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EZEKIEL 29-33 Judgments of Various Nations

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Ezekiel 29

Judgment of Pharoah and of Egypt

Egypt was a superpower to the south of Israel.

Babylon was a superpower to the north of Israel.

Ezekiel 29:19-20 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

19 therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her abundance, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

יִשׁ לָכֵן, כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה, הִנְנִי נֹתֵן לְנִבְכַּדְרֶאצַּר מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל, אֶת-אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם; וְנָשָׂא הַמִּנְהָ וְשָׁלַל שְׁלָלָהּ, וּבְזָז בְּזָהָהּ, וְהָיְתָה שָׂכָר, לְחִילוֹ.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt as his hire for which he served, because they wrought for Me, saith the Lord GOD.

כֹּ כִּפְעֻלָּתוֹ אֲשֶׁר-עָבַד בָּהּ, נָתַתִּי לוֹ אֶת-אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לִי, נְאֻם אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה.

Ezekiel 30

Judgment of Egypt and her allies: "all that uphold Egypt" (verse 6).

Ezekiel 32

Judgment of Pharoah, Egypt and other nations.

Ezekiel 33

The Prophet is appointed as a sentry unto the House of Israel (verse 7).

Ezekiel 33:7 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

7 ז וְאַתָּה בֶּן-אָדָם, צֹפֶה נְתַתִּיךָ לְבֵית יִשְׂרָאֵל; וְשָׁמַעְתָּ מִפִּי דְבָר, וְהִזְהַרְתָּ אֹתָם מִמֶּנִּי. 7 So thou, son of man, I have set thee a **watchman** unto the house of Israel; therefore, when thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, warn them from Me.

צֹפֶה *tsaphah* vb. to look out or about, spy, keep watch.

This is not the same word used for “watchmen” in Isaiah 62:6 which is שֹׁמֵר *shamar* vb. keep, watch, preserve, guard.

Isaiah 62:6 ¶ I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,

A runner arrives with news of Jerusalem's destruction and the prophet's mouth is opened.

Ezekiel 33:21-22 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

21 כֹּא וַיְהִי בִשְׁתֵּי עָשָׂרָה שָׁנָה, בְּעָשְׂרֵי בַחֲמִשָּׁה לַחֹדֶשׁ--לְגִלּוֹתֵנוּ; בָּא-אֵלַי הַפְּלִיט מִירוּשָׁלַם לֵאמֹר, הִכָּתָה הָעִיר. 21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of **Jerusalem** came unto me, saying: 'The city is smitten.'

22 כֹּב וַיְד-יְהוָה הִיָּתָה אֵלַי בְּעֶרְב, לִפְנֵי בּוֹא הַפְּלִיט, וַיִּפְתַּח אֶת-פִּי, עַד-בּוֹא אֵלַי בַּבֶּקֶר; וַיִּפְתַּח פִּי, וְלֹא נֶאֱלַמְתִּי עוֹד. {פ} 22 Now the **hand of the LORD** had been upon me in the evening, before he that was escaped came; and He had opened my mouth against his coming to me **in the morning**; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. {P}

JEWISH CALENDAR

July 2021

Tammuz–Av 5781³⁴

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
17 Tammuz 27 Fast of Tammuz 17   	18 Tammuz 28   	19 Tammuz 29   	20 Tammuz 30   	21 Tammuz 1   	22 Tammuz 2   	23 Tammuz 3  Pinchas   
24 Tammuz 4   	25 Tammuz 5   	26 Tammuz 6   	27 Tammuz 7   	28 Tammuz 8   	29 Tammuz 9   	1 Av 10   Rosh Chodesh Matot-Massei   
2 Av 11   	3 Av 12   	4 Av 13   	5 Av 14   	6 Av 15   	7 Av 16   	8 Av 17  Devarim   
9 Av 18 Tishah B'Av   	10 Av 19   	11 Av 20  	12 Av 21  	13 Av 22  	14 Av 23  	15 Av 24  15 Av Va'etchanan   
16 Av 25  	17 Av 26  	18 Av 27  	19 Av 28  	20 Av 29 Chof Av  	21 Av 30  	22 Av 31  Eikev   

³⁴ "Jewish Calendar—July, 2021: Tamuz–Av 5781,"
<https://www.chabad.org/calendar/view/month.asp?tdate=7/1/2021>

JEWISH CALENDAR

June 2021

Sivan–Tammuz 5781³⁵

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
19 Sivan 30  	20 Sivan 31  	21 Sivan 1 	22 Sivan 2  	23 Sivan 3  	24 Sivan 4  	25 Sivan 5  Shlach   
26 Sivan 6  	27 Sivan 7  	28 Sivan 8  	29 Sivan 9   	30 Sivan 10 Rosh Chodesh   	1 Tammuz 11 Rosh Chodesh   	2 Tammuz 12  Korach   
3 Tammuz 13 3 Tammuz   	4 Tammuz 14  	5 Tammuz 15  	6 Tammuz 16  	7 Tammuz 17   	8 Tammuz 18   	9 Tammuz 19  Chukat   
10 Tammuz 20  	11 Tammuz 21   	12 Tammuz 22   	13 Tammuz 23   	14 Tammuz 24  	15 Tammuz 25   	16 Tammuz 26  Balak   
17 Tammuz 27 Fast of Tammuz 17   	18 Tammuz 28   	19 Tammuz 29   	20 Tammuz 30   	21 Tammuz 1   	22 Tammuz 2   	23 Tammuz 3  Pinchas   

³⁵ "Jewish Calendar–June, 2021: Sivan–Tammuz 5781,"

<https://www.chabad.org/calendar/view/month.asp?tdate=6/1/2021>

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

Not until the twelfth year of the exile (33:21) was his 'mouth opened' (ibid. 22) and the freedom granted him to move among the people, who, shattered by the catastrophic events in Jerusalem, would finally be receptive to his teachings.³⁶

Hebrew Vocabulary

אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה	<i>Adonai Yehovah</i>	
בֹּקֶר	<i>boker</i>	morning
בָּבֶל	<i>Bavel</i>	Babylon
מִצְרַיִם	<i>Mitzraim</i>	Egypt
יְרוּשָׁלַיִם	<i>Yerushalayim</i>	Jerusalem

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³⁶ Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 103.

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EZEKIEL 34

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Ezekiel 34:1-10

In Ezekiel 34:1-10, God lays the blame squarely on the shepherds (the priests, the teachers) of Israel. Even under the dispensation of grace, there is accountability.

Ezekiel 22:26 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

כּו כְּהִנִּיָּה חָמְסוּ תּוֹרָתִי, וַיַּחֲלִלּוּ
 קִדְשִׁי--בֵּין-קִדְשׁ לְחָלָל לֹא
 הִבְדִּילוּ, וּבֵין-הַטָּמֵא לְטָהוֹר לֹא
 הוֹדִיעוּ; וּמִשְׁבְּתוֹתַי הֶעֱלִימוּ
 עֵינֵיהֶם, וָאָחַל בְּתוֹכָם.
 26 Her priests have done violence to
 My law, and have profaned My holy
 things; they have put **no difference**
between the holy and the common,
 neither have they taught difference
 between the unclean and the clean,
 and have hid their eyes from My
 sabbaths, and I am profaned among
 them.

Isaiah 5:20 KJV Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

(ALSO the Jerusalem Edition of the Koren Tanach)

Ezekiel 34:11-31

Israel is God's flock.

He will save them.

He will set up One Shepherd over them.

The Ingathering of the Scattered Sheep.

The Restoration of Israel.

The Redemption of Israel.

Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23-31 JPS 1917

- יא** כִּי כֹה אָמַר, אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה: הִנְנִי-
אֲנִי, וְדֹרְשֵׁתִי אֶת-צֹאֲנִי וּבְקֹרְתִים.
- יב** כְּבֹקֶרֶת רֹעֶה עֹדְרוֹ בְּיוֹם-
הַיּוֹתוֹ בְּתוֹךְ-צֹאֲנֹו, נִפְרָשׁוֹת--כֵּן,
אֲבַקֵּךְ אֶת-צֹאֲנִי; וְהִצַּלְתִּי אֶתְהֶם,
מִכָּל-הַמְּקוֹמֹת אֲשֶׁר נִפְצְּצוּ שָׁם,
בְּיוֹם עָנָן, וְעֶרְפֶּל.
- יג** וְהוֹצֵאתִים מִן-הָעַמִּים,
וּקְבֹצֵתִים מִן-הָאֲרָצוֹת,
וְהִבִּיאֹתִים, אֶל-אֶדְמָתָם; וְרָעִיתִים,
אֶל-הָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּאֲפִיקִים, וּבְכָל
מוֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ.
- יד** בְּמִרְעֵה-טוֹב אֶרְעֶה אֹתָם,
וּבְהָרֵי מְרוֹם-יִשְׂרָאֵל יִהְיֶה נִוְהָם;
שָׁם תִּרְבֹּצְנָה בְּנוֹה טוֹב, וּמִרְעֵה
שָׁמֶן תִּרְעִינָה אֶל-הָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.
- כג** וְהִקְמַתִּי עֲלֵיהֶם רֹעֶה אֶחָד,
וְרָעֶה אֹתָהֶן--אֵת, עַבְדִּי דָוִיד; הוּא
יִרְעֶה אֹתָם, וְהוּא יִהְיֶה לָהֶן
לְרֹעֶה.
- כד** וְאֲנִי יְהוֹה, אֶתִּיה לָהֶם
לֵאלֹהִים, וְעַבְדִּי דָוִד, נָשִׂיא
בְּתוֹכָם: אֲנִי יְהוֹה, דִּבַּרְתִּי.
- כה** וְכָרַתִּי לָהֶם בְּרִית שְׁלוֹם,
וְהִשְׁבַּתִּי חַיָּה-רָעָה מִן-הָאָרֶץ;
וַיֵּשְׁבוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר לְבֶטֶח, וַיִּשְׁנוּ
בִּיעָרִים.
- 11** For thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold,
here am I, and I will search for My sheep,
and seek them out.
- 12** As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in
the day that he is among his sheep that
are separated, so will I seek out My
sheep; and I will deliver them out of all
places whither they have been scattered
in the day of clouds and thick darkness.
- 13** And I will bring them out from the
peoples, and gather them from the
countries, and will bring them into their
own land; and I will feed them upon the
mountains of Israel, by the streams, and
in all the habitable places of the country.
- 14** I will feed them in a good pasture, and
upon the high mountains of Israel shall
their fold be; there shall they lie down in
a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they
feed upon the mountains of Israel.
- 23** And I will set up one shepherd over
them, and he shall feed them, even My
servant David; he shall feed them, and he
shall be their shepherd.
- 24** And I the LORD will be their God, and
My servant David prince among them; I
the LORD have spoken.
- 25** And I will make with them a covenant
of peace, and will cause evil beasts to
cease out of the land; and they shall dwell
safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the
woods.

- 26 And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing.
- 27 And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her produce, and they shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that made bondmen of them.
- 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.
- 29 And I will raise up unto them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more.
- 30 And they shall know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, the **house of Israel, are My people**, saith the Lord GOD.
- 31 And ye My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.' {P}
- כּו וְנָתַתִּי אוֹתָם וְסָבִיבוֹת גְּבֻעָתִי, בְּרָכָה; וְהוֹרֵדְתִּי הַגֶּשֶׁם בְּעֵתוֹ, גִּשְׁמִי בְרָכָה יִהְיוּ.
- כז וְנָתַן עֵץ הַשָּׂדֶה אֶת-פְּרִיו, וְהָאָרֶץ תֵּתֵן יְבוּלָהּ, וְהָיוּ עַל-אֲדָמָתָם, לְבֶטֶח; וַיָּדְעוּ כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה, בְּשִׁבְרִי אֶת-מִטּוֹת עֲלֵם, וְהִצַּלְתִּים, מִיַּד הָעֲבָדִים בָּהֶם.
- כח וְלֹא-יִהְיוּ עוֹד בַּיָּד לַגּוֹיִם, וְחַיֵּת הָאָרֶץ לֹא תֹאכַל־ם; וַיֵּשְׁבוּ לְבֶטֶח, וְאִין מַחֲרִיד.
- כט וְהִקְמַתִּי לָהֶם מִטֵּעַ, לְשֵׁם; וְלֹא-יִהְיוּ עוֹד אֲסָפִי רָעָב, בָּאָרֶץ, וְלֹא-יִשְׁאוּ עוֹד, כְּלִמַּת הַגּוֹיִם.
- ל וַיָּדְעוּ, כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיהֶם--אֲתָם; וְהִנֵּה, עַמִּי בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל--נָאֻם, אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה.
- לא וְאַתֶּן צֹאֲנִי צֹאן מִרְעִיתִי, אֲדָם אֲתָם: אֲנִי, אֱלֹהֵיכֶם--נָאֻם, אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה. {פ}

So much for replacement theology!!!!

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EZEKIEL 35 Mount Seir

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Now we come to the chapters of the *then-and-now prophetic future* ...

There are two mountain ranges separated by the Jordan Rift Valley:

The **Mountains of Israel**, which form a vertical spine running up and down present-day Israel and

The **Mount Seir range**, which are the mountains of Edom in present-day Jordan.

Ezekiel 35 is a prophesy *against* Mount Seir.

Ezekiel 36 is a prophesy *for* the Mountains of Israel.

Charles Pfeiffer, *Baker's Bible Atlas*

The Land of Edom

Boundaries. On the SE border of Palestine [Israel] in the region south of the Dead Sea ... lay the ancient land of Edom. The mountainous nature of the country east of the Arabah gives it its alternate Biblical name, Mount Seir. ...

Names. Esau, or Edom ("red"), settled in the area of Mount Seir ("hairy") (cf. Gen. 36:8). Both Seir and Edom are frequently used in Scripture to describe this mountainous territory. In Hellenistic times the term Idumaea is used of the land of the ancient Edomites. The territory of Idumaea differed from that of Edom, however, because the Nabataean Arabs pushed the Edomites, or Idumaeans, out of their ancestral home into the territory west of the Dead Sea as far north as Hebron.

Chief Cities. The capital ... in Old Testament times was Bozrah ... After the Nabataean Arabs displaced the Edomites (ca. 300 B.C.) the city of Sela (Isa 16:1), called Petra ("rock") ... by the Greeks, served as capital of an extensive empire.

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Ezekiel 35:2-5 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

2 בן־אָדָם, שִׁים פָּנֶיךָ עַל־הָהָר־שֵׁעִיר; וְהִנָּבֵא, עָלָיו. Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

3 וְאָמַרְתָּ לּוֹ, כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, הִנְנִי אֵלֶיךָ, הָהָר־שֵׁעִיר; וְאֶמְצָא אֹתוֹ. and say unto it: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out My

³⁷ Charles Pfeiffer, *Baker's Bible Atlas* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1961), 69–70.

וְנָטִיתִי יָדִי עָלֶיךָ, וְנָתַתִּיךָ
שְׁמָמָה וּמִשְׁמָה. hand against thee, and I will make thee
most desolate.

ד' עָרֶיךָ חָרְבָה אָשִׁים, וְאַתָּה
שְׁמָמָה תִּהְיֶה; וַיֵּדַעַתְּ, כִּי-אֲנִי
יְהוָה. 4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou
shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know
that I am the LORD.

ה' יֵעַן, הָיִיתָ לָךְ אֵיבָת עוֹלָם,
וַתִּגֵּר אֶת-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, עַל-יְדֵי-
חָרֶב--בְּעֵת אִידָם, בְּעֵת עוֹן קָץ. 5 Because thou hast had a *hatred of
old, and hast hurled the children of
Israel unto the power of the sword in
the time of their calamity, in the time of
the iniquity of the end;

* AMPC: "perpetual enmity"; KJV: "perpetual hatred"; ESV: "because you
cherished perpetual enmity"

Norma Archbold, *The Mountains of Israel: The Bible & the West Bank*

Mount Seir was the homeland of Esau (also called Edom) father of the Edomites. ...

"So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is Edom." (Genesis 36:8) ...

Notice that the Lord speaks to an area called Edom or Mount Seir. This is the area where the ancient Edomites lived. Arabic people—descendants of ancient Middle East tribes such as Edom—still live there today.

... Today people living in the area once known as Edom are called Arabs, Jordanians and/or Palestinians.

Where was Edom? After World War I, the land known long ago as Edom was part of the area called Palestine. ...

Was Palestine a state? No, never.

Then what was Palestine? After World War I, the British occupied land in the Middle East. Palestine was the popular name of one area in their control.

According to most reliable sources, Palestine is an English name derived from the Roman name Palaestina. When the Romans captured Judea in the first century, they called it *Syria Palaestina—some believe to erase any Jewish connection to the land and to insult the Jews by using a name derived from the Philistines, Israel's ancient enemies during the time of King Saul and King David.

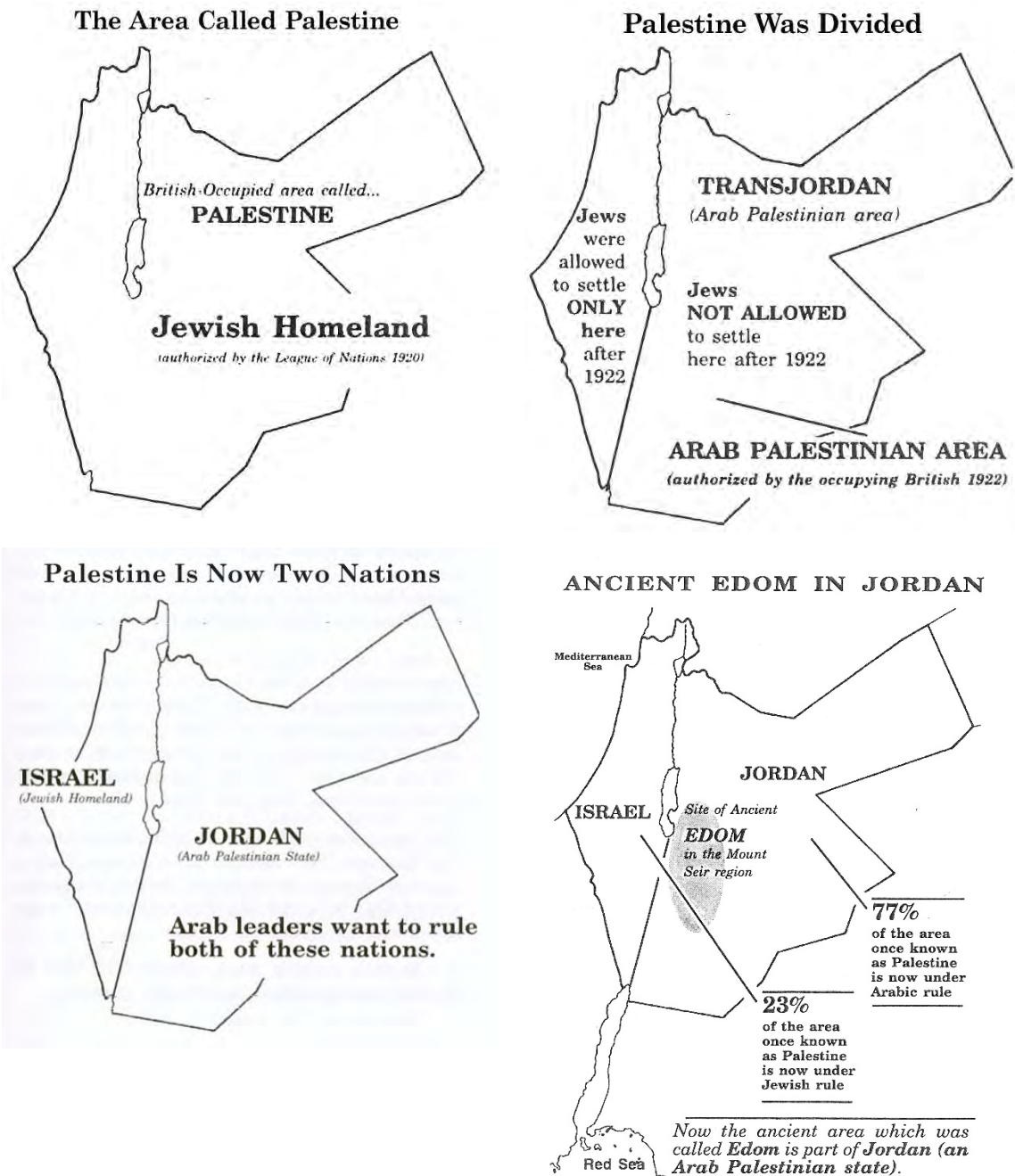
Who are the Palestinians?

Until 1948 residents in the area [all of the British mandate including present-day Israel and Jordan] were called 'Palestinians' and were NOT a separate race. All residents of the area (*Jews, Gentiles and Arabs*) were Palestinians. However, at that time Arabic people preferred not to be called Palestinian.

Today most people who identify themselves as Palestinians are Arabic. However, even today not all Arab residents of Israel ... wish to be called Palestinians.

The former British-occupied area called Palestine is now two states—Jordan 77% (ruled by Arabs); and Israel 23% (under Jewish rule—see map). The area, that was known as Edom in ancient times, is now part of Jordan.³⁸

* Syria Palaestina was the name given to the Roman province of Judea by the emperor Hadrian following the suppression of the Bar Kokhba revolt in A.D. 135.



³⁸ Norma Archbold, *The Mountains of Israel: The Bible & the West Bank* (Jerusalem: Norma Archbold, 1996), 45–48.

For a detailed discussion of how the land that was granted to Israel got divided into two nations, see the Supplement titled “Mother of the Pound.”

Ezekiel 35:10-13 יְהוֹקָאֵל JPS 1917

10 Because thou hast said: These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there;

י יַעַן אָמַרְךָ אֶת-שְׁנֵי הַגּוֹיִם וְאֶת-שְׁתֵּי הָאֲרָצוֹת, לִי תִהְיֶינָה--וַיִּרְשְׁנֶיהָ; וַיְהִי שָׁם ה'.

11 therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will do according to thine anger and according to thine envy, which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them, when I shall judge thee.

יֵא לָכֵן חַי-אֲנִי, נָא אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה, וְעָשִׂיתִי כְּאַפְךָ וּכְקִנְיָתְךָ, אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ מִשְׂנֵאָתֶיךָ בָּם; וְנִוְדַעְתִּי בָּם, כְּאֲשֶׁר אֲשַׁפֵּטְךָ.

12 And thou shalt know that I the LORD have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying: They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour.

יב וַיִּדְעָתָה, כִּי אֲנִי יְהוֹה, שָׁמַעְתִּי אֶת-כָּל-נִאֲצוּתֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתָּ עַל-הָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, לֵאמֹר שְׁמֵמָה (שְׁמֵמוֹ): לָנוּ נִתְּנוּ, לְאָכְלָהּ.

13 And ye have magnified yourselves against Me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard it.

יג וַתִּגְדִּילוּ עָלַי בְּפִיכֶם, וַתַּעֲתִרְתֶּם עָלַי דְּבָרֵיכֶם: אֲנִי, שָׁמַעְתִּי.

Brim Note: I believe these verses have to do with the present-day situation. Israel's enemies push for a so-called “two-state solution,” but in reality, desire to “possess” the mountains of Israel.

The Balfour Declaration and the subsequent British Mandate (which was ratified by The League of Nations), called for Britain to watch over the territory until the Jews were able to be established as a Jewish entity in their ancient homeland. This area included all of present-day Israel (including what the world calls the West Bank) **and** Jordan.

“UW Oshkosh Semester Study Abroad,” uwosh.edu.

The Balfour Declaration
November 2, 1917

During the First World War, British policy became gradually committed to the idea of establishing a Jewish home in Palestine (Eretz Yisrael). After discussions in the

British Cabinet, and consultation with Zionist leaders, the decision was made known in the form of a letter by Arthur James Lord Balfour to Lord Rothschild. The letter represents the first political recognition of Zionist aims by a Great Power.³⁹

“The Balfour Declaration,” gov.il (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

Foreign Office
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Yours,
Arthur James Balfour⁴⁰

“The Mandate for Palestine,” gov.il (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

The Mandate for Palestine
July 24, 1922

*The mandates for Mesopotamia, Syria and Palestine were assigned by the Supreme Court of the League of Nations at its San Remo meeting in April 1920. Negotiations between Great Britain and the United States with regard to the Palestine mandate were successfully concluded in May 1922, and approved by the Council of the League of Nations in July 1922. The mandates for Palestine and Syria came into force simultaneously on September 29, 1922. In this document, the League of Nations recognized the "historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine" and the "grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country."*⁴¹

Because of Islamic pressure, Great Britain divided off two-thirds of the mandated territory and created Jordan. The British reached outside the local populace and established a Hashemite royalty to rule the country. Unrest through the years has been fomented by rebellion of the populace against the Hashemite king.

³⁹ "UW Oshkosh Semester Study Abroad, European Odyssey," Spring 2010. Accessed June 2, 2021.
http://www.uwosh.edu/home_pages/faculty_staff/minniear/2010/Pages/Balfour%20Declaration.pdf

⁴⁰ "The Balfour Declaration," gov.il (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Accessed June 2, 2021.
<https://www.gov.il/en/Departments/General/the-balfour-declaration-29-Oct-2017>

⁴¹ "The Mandate for Palestine," gov.il (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Accessed June 2, 2021.
<https://www.gov.il/en/Departments/General/the-mandate-for-palestine>

(For more information, see Appendix: *Mother of the Pound*; the passages from pp. 210–213. Also, you can research the Black September Civil War in Jordan and how the fleeing PLO refugees caused civil war in Lebanon.)

Ezekiel 35:14–15 יְהוָה יִקְרָא JPS 1917

14 Thus saith the Lord GOD: When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.

15 As thou didst rejoice over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee; thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

| **Brim Note:** These verses clearly refer to Messianic times.

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

When I establish My kingship, the whole world will rejoice, as it is written (*Psalm 97:1*): *God has ruled. Let the earth jubilate (Rashi).*⁴²

Brim Note: I really like the following passage from Norma Archbold:

Norma Archbold, *The Mountains of Israel: The Bible & the West Bank*

Mount Seir, Edom and the nations around Israel in chapters 35 and 36 of Ezekiel and Psalm 83 refer to the leaders of Arab Islamic groups and nations who are trying to destroy Israel.

Something to keep in mind

God is always merciful. The psalmist calls on God to punish Edom and the *nations all around*. But the punishment has a purpose,

“... That they may **seek Your name**, O Lord ... That they may know that **You**, whose name alone is the Lord, **are the Most High** over all the earth.”

(Psalm 83:16, 18)

... as we read about the sins of Edom and *the rest of the nations all around*, please understand that the Lord wants to bring Arabic people, who are deceived by Islam, to acknowledge Him as Lord. He hopes that they will seek Him.

⁴² Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 547.

This must be our attitude too. Please remember that most Arabic people are Moslems and do not have the Bible. Most do not understand that they are offending the Lord when they attack Israel.

Young Arabic people who are trying to live good lives are told by Islamic religious leaders that they will be in paradise if they are killed while fighting against Israel.

While we must not condemn Arabic people for their blindness, neither should we encourage them to oppose the plan of God.

Some well-meaning, but uninformed Jewish and Christian people encourage the Palestinians to claim sovereignty over the Lord's Land—to strive for a second Palestinian state. They think they are being unselfishly just. But in reality they are misleading Palestinians by encouraging them to oppose God. Believers are responsible to know the Word of God and to warn their Arabic brothers to walk in harmony with the Lord's plan.

[Archbold] Note: While the Bible teaches that Israel will possess the Holy Land, aliens are allowed to live in Israel under Israeli rule ... Today thousands of Palestinians live in peace under Israeli law. They have homes and jobs in Israel. Some even sit as representatives in the Israeli Knesset (Congress or Parliament.)⁴³

Brim Note: The Bible speaks of strangers (non-Jews) who can live in restored Israel in a state of blessing. However, they must realize several facts: that the Land is the Promised Land of the Jews; that those who bless Israel are blessed (Genesis 12:3); and that the Promised Land is not to be divided.

Joel 3:1–2 KJV

Joel 3:1 ¶ For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

Joel 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My land.

Joel 3:2 AMPC I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and there will I deal with *and* execute judgment upon them for [their treatment of] My people and of My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and [because] they have divided My land.

Brim Note: Nations and politicians who vainly try to settle the so-called “Palestinian issue” with a two-state solution should heed Joel 3:2.

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⁴³ Norma Archbold, *The Mountains of Israel: The Bible & the West Bank* (Jerusalem: Phoebe's Song, 1996), 56–57.

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EZEKIEL 36 The Mountains of Israel

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In Ezekiel 6, the prophet spoke a curse on the mountains of Israel. Now, in chapter 36, he brings a more hopeful message.

F.W. Grant, *The Numerical Bible, Vol. 4, Ezekiel*

We have, first of all, Jehovah's word to the land itself. This is in plain connection with the claim which the Edomite enemy had made to possess it. It must be vindicated from this reproach, therefore. The land is really Jehovah's land, and He certainly has never forfeited it, and will never give it up to those who are His enemies. Israel are [sic] to possess it upon the surest ground possible — that of God's *grace*. They are to be sojourners with Him, to be His guests, and thus to know all the resources of His hand, as well as the full protection necessitated by this relationship.⁴⁴

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

This chapter is an extension of the previous one. In contrast to Seir's mountains whose desolation will bear ... testimony to that ... nation's ... downfall, Israel's hills will burst forth with a profusion of God's bounty, welcoming a reborn Israel to its eternal home.

The theme of the chapter is renewal: renewal of the people ... and renewal of the land ... Thus the prophet brings us face to face with one of the great mysteries of Jewish experience — the bond between land and people which has never weakened despite centuries of exile one from another.

[In exile] Israel would leave the land ... but its conquerors would never find the land hospitable. ... (Leviticus 26:32).⁴⁵

Those who occupied the Land could never seem to make it prosperous as the Jews have done.

⁴⁴ F.W. Grant, *The Numerical Bible, Vol. 4, Ezekiel*, (New York: The Bible Truth Press, 1903), 201.
<https://archive.org/details/numericalbiblebe04gran/page/310/mode/2up>

⁴⁵ Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 547–548.

Ezekiel 36:1 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

1 And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say: Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

Earlier, the prophecy was against the mountains of Israel. Yet, even then, there was the promise that the Lord would leave a remnant of those who would escape (Ezekiel 6:1-8).

Here the glorious restoration is told.

Ezekiel 36:2-3 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

2 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because the enemy hath said against you: Aha! even the ancient high places are ours in possession;

3 therefore prophesy, and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the rest of the nations, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people;

Norma Parrish Archbold,
The Mountains of Israel: The Bible & the West Bank

The mountains of Israel are the heart of the Land promised by God to the children of Israel. They are Judea and Samaria [*Shomron*], the inheritance of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Joseph [Ephraim and Manasseh].

The West Bank and the mountains of Israel are nearly identical.⁴⁶

Brim Note: To show that this statement is of utmost importance I will state it again:

The West Bank and the mountains of Israel are nearly identical !!!!!

How did it get to be called the West Bank?

The modern state of Israel was reborn on May 14, 1948 (by the Gregorian calendar).

⁴⁶ Norma Archbold, *The Mountains of Israel: The Bible & the West Bank* (Jerusalem: Phoebe's Song, 1996), 1.

Immediately, seven Arab armies attacked the small reborn state. When the dust settled, Israel's portion of the Promised Land had increased beyond what they'd been allotted by the UN Partition Plan.

However, Jordan conquered this area, and King Abdullah I called it "The West Bank of the Jordan River." In 1967, Jordan joined forces with Syria and Egypt to attack Israel and "drive them into the sea." In the miraculous Six-Day War, Israel took back the so-called "West Bank" area. Jordan held it for only 19 years.

"taken up in the lips of talkers"

Nations have preoccupied themselves with the business of the ownership of what the Bible calls Judea and Samaria [Hebrew: *Shomron*], and the world calls the West Bank.

Ezekiel 36:4-7 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

4 לָכֵן הָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, שִׁמְעוּ דְּבַר-יְהוָה: כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה לְהָרִים וּלְגִבְעוֹת לְאֲפִיקִים וּלְגֵאוֹת, וּלְחֲרֵבוֹת הַשְּׂמָמוֹת וְלָעָרִים הַנִּעְזָבוֹת, אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ לְבֹז וּלְלֵעָה, לְשָׂאֲרֵי הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר מִסְבִּיב. 4 therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the streams and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations that are round about;

5 לָכֵן, כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה, אִם-לֹא בָאשׁ קִנְיָתִי דְּבַרְתִּי עַל-שָׂאֲרֵי הַגּוֹיִם, וְעַל-אֶדְוֹם כִּלְאִי: אֲשֶׁר נָתַנוּ-אֶת-אֶרְצִי לָהֶם לְמִוֶּרֶשׁה בְּשִׂמְחַת כָּל-לֵב, בְּשָׂט נֶפֶשׁ--לְמַעַן מִוֶּרֶשָׁה, לְבֹז. 5 therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Surely in the fire of My jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed My land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with disdain of soul, to cast it out for a prey;

6 לָכֵן, הִנְבֵּא עַל-אֶדְמַת יִשְׂרָאֵל; וְאָמַרְתָּ לְהָרִים וּלְגִבְעוֹת לְאֲפִיקִים וּלְגֵאוֹת, כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה, הִנְנִי בִקְנִיָּתִי וּבִחְמָתִי דְּבַרְתִּי, יַעַן כָּלִמַּת גּוֹיִם, נִשְׂאָתָם. 6 therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the streams and to the valleys: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because ye have borne the shame of the nations;

7 therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: I
 have lifted up My hand: Surely the
 nations that are round about you, they
 shall bear their shame.
 כְּלַמֹּתָם יִשְׁאוּ.
 לָכֵן, כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה,
 אֲנִי, נִשְׁאַתִּי אֶת-יָדִי: אִם-לֹא
 הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר לְכָם מִסְבִּיב, הֵמָּה
 כְּלַמֹּתָם יִשְׁאוּ.

"the cities that are forsaken"

These are the ancient cities of Bible times which were forsaken during the exile. The prophet is to speak to them that they will be rebuilt. Bible-believing Jews are fulfilling their prophecy. The world makes fun of them and calls them "settlers." (There's nothing really wrong with that name.) They are demonized by most of the world press.

Baker sets his ultimatum: guarantees or settlements

ALLISON KAPLAN
 WASHINGTON - Secretary of State James Baker yesterday offered Israel the stark choice of agreeing to a complete freeze in settlement activity or abandoning its hopes of receiving the full \$10 billion in absorption loan guarantees that it has sought for nearly a year.

"The administration is ready to support loan guarantees of up to \$2 billion a year for five years, provided, though, there is a halt or an end to settlement activity," Baker said.

He declared bluntly that "the choice is Israel's." She can determine whether she wants to take action which would permit the strong support of both the legislative and executive branches for these loan guarantees or not."

Meanwhile, Construction and Housing Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday revealed that some 22,000 homes are under construction in the territories - about twice the number Israel has reported to the US.

Baker's statements before the House of Representatives subcommittee on foreign operations appropriations was

Secretary Baker testifies at yesterday's House Appropriations subcommittee meeting (Reuters)

Sharon's estimate is double the official figure. Page 14

the most forthright "take it or leave it" offer delivered to Israel by the Bush administration loan guarantees.

It was only after delivering his ultimatum that Baker referred to his ongoing negotiations with Israeli Ambassador Zalmay

Shoval to attempt to work out a compromise, in which Israel would receive a portion of the guarantees in exchange for a conditional freeze.

These conditions, as Baker presented them were also uncompromising. He stated "had the opportunity to receive a lesser number of guarantees "if there was a halt or an end to new construction

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Harrop: Guarantees not a moral demand Israel can impose

DAVID MAKOVSKY
 Immigration is not Israel's first priority, so the granting of the loan guarantees is not a moral demand Jerusalem can impose on the US, new US Ambassador to Israel William Harrop said last night.

Harrop was speaking to a closed door session of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations visiting in Jerusalem.

According to several sources, Harrop's comments were a clear allusion to Israel's settlement policy, and were made in response to questioning about why the US did not provide the guarantees on a humanitarian basis.

Harrop made clear his view that Israel had no right to demand US aid for Jewish immigration when it had enough funds to invest in settlement construction in the territories.

The 80 members of the conference of Presidents moved their meeting last night from the Mount hotel - hotel because of a long-standing US policy whereby administration representatives do not attend meetings in East Jerusalem.

Former Secretary of State James Baker, who served in President H.W. Bush's cabinet, said, "The West Bank Settlements are the greatest threat to world peace."

God has spoken through the prophets that the Jews are to return there and build.

And yet James Baker fought consistently to dismantle these cities, dragging the United States with him.

A “settler” in Shiloh, Ira Rappaport, once told me as we walked in his olive grove, “There are three ways we are to possess the Land as the Lord told us: walk it; plant it; build on it.” He was preparing his grove for the upcoming sabbatical year, the Shmittah Year.

“appointed My land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart”

Notice God calls it “My land.” I remember watching the television coverage when Bethlehem was handed over to Arafat. They danced in the streets as they raised the PLO flag over Bethlehem.

**Jerrold Kessel, “Palestinians rejoice as Arafat arrives in Bethlehem,”
CNN.com.**

PLO leader Yasser Arafat arrived for Saturday's celebration by helicopter. Like an electric current, a sudden surge of excitement spread through the crowd packed in Manger Square as the helicopter circled low over the symbol of the hillside town -- the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born 2000 years ago.⁴⁷

“I have lifted up My hand”

God swears, lifting up His hand in an oath.

Ezekiel 36:8-9 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

8 **וְאַתֶּם הָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, עֲנַפְכֶּם תִּתְּנוּ, וּפְרִיכֶם תִּשְׂאוּ, לְעַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל: כִּי קָרְבוּ, לָבוֹא.** But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My people Israel; for they are at hand to come.

9 **כִּי, הִנְנִי אֲלֵיכֶם; וּפָנִיתִי אֲלֵיכֶם, וְנָעַבְדְּתֶם וְנִזְרַעְתֶּם.** For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown;

“ye shall shoot forth your branches”

When asked for the sign of His return to set up His earthly kingdom, Jesus said:

⁴⁷ Jerrold Kessel, “Palestinians rejoice as Arafat arrives in Bethlehem,” CNN.com. Accessed May 17, 2021. http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/9512/israel_bethlehem/12-23/

Luke 21:29–31 KJV

Luke 21:29 ... Behold the fig tree [Israel], **and all the trees** [nations about which the prophets spoke];

Luke 21:30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

Luke 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

In other words, the kingdom of God is near when they shoot forth into their prophetic places. The thirty-sixth chapter of Ezekiel is about Israel's return and her "shooting forth" into her prophetic place.

"My people Israel"

God calls Israel at the time of her return, "My people." Now is the time of her return, and no one has a right to call them otherwise.

"ye shall be tilled and sown"

When Israel was cast out, it was declared that the land would be a waste wilderness, and no one could make it bear fruit. The sages said that an evident sign that the time of the Messiah was drawing near would be that the Land could be tilled and bear fruit again.

Leviticus 26:32 KJV And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

Isaiah 27:6 KJV He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and **fill** the face of the world with **fruit** (emphasis added).

Ezekiel 36:10–12 יְהוָה יִזְקֶאל JPS 1917

10 וְהִרְבֵּיתִי עֲלֵיכֶם אָדָם, כָּל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל כֻּלּוֹ; וְנִשְׁבְּנוּ, הָעָרִים, וְהַחֲרָבוֹת, תִּבְנֶינָה. **and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded;**

11 וְהִרְבֵּיתִי עֲלֵיכֶם אָדָם וּבְהֵמָה, וְרָבוּ וּפָרוּ; וְהוֹשַׁבְתִּי אֶתְכֶם בְּקִדְמוֹתֵיכֶם, וְהִיטַבְתִּי מֵרֵאשִׁיתֵיכֶם, וַיֵּדְעוּתֶם, כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה. **and I will multiply upon you man and beast, and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.**

12 וְהוֹלַכְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם אָדָם אֶת-עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל, וַיִּרְשׁוּךָ, וְהָיִיתָ לָהֶם, **Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even My people Israel, and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their**

לְנַחֲלָהּ; וְלֹא-תוֹסֵף עוֹד, לְשָׂכָלָם. inheritance; and thou shalt no more
{ס} henceforth bereave them of children. {S}

“all the house of Israel, even all of it”

This includes both the northern and the southern kingdoms. The northern kingdom (the ten “lost” tribes) was conquered by and assimilated into Assyria in 722 B.C.

The southern kingdom (Judea), was conquered by Babylon and the Temple was burned down in 586 B.C.

“the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded”

Jews who know this command and obey it have resettled the old cities and estates. The world calls them “West Bank settlements.” I cringe when I hear U.S. politicians decry them. Presidents, statesmen, and ambassadors have scolded Israel for rebuilding them. Oftentimes, they think they are blessing Israel, but they are ignorant of the written Word of God on the matter. They need to study the Bible and a good Bible Atlas to know God’s will for the so-called “West Bank.” Thank God, many believers who know the truth of God’s will are praying for America. More believers every day are being enlightened as to God’s will concerning Israel.

“My people Israel ... shall possess thee”

There is no need to debate the issue. God has spoken and it shall surely “*be their inheritance.*” No promise is so often repeated in the Scriptures as the promise that the LORD will bring “His people Israel” back to the Land He promised them. Perhaps this is because so many are willing to yield to the enemy of God when he works to stop this Word of the Lord from coming to pass. Satan is ever fighting the Word’s fulfillment. In the garden he asked, “Hath God said?”

Ezekiel 36:13-15 יְהוֹקָאֵל JPS 1917

יג כֹּה אָמַר, אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה, יַעַן 13 Thus saith the Lord GOD:
אֲמַרִים לָכֶם, אֲכַלֶּת אָדָם אֶתִּי Because they say unto you: Thou
(אֵת); וּמִשְׁכַּלֶּת גּוֹיִךְ (גּוֹיִיךְ), land art a devourer of men, and hast
הָיִיתָ. been a bereaver of thy nations;

יד לָכֵן, אָדָם לֹא-תֹאכְלִי עוֹד, 14 therefore thou shalt devour men
וּגּוֹיִךְ (וּגּוֹיִיךְ), לֹא תִכְשַׁלִּי no more, neither bereave thy
(תִּשְׁכַּלִּי-) עוֹד--נָא, אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה. nations any more, saith the Lord
GOD;

15 neither will I suffer the shame of the nations any more to be heard against thee, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to stumble any more, saith the Lord GOD.' {P}

טו וְלֹא-אֲשָׁמִיעַ אֶלֶיךָ עוֹד כְּלִמָּת הַגּוֹיִם, וְחִרְפַּת עַמִּים לֹא תִשָּׂא-עוֹד; וְגוֹיִךָ (וְגוֹיֶיךָ) לֹא-תִכְשַׁל עוֹד, נְאֻם אֲדֹנָיִי יְהוָה. {פ}

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

Over the centuries *Eretz Yisrael* would come to be known as an inhospitable land. ... The land became an object of derision; it seemed to consume its inhabitants, to be unable to hold its people.

The cause for this historical phenomenon lies in the land's unique status of being *God's portion* on earth (*Deuteronomy* 32:9). As such it cannot and will not tolerate sin within its boundaries (*Ramban, Leviticus* 18:25), and the Torah predicts (*Leviticus* 18:25, 28) that it will vomit out all those who defile its sanctity. ... The promise of this section is that the future will be different. No more will the land have to defend itself against desecration.⁴⁸

Ezekiel 36:19-24 יְהִיזְקַאל JPS 1917

19 and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

יט וְנִפְּצִים אֶתְּם בְּגוֹיִם, וְיִזְרוּ בְּאַרְצוֹת: כְּדַרְכָּם וְכַעֲלִילוֹתָם, שִׁפְטֵתִים.

20 And when they came unto the nations, whither they came, they profaned My holy name; in that men said of them: These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of His land.

כ וַיָּבֹאוּ, אֶל-הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר-בָּאוּ שָׁם, וַיְחַלְּלוּ, אֶת-שֵׁם קָדְשִׁי--בְּאֵמֹר לָהֶם עַם-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵהּ, וּמֵאַרְצוֹ יֵצְאוּ.

21 But I had pity for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they came. {P}

כא וְאֶחָמֶל, עַל-שֵׁם קָדְשִׁי, אֲשֶׁר חָלְּלוּ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּגוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר-בָּאוּ שָׁמָּה. {פ}

⁴⁸ Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 552.

כב לִכְנֹן אָמַר לְבֵית-יִשְׂרָאֵל, כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, לֹא לְמַעַנְכֶם אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה, בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל: כִּי אִם-לְשֵׁם-קִדְשִׁי אֲשֶׁר חָלַלְתֶּם, בְּגוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר-בָּאתֶם שָׁם.

22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye came.

כג וְקִדְשְׁתִּי אֶת-שְׁמִי הַגָּדוֹל, הַמְּחָלָל בְּגוֹיִם, אֲשֶׁר חָלַלְתֶּם, בְּתוֹכָם; וְיָדְעוּ הַגּוֹיִם כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוִה, נֶאֱמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, בְּהַקְדִּשִׁי בְּכֶם, לְעֵינֵיהֶם.

23 And I will sanctify My great name, which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

כד וְלָקַחְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מִן-הַגּוֹיִם, וְקִבַּצְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מִכָּל-הָאֲרָצוֹת; וְהֵבֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם, אֶל-אֶדְמַתְכֶם.

24 For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land.

God's Dealings with Israel are a key to unlocking Bible Prophecy. We can tell where we are on God's timeline by knowing what God is doing with this prophetic nation during our lifetime.

God's Dealings with Israel

1. The Choosing
2. The Blessing
3. The Bringing into the Land
4. The Scattering
5. The Ingathering (Bringing back to the Land.)
6. The Restoration
7. The Redemption

"I scattered them" ... "I will ... gather you ... and will bring you into your own land"

In verses 19 and 24, we see the scattering and the ingathering. We live in the time of the ingathering.

“whither they came, they profaned My holy name; in that men said of them: These are the people of the LORD [Jehovah], and are gone forth out of His land”

I have thought about this and personalized it. What if my children or grandchildren were on the streets: homeless, tattered, hungry? Someone might recognize them and exclaim, “These are the children of Billye Brim. Why doesn’t she provide for them?”

Remember that Plan A and the Blessings were available to Israel.

“but for My holy name ... I will sanctify My great name”

God’s name will be sanctified in all the earth.

Israel’s National Cleansing

Ezekiel 36:25-28 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

25 And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

כֹּה וְזָרַקְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם מַיִם טְהוֹרִים, וְטָהַרְתֶּם: מִכָּל טִמְאוֹתֵיכֶם וּמִכָּל-גִּלּוּלֵיכֶם, אֶטְהַר אֶתְכֶם.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

כֹּו וְנָתַתִּי לָכֶם לֵב חֲדָשׁ, וְרוּחַ חֲדָשָׁה אֶתֵּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם; וְהִסַּרְתִּי אֶת-לֵב הָאֶבֶן, מִבְּשָׁרְכֶם, וְנָתַתִּי לָכֶם, לֵב בָּשָׂר.

27 And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep Mine ordinances, and do them.

כֹּז וְאֶת-רוּחִי, אֶתֵּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם; וְעָשִׂיתִי, אֵת אֲשֶׁר-בְּחֻקֵּי תִלְכוּ, וּמִשְׁפָּטֵי תִשְׁמְרוּ, וְעָשִׂיתֶם.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.

כח וַיֵּשְׁבֻתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְאֲבֹתֵיכֶם; וְהִיִּיתֶם לִי, לְעָם, וְאֲנִי, אֶהְיֶה לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים.

Concerning the Redemption of Israel:

Ezekiel 36:32-36 JPS 1917

32 **לֹא לְמַעַנְכֶם אֲנִי-עֹשֶׂה, נֹאם** 32 Not for your sake do I this, saith
אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה--יִיָדַע, לָכֶם: בּוֹשׁוּ the Lord GOD, be it known unto
וְהִכְלִמוּ מִדְרֻכֵּיכֶם, בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. you; be ashamed and confounded
{ס} for your ways, O house of Israel. {S}

33 **כֹּה אָמַר, אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה, בַּיּוֹם** 33 Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the
טָהַרְתִּי אֶתְכֶם, מִכָּל עֲוֹנוֹתֵיכֶם-- day that I cleanse you from all your
וְהוֹשַׁבְתִּי, אֶת-הָעָרִים, וְנִבְנוּ, iniquities, I will cause the cities to
הַחֲרָבוֹת. be inhabited, and the waste places
shall be builded.

34 **לִדְ וְהָאָרֶץ הַנִּשְׁמָה, תַּעֲבֹד, תַּחַת** 34 And the land that was desolate
אֲשֶׁר הָיְתָה שְׁמָמָה, לְעֵינֵי כָל- shall be tilled, whereas it was a
עוֹבֵר. desolation in the sight of all that
passed by.

35 **לֵה וְאָמְרוּ, הָאָרֶץ הַלְזוּ הַנִּשְׁמָה,** 35 And they shall say: This land
הָיְתָה, כְּגֶן-עֵדֶן; וְהָעָרִים הַחֲרָבוֹת that was desolate is become like the
וְהַנִּשְׁמֹת garden of Eden; and the waste and
וְהַנִּהְרָסוֹת, בְּצוּרוֹת יִשָּׁבוּ. desolate and ruined cities are
fortified and inhabited.

36 **לֹא יִיָדְעוּ הַגּוֹיִם, אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁאַרְוּ** 36 Then the nations that are left
סְבִיבוֹתֵיכֶם, כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה בְּנִיתִי round about you shall know that I
הַנִּהְרָסוֹת, נִטְעַמְתִּי הַנִּשְׁמָה: אֲנִי the LORD have builded the ruined
יְהוָה, יְדִבַּרְתִּי וְעָשִׂיתִי. {ס} places, and planted that which was
desolate; I the LORD have spoken it,
and I will do it. {S}

"In the day that I cleanse you"

This speaks of the nation as a nation. A national redemption.

"Then the nations [goyim] that are left round about you shall know"

Again, God reveals Himself to the nations through Israel. The nations "that are left" probably refers to the sheep nations left on earth after the judgment of the nations in Matthew 25.

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