION (1920’s and 30’s)

4. THE BIRTH of the STATE OF ISRAEL

Britain desperately wanted out of the Middle East and handed the problem to the new UN!

a) UN RESOLUTION 181 (1947)

“The [British] Government of Palestine fear that strife in Palestine will be greatly intensified when the Mandate is terminated, and that the international status of the United Nations Commission will mean little or nothing to the Arabs in Palestine, to whom the killing of Jews now transcends all other considerations.” (United Nations Palestine Commission. First Monthly Progress Report to the Security Council. A/AC.21/7, January 29, 1948. See: <http://www.mefacts.com/cache/html/un-resolutions/10923.htm>. (10923))

b) ISRAELI DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE – MAY 14, 1948

The establishment of the nation of Israel is referred to in the Arab world as the “Nakba” – the Catastrophe!

So, just who are the Palestinians with whom Israel is in conflict?

THE RISE OF THE PALESTINIANS

Who are the Palestinians?

A. THE PALESTINIANS ARE A FABRICATED PEOPLE

THE NAME PALESTINE: is the Latin word for “Philistine” and was given to the land of Israel by the Roman empire after the final Jewish revolt in 130AD

B. THE PALESTINIANS BASE THEIR CLAIM TO THE LAND ON THEIR IDENTITY

PLO Charter, Article 3 – *“The Palestinian Arab people possess the legal right to their homeland and have the right to determine their destiny after achieving the liberation of their country in accordance with their wishes and entirely of their own accord and will.”*

(http://www.mythsandfacts.org/Conflict/statute-treaties/PLO_charter.htm)

1. THE PALESTINIANS HAVE never been a distinct people.

Those who call themselves the Palestinian people have...

- Never had their own country (the term used of “Palestinian territories” is not true)
- Never had a capital city
- Never been recognized as a nation by the other Arab nations
- Never had any history (no leaders before Yasser Arafat, no literature, no artefacts, etc.)

Azmi Bishara , former Arab MK, said

“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!”

Ahmed Shukari, founder of the PLO, stated in a speech to the UN General Assembly in 1956 that...

“such a creature as Palestine does not exist at all. This land is nothing but the southern portion of Greater Syria...” (<http://www.think-israel.org/ronen.hadriancurse.html>)

PLO chief of military operations, **Zahir Muhsein**, in an interview with the Dutch newspaper **Trouw** (March 31, 1977) stated...

“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...”

2. MOST PALESTINIANS ARE NOT INDIGENOUS TO THE LAND

a) **THEY ARE Arabs from the neighbouring nations.**

- al-Masri - (Egypt)
- al-Iraqi – (Iraq)
- al-Trabelsi – (Tripoli, Lebanon)
- al-Khurani – (southern Syria)
- al-Tzurani – (Tyre [Tzur]Lebanon)
- al-Tzidoni – (Sidon, Lebanon)
- al-Zarkawi – (Zarqa, Jordan)

Fathi Hammad, Hamas Minister of the Interior and of National Security

"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." (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ELpd_hLoUY)

The present day Palestinian Arabs are the descendants of two ancient siblings of the Jews!

b) THEY ARE THE descendants of Ishmael.

- **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." (NIV)

c) THEY ARE THE descendants of Esau.

- **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..."

If the existence of the Palestinian people was fabricated, then why? What are the goals of the Palestinians?

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." (Bassam Abu Sharif; <http://www.middleeastfacts.com/israelandarabs.html>)

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

This is the very same purpose of the Palestinians today – to destroy Israel!

"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) (http://www.freeman.org/m_online/sep02/marcus.htm)

"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)
(http://www.freeman.org/m_online/sep02/marcus.htm)

"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)
(<http://jerusalemprayerteam.org/famous-quotes.asp>)

2. TO seize the lands belonging to Israel

- **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,"
- **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."

"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 the Oslo Peace Accords)
(<http://jerusalemprayerteam.org/famous-quotes.asp>)

a) PALESTINIAN CHARTER STATEMENTS

➤ **THE CHARTER OF Hamas:**

"Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it." (The Martyr, Imam Hassan al-Banna, of blessed memory).

"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. "

"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."

(<http://www.mideastweb.org/hamas.htm>)

➤ **THE CHARTER OF the PLO:**

ARTICLE 9 – *"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."* (Quoted in part)

ARTICLE 7 – *"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."* (Quoted in part)

ARTICLE 19 – *"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."* (Quoted in part)

ARTICLE 21 – *"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."*

(http://www.mythsandfacts.org/Conflict/statute-treaties/PLO_charter.htm)

BOTTOM LINE – *the Palestinian National Charter calls for the destruction of the State of Israel!*

b) Palestinian Maps – Israel does not exist on any Palestinian maps.

c) No Jews allowed in a future Palestinian state = a true apartheid state

“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,” (Mahmoud Abbas – Cairo, 2013)

(<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/07/30/as-obama-admin-pushes-peace-process-abbas-vows-no-israelis-in-palestine-racist-and-hateful-vision/>)

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.’

Article 24 of the original PLO charter of 1964

2. DENY ANY historical Jewish presence

ARTICLE 20 – “*Claims of historical or religious ties of Jews with Palestine are incompatible with the facts of history and the true conception of what constitutes statehood.*” (quoted in part)

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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.” [PATV, June 23, 2009] (<http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=487>)