

The Recent History of Israel's Land in the Middle East

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WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

Here is what Palestinian children are taught and what anti-Israel politicians, like Jimmy Carter and leftists all over the world are saying: "Palestine's (1948) war ended with a catastrophe that is unprecedented in history, where the Zionist gangs stole Palestine and expelled its people from their cities, their villages, their lands and their houses, and established the state of Israel." (From the "Textbook on Arabic Language, Analysis, Literature and Criticism", Grade 12, p 104)

Every claim in this statement is false! There was no Arab state or nation called Palestine in the Middle East in 1948. Or ever. There was no Palestinian nation that the Jews could steal. Or occupy.

For **400 years until World War 1**, the Middle East was ruled by the Turks (called the Ottoman Empire 1553 – 1922). **There was no Palestine, no Jordan, no Lebanon, no Syria and no Iraq.** They were all created by the European powers out of the ruins of the Turkish Empire. **The Jews have lived continuously in Palestine for 3700 years.** Since the 19th century, the Jews were the majority of the population in Jerusalem. Israel has as much right to exist in the Middle East as do any of these Arab states.

THE JEWS

The Jews have been one of the most persecuted and oppressed peoples on the face of the earth. The Nazis set out to eradicate Jews from the human race. They nearly succeeded.

Many of the six million Jews that the Nazis murdered could have been saved if any country had allowed them refuge. But none did.

THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Britain was given control of some land in the Middle East. This was called the British Mandate and was a piece of the defeated Turkish Empire. The British promised to make the Mandate a homeland for the Jews. **But in 1922, Winston Churchill gave 80% of Palestine (the land west of the Jordan) to the Arabs.** Today this is the state of Jordan, whose population is mainly Palestinian Arabs.

Jordan would be the Palestinian state if that was all the Arabs wanted. But they don't. **In 1948, the United Nations divided the 20% that was left of the Mandate into two parts.** One for the Arabs, the other for the Jews. Sixty percent of the new Israel was arid desert. So the Jewish settlers went to work. The Jews made the desert bloom.

Funded by the United Nations with billions of US and Israel dollars for economic development, the Arabs could have done the same. Instead their money went into their leaders' Swiss Bank Accounts and for funding ethnic hatred and terrorism. If the Arabs had been willing to accept an arrangement in which they were given 90% of the original Palestinian Mandate, there would be no Middle East conflict. But they weren't.

The creation of Israel meant for the first time in 2000 years, that Jews had a state of their own that would protect them. But **1/6th of 1%** of the Middle East for the Jews was too much for the Arabs.

THE ARABS WAR ON THE JEWS

There were no Arabs in Palestine until the Muslim invasions of the 7th century.

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In the nearly 1300 years that followed, the Arabs made no attempt to create an independent Palestinian state. But they did not want the Jews who were living in the Middle East to form a Jewish state.

“If the Jewish State becomes a fact the Arabs will drive the Jews who live in their midst into the sea.” Hassan al-Banna, Founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, 1948.

On the day Israel was created in 1948, the armies of five Arab states – Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and Iraq – attacked the fledgling Jewish state. One out of every hundred Jews was killed in the war. But the Arabs failed to push the Jews into the sea. In the sixty years that has followed, the Arabs have waged a continuous war to destroy the Jewish state and finish the job they started. They did it by terror. And by traditional wars in 1967 and 1973.

THE MIDDLE EAST WAR IS NOT ABOUT LAND

The Arabs justify their war against Israel by saying the Jews stole their land and then occupied it. These claims are false.

It was the Arab governments who encouraged the Arabs to flee their homes. Some Arabs fled out of fear of the war itself.

Here is **the testimony of Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority:**

“The Arab armies entered Palestine to protect the Palestinians from the Zionist tyranny, but instead they abandoned them, forced them to emigrate and leave their homeland, imposed upon them a political and ideological blockade and threw them into prisons similar to the ghettos in which the Jews used to live in Eastern Europe.”

(From “Falastin al-Thawra”, the official journal of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Beirut 1976.)

Nonetheless, a million Arabs chose to remain in Israel. The Jews made these Arabs citizens of Israel, and gave them rights. Today the Arabs who live in Israel have more rights than Arabs living in any Arab country.

If the Jews were ruthless occupiers and thieves as Arab leaders and Jimmy Carter claim, why would they welcome Arabs as citizens, and give them more rights than Arabs enjoy in any Arab state?

THE MIDDLE EAST WAR IS NOT ABOUT REFUGEES

After the 1948 Arab war against Israel, 850,000 Jews were forced to flee Arab countries in which they had lived for thousands of years.

No one talks about these refugees. Because Israel re-settled them.

Today, Jews are persona non grata in Arab states, but Arabs have full citizen rights in Israel.

THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE IS NOT ABOUT SELF-DETERMINATION

The Arabs and their supporters claim that the Middle East conflict is about the Palestinians’ yearning for a state and the refusal of Israel to accept their aspiration. Both claims are false.

The Palestinians were offered a state in 1948 and again in 2000. Both times they responded with armed aggression and terrorist attacks. If the Palestinians only want a state of their own, why is there no Intifada in Jordan where Palestinians are a majority of the population?

In fact, after the failed 1948 war against Israel, Jordan annexed the West Bank and Egypt annexed Gaza. But when the Palestinian Liberation Organization was formed 15 years later in 1964, it did not call for the liberation of the West Bank from Jordan or the Gaza Strip from Egypt.

Instead the Palestinians called for “the liquidation of the Zionist presence” – the destruction of Israel. Today Hamas is the ruling party in the Palestinian Authority. Its

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declared aim is to "liberate Palestine from the Jordan to the sea." In other words to eliminate the State of Israel. **"Israel will exist and continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it."** – Hamas Charter.

THE MIDDLE EAST WAR IS ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL

According to Jimmy Carter and the Arab propaganda machine, the cause of the Middle East conflict is the Israeli occupation of Arab land. In 2005, Israel withdrew its military forces from Gaza, which they had occupied to prevent terrorist attacks. The day of the Israeli withdrawal, Hamas began launching rocket attacks against towns and schools inside Israel.

In 2000 Israel withdrew its forces from Lebanon, which they had occupied because of Arab rocket attacks on Israeli schools and towns in Northern Israel. Hezbollah and Hamas responded by launching attacks against Israel using rockets made in Iran.

The Arabs make no secret of the fact that their goal is the extermination of the Jews.

"The Jews are a cancer which is liable to spread again at any moment." and **"There is no solution to the conflict except with the disappearance of Israel."** and **"If they all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide."**

(Hassan Nasrallah, leader of Hezbollah)

"Oh Allah, destroy America, as it is controlled by Zionist Jews ... Allah will avenge, in the name of his Prophet, the colonist settlers who are the descendants of monkeys and pigs."

(Ikrim Sabri, Mufti of the Palestinian Authority, weekly sermon in the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, Voice of Palestine, July 11, 1997)

Hitler tried to eliminate the Jews from the human race and failed. The Jewish survivors gathered in the remnant of the Turkish Empire and vowed "Never again."

In 1948, the United Nations said: the Jews can have a state on three slivers of desert in the vast land mass that is the Middle East, so that their people can have a refuge in this world.

THE ARAB WAR AGAINST THE JEWS

During the Second World War, the Arabs supported Hitler and the final solution. After the war, the Jews found a refuge in Israel, but the Arabs who had supported Hitler, said no.

For 60 years, the Arabs have waged a continuous war against Israel in an effort to finish the job that Hitler started.