



# Israeli/Palestinian Conflict









**NEVER AGAIN**  
**IS NOW**

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“Khaybar, Khaybar Ya Yahud”



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“Watch out, Jews, remember Khaybar”

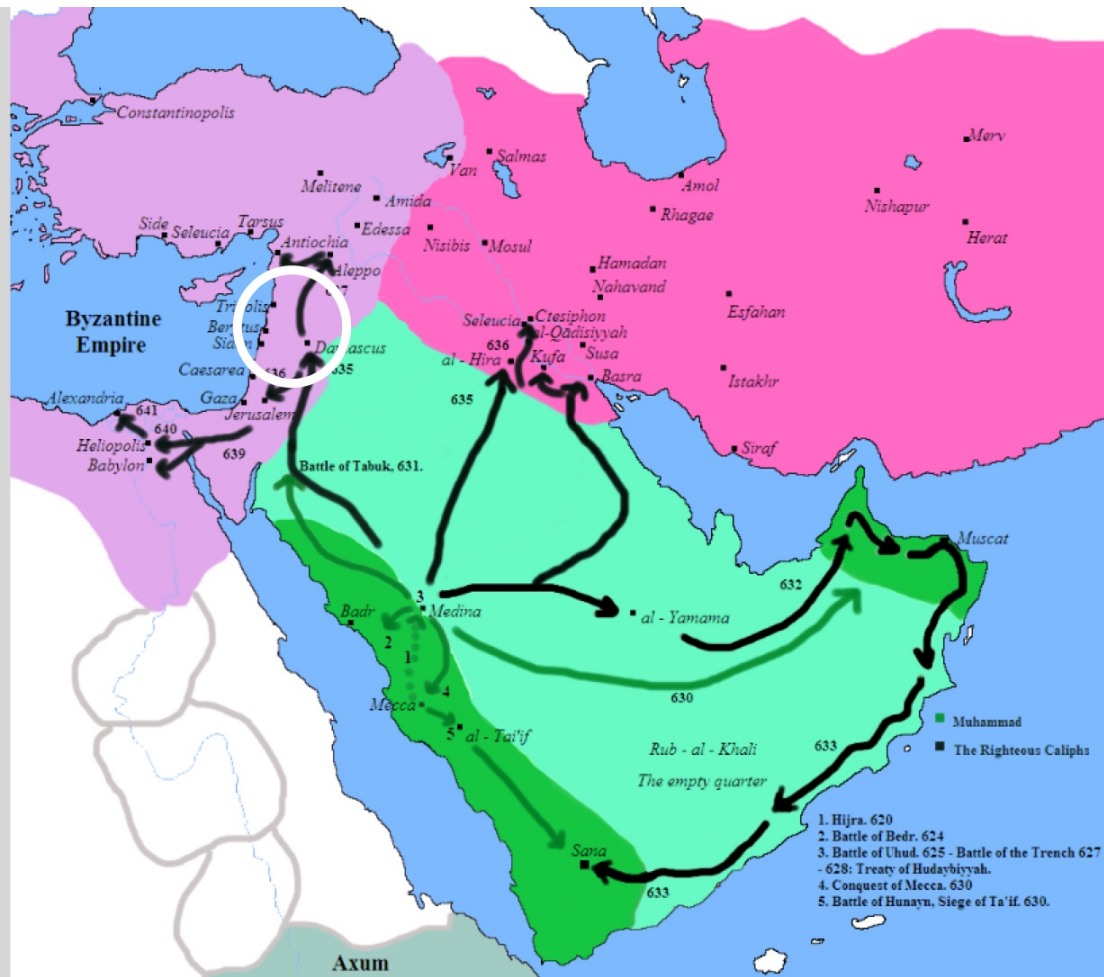












“The battle-wearied Roman and Persian Empires, like over-cooked meat slipping off the bone, melted into the grasp of Arab warbands.”

Tom Holland

“The Islamic Resistance Movement believes that the land of Palestine is a religious Islamic endowment [WAAF] for all Muslims until Resurrection Day. It is forbidden to relinquish it or any part of it or give it up or any part of it.”

Hamas Charter, Article 11



Israel is “the only nation in the world that is governing itself in the same territory, under the same name, and with the same religion and same language as it did 3000 years ago.”

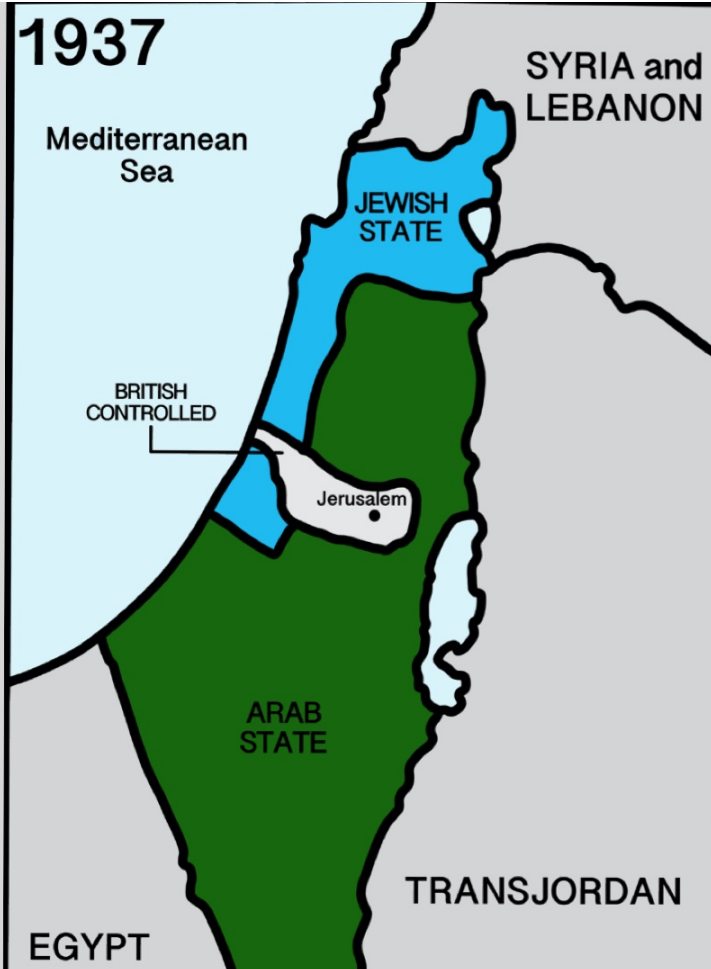
Barbara Tuchman







## Five Two-State Solutions



1947

Mediterranean  
Sea

LEBANON

SYRIA

ARAB  
STATE

Jerusalem

International  
Zone

Gaza  
City

JEWISH  
STATE

JORDAN

EGYPT





1949

Mediterranean  
Sea

LEBANON

SYRIA

Jordanian  
Controlled

Jerusalem

Egyptian  
Controlled

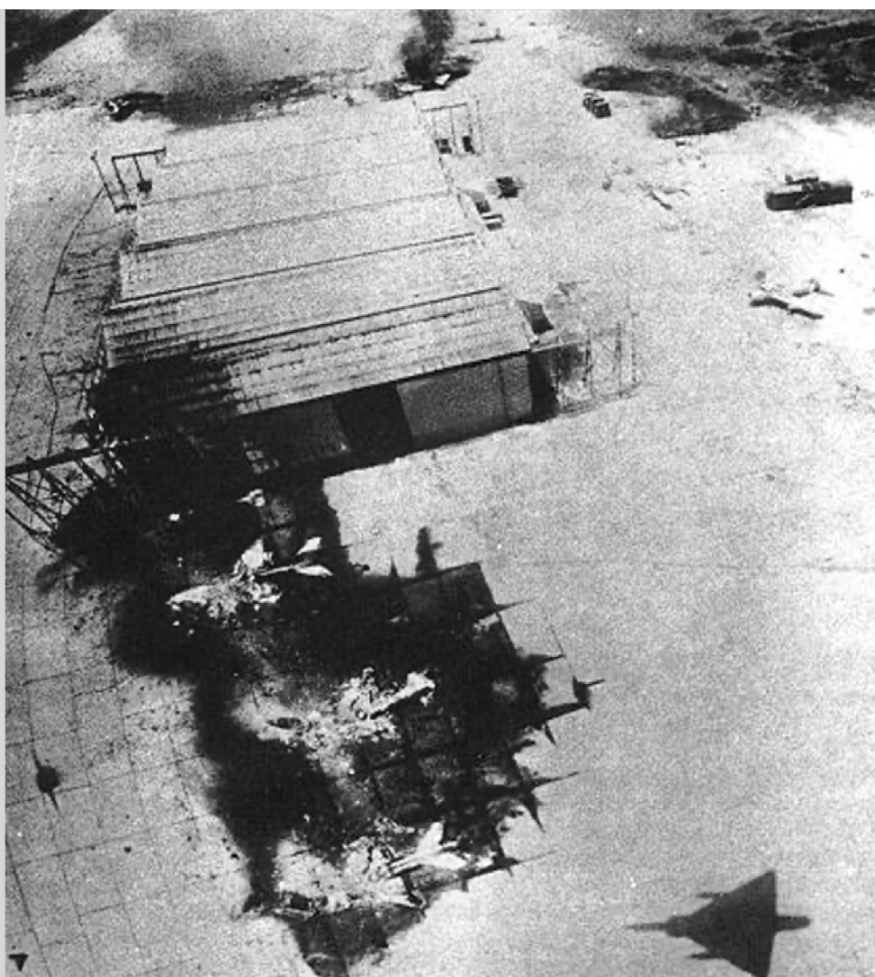
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1967

Mediterranean  
Sea

LEBANON

Golan  
Heights

SYRIA

West  
Bank

Jerusalem

Gaza  
Strip

ISRAEL

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2000

Mediterranean  
Sea

LEBANON

Golan  
Heights

SYRIA

West  
Bank

Jerusalem

Gaza  
Strip

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“If Arafat does not accept what is available now, it won’t be a tragedy; it will be a crime.”

Saudi Prince Bandar



“I regret that in 2000 Arafat missed the opportunity to bring that nation into being and pray for the day when the dreams of the Palestinian for a state and a better life will be realized in a just and lasting peace.”

Bill Clinton

2008

Mediterranean  
Sea

LEBANON

Golan  
Heights

SYRIA

West  
Bank

Jerusalem

Gaza  
Strip

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## Article #3

Hamas is for Muslims who favor Jihad.

## Article #6

Hamas aims for every inch of Palestine.



## Article #13

Hamas is opposed to initiatives, peaceful solutions, and international conferences.

Jihad is the only solution.

“If Jews all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide.”

Hassan Nasrallah

How should we **view Israel?**

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“I ask, then, has God rejected his people?

By no means!”

Romans 11:1a

Four kinds of evidence:

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“For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham”

Romans 11:1b



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“God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.”

Romans 11:2a

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“Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah ...”

Romans 11:2b

“So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.”

Romans 11:5-6

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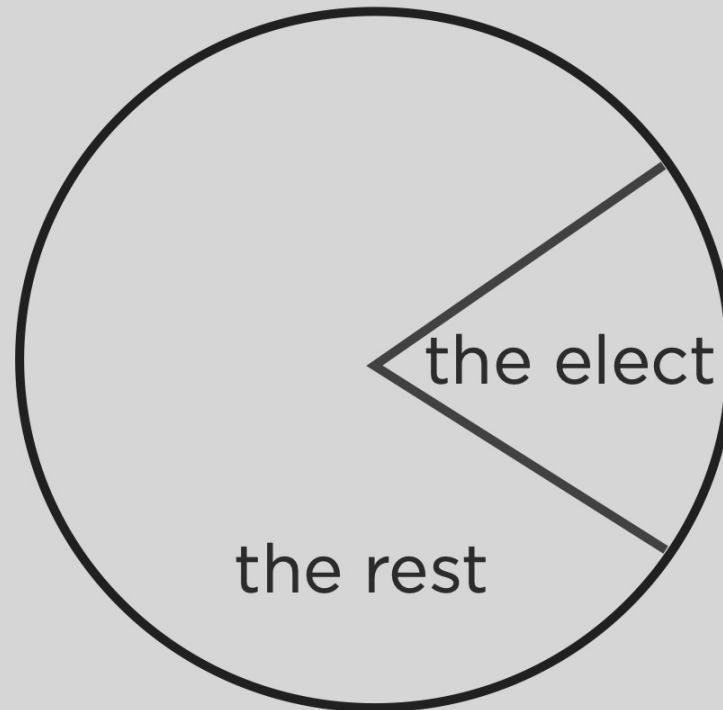


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“As it is written” (8a)

National Israel



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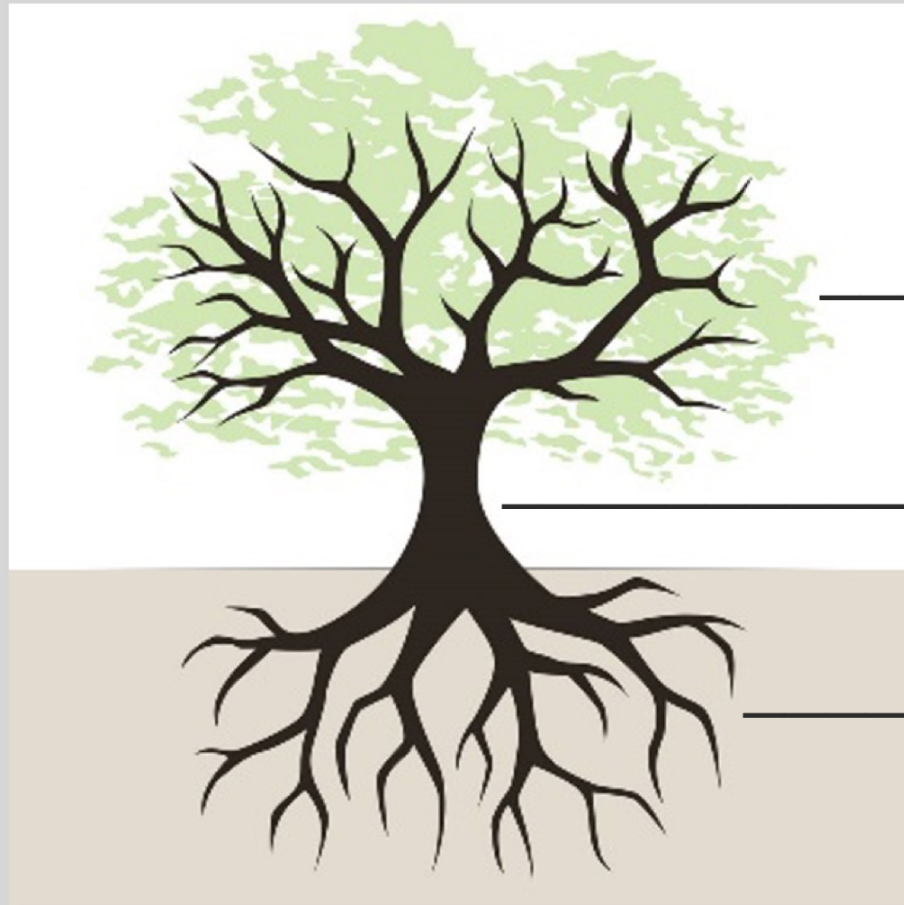
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“For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?”

Romans 11:15

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Illustration #1 - **dough**



Jews

People of God

Patriarchs



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Illustration #2 - **roots**

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“Do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.”

Romans 11:18

No place for antisemitism!  
No place for presumption!



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4. God is promising to **restore Israel**.

“Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved ...”

Romans 11:25-26a

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“As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

Romans 11:28-29

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6. God is working his plan in **mysterious ways**.

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“To him be glory forever.”

What do we know, and how should we respond?

1. Terrorism is **wrong**, and governments need to **protect** their people.

“For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority?

“Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain.

“For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.”

Romans 13:3-4

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“On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your offspring I give this land....”

Genesis 15:18a



“And when all these things come upon you,  
the blessing and the curse, which I have set  
before you, and you call them to mind among  
all the nations where the LORD your God has  
driven you,

“and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul,

“then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you ...

“And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

“And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

Deuteronomy 30:1-3, 5-6

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Matthew 5:5

1. Terrorism is wrong, and governments need to protect their people.
2. Israel has broken covenant with God and forfeited the blessings God provided.
3. The state of **Israel** has at times acted **unjustly** but has the right to **exist** like any other state.

4. The Palestinians have suffered greatly; their leaders at times seem far more interested in destroying Israel than in building a Palestinian state.



“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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5. Israelis and Palestinians **need Jesus!**

“I was brought up to hate Jews. Jews, I was told, had robbed me of my home in Beir-Sheva and forced my people out of Palestine. Jews were monstrous killers. I lived dreading the day when I would meet my first Jew.”

Eyad El-Sarraj

“It was in 1971, when I finished my medical degree in Alexandria and was driven by a Red Cross bus across the Suez Canal to serve in Gaza. The Israelis had then occupied Gaza again....

“I was sitting in the front seat of the bus facing an Israeli soldier and his gun. I was angry and frightened.

“It must have shown on my face, because suddenly the young Israeli soldier looked at me with a reassuring smile and said, ‘Have you been away from your family for long?’

“‘Yes,’ I said, shocked. He then said, ‘I hope you will find them all safe and in good health.’ I will never forget his face. I think that I decided then that Jews are humans as we are and that I would never be able to kill.

“Living and working in Gaza under Israeli military occupation for the past thirty years has been a rich but painful experience ... I was interrogated many times ... but I met many wonderful Israelis, and some became my friends. I learned much from them.”

Eyad El-Sarraj



“Israelis who appear as the masters are in fact victims of a history of pain, suffering persecution and ghettos. They are surrounded by an ocean of hatred as Arabs could not accept defeat, and their rhetoric was fierce.

“Palestinians are hurt. They felt betrayed by the Arab regimes and unjustly treated by the Western world. Their anger turned into cycles of defiance and rage. Now they fire bullets of despair on a suicidal path.

“For any peace process to succeed, people need to be liberated. Palestinians and Israelis have yet to realize that they are interdependent.”

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“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

“by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

“and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

“And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.



“For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

Ephesians 2:13-19