

**Loving Israel
without
Hating Palestine**

'And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"'

(Gen.15:6-8)

Roman Occupation (AD 70-324)

- ✓ **The Great Jewish Revolt AD 66-74**
- ✓ **AD 70 the Roman army of 80,000 destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. Almost 1,000,000 Jews were killed. Matt 24:15-22 fulfilled**
- ✓ **AD 132-135. The 2nd Jewish Revolt. The Jews were defeated by Hadrian, who banished them from Jerusalem, razed the city and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina with pagan shrines and a statue of Jupiter**
- ✓ **In AD 165 Israel was named Syria-Palestina**

Byzantine Occupation (AD 324-638)

The Byzantine Empire, also known as the Eastern Roman Empire, when its capital city was Constantinople, controlled the land. So it was under Christian occupation during this period

- ✓ AD 614 - Persians captured Jerusalem**
- ✓ AD 629 - Byzantine Christians recapture Jerusalem**

First Muslim Occupation (AD 638-1099)

- ✓ **Israel was occupied and Jerusalem ruled by different Muslim dynasties**
- ✓ **AD 691 – the Dome of the Rock built on site of destroyed Jewish temples**

Crusader Period (AD 1099-1187)

- ✓ **AD 1099 - First Crusaders captured Jerusalem. Muslims were killed and Jews burned alive in their synagogues**
- ✓ **AD 1187 - Saladin captured Jerusalem from Crusaders**
- ✓ **Various crusades follow, all less successful than the first**

Mamluk Occupation (AD 1250-1516)

- ✓ **Mamluks taxed the Jews with high taxes, and put rules and limitations in place**
- ✓ **During their period of government drought prevailed and there was terrible famine in the country. The population rapidly declined**
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Ottoman Occupation (AD 1517-1917)

- ✓ **1517 – The Ottomans captured Jerusalem**
- ✓ **In 1798 Napoleon arrived in the Middle East intending to conquer Palestine and give the Jews back their native land**
- ✓ **1868, 1874–80 Britain had a Jewish Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, who longed for a Jewish homeland**
- ✓ **Theodor Herzl (1860–1904) founded Zionism**
- ✓ **In late 1880's the land was sparsely populated with Muslims, Jews and a few Christians**
- ✓ **Aliyah commenced in 1881**

British Mandate (1917-1948)

- ✓ **1917 - British capture Jerusalem in World War I**
- ✓ **Balfour Declaration – a document of intent to establish Palestine as a homeland for the Jews.**
- ✓ **Feb. 1920, the League of Nations plan to assign 3 previous territories under Ottoman control – Mesopotamia, Syria and Palestine to the Arabs and to carry out their intention to give land in Palestine to the Jews under British Mandate**
- ✓ **April 1920. The San Remo Conference, attended by Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan (US a neutral observer) voted in favor of the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people; providing nothing be done to prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine**

- ✓ **The White Paper**
- ✓ **On 29th November 1947 the Jewish State was born, although the territory promised to the Jews under the British Mandate was greatly reduced. Yet, they accepted it. In UN there were 33 votes for, 13 against and 10 abstentions**
- ✓ **When Israel declared its independence May 14, 1948 the Arab nations went to war against them**
- ✓ **Jerusalem divided by armistice lines between Israel & Jordan. Gaza taken by Egyptians**
- ✓ **There were 800,000 Jews living in the land at the time**

Summary

Palestine has never been a nation, but a region ruled by various powers

After 1,850 years of foreign occupation, oppression and banishment by a succession of foreign powers (Romans, Byzantines, Persians, Arabs, Crusaders, Mamluks and Ottoman Turks), the Nation of Israel was reborn in April 1920, paving the way for the proclamation of the State of Israel 28 years later

What about the present war?

**Does the Bible say anything about
the current war between Israel and
Hamas?**

'Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God! For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more." For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagarites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot'

(Psalm 83)

'Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you. "Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them. After many days you will be visited...

'...In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.' ***'Thus says the Lord God: "On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'— to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land...***

Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'" "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord God: "On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.'" "

(Ezekiel 38:1-16)

'For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.' I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains," says the Lord God. "Every man's sword will be against his brother. And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."

(Ezek.38:19-23)

'So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel...When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer. And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord God''

(Ezek.39:7, 27-29)

'Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them'

(Rev.9:13-16)

'Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon'

(Rev.16:12-16)

'The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it... It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn'

(Zech.12:1-3, 9-10)

'Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You...And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles'

(Zech.14:1-5, 16)