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Christianity Under Attack

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Lesson 8

Special session (Israel)

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- **The worst catastrophe in Israel's history. All of Israel's intelligence and operational systems collapsed; its political conceptions were challenged to the core. Since that day, the majority of Israelis has doubts that their state could protect them.**
- **At 6:30 am, five thousand rockets had been fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel in 20 minutes. Simultaneously, around 2,900 militants infiltrated Israel from Gaza using trucks, pickup trucks, motorcycles, bulldozers, speedboats, and powered paragliders.**

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Simchat Torah Massacre



Simchat Torah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings.

Operation Al-Aqsa Flood
 Hamas militants break through the Gaza fence in over 60 places, as others enter Israel by paragliders or by sea.

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Simchat Torah Massacre



IDF observers identify terrorists storming the fence, and activate remote firing systems until they run out of ammunition



Five terrorists on a boat evade the Israeli navy and storm the beach. Soldiers exchange fire with them

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Simchat Torah Massacre

Militants had been instructed not to run so that the air force would think they were Israelis. This deception worked, but some pilots began to realize the problem and ignore their restrictions. By around 9 a.m., amid the chaos and confusion, some helicopters started laying down fire without prior authorization.

- For two years, Hamas used hardwired phone lines within Gaza's tunnel network, "Gaza metro," to evade Israeli intelligence and plan Operation Al-Aqsa Flood.
- After the attack, the IDF admitted that Hamas had extensively prepared and studied the military bases and settlements.

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The Most Wanted and Masterminds

Mohammad Deif (Al-Masry) (The Egyptian)

- He is a chemist who graduated in 1988.
- At college, he formed a theatre group and had a short-acting career.



Yahya Al-Sinwar

A Sunni Islamic scholar

Hamas, is a Muslim brotherhood proxy formed in 1987

It Shifted from calling on the complete destruction of Israel to establishing a Palestinian state based on the 1967 borders.

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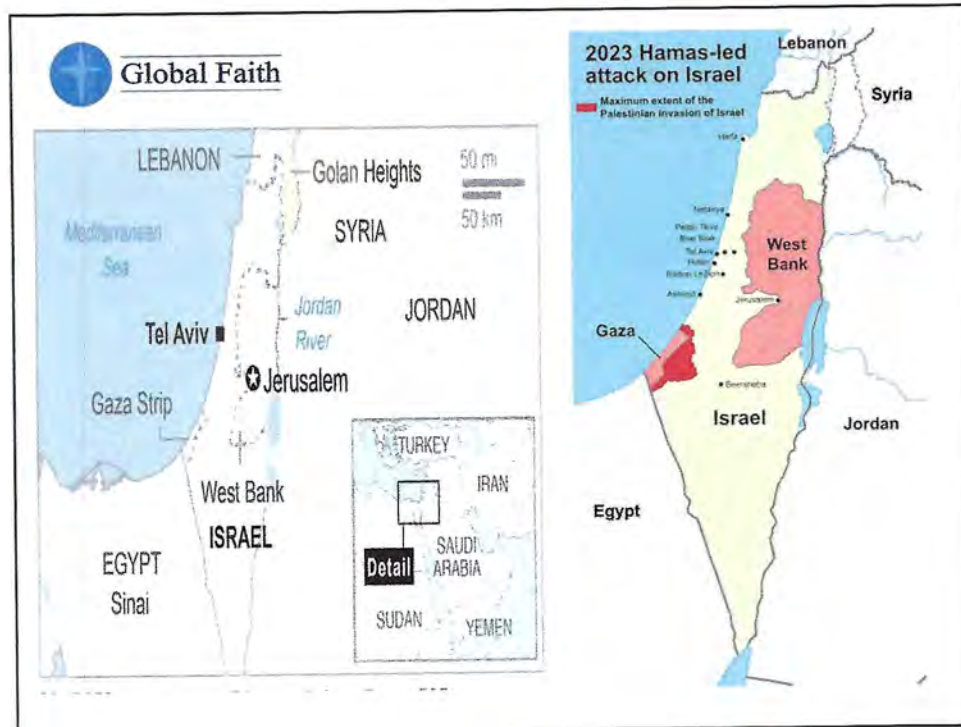



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The state of Israel

- Slogan: “From the River to the Sea Palestine Will be Free”
- Meaning : A single state, “Palestine,” on the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean.
- Justice for the Palestinians, or any lobbying for the formation of a Palestinian state, should not mean denying **the right of the State of Israel to exist.**

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The state of Israel

- History goes back thousands of years, and the biblical origins of Judaism and Christianity are unrefuted, traced, visited, and seen there today.
- Jews and Christians call it the Holy Land because it is where many events described in the Bible occurred.
- Muslims are mainly concerned about Jerusalem, calling it (Al-Quds) or (Bayt al-Maqdis) because it was **the hub of the night-journey and the coronation of Mohammed as a prophet (al-Isra and al-Mi'raj) by the unicorn and with no eyewitnesses whatsoever.**

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The state of Israel

- **Around 1400 BCE, Semitic people, called the Hebrews, settled in Canaan after the exodus from Egypt.**
- **The biblical King David, began the Kingdom of Israel in about 1000 BCE and made the city of Jerusalem his capital**
- **King Solomon built the first Temple for the worship of the biblical God. Solomon died in about 928 BCE.**

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The state of Israel

- **After Solomon's death, the kingdom broke into two countries.**
- **The northern country kept its name, Israel.**
- **The southern country called Judah and kept Jerusalem as its capital.**
- **The Assyrians, who were Kurds and Iraqis, conquered the Kingdom of Israel.**
- **The Babylonians, also Iraqis, conquered the Kingdom of Judah in 586 BCE and destroyed Solomon's Temple.**

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The state of Israel

- The Jews took back Judea and rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem.
- First, the Persians, then the Greeks, and the Romans ruled the Land of Israel, afterward.
- When occupied, the Jews always tried to rebel and fight for their independence.

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The state of Israel

The Romans in 70 AD and again in 135 AD wanted to end the rebellion once and for all, so they :

1. Killed and enslaved many Jews.
2. Destroyed Jerusalem.
3. Destroyed The Second Jewish Temple, turned it into ruins, and trash dump site
4. Expelled and banned any Jew from the Holy Land, especially Jerusalem
5. The Roman emperor Hadrian changed the name of Judea province to **Syria-Palaestina**
6. Named Jerusalem to **Aelia Capitolina**.
7. **Deliberately did this to erase the historical and religious ties of the Jewish people to the Holy Land.**

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The Islamic State

- Yathrib was an ancient city established by the diasporic Jews in the Arabian peninsula, current Saudi Arabia.
- Arab communities started settling in Yathrib, taking advantage of what the oasis city offered.



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The Islamic State

- Tensions and bloody feuds arose between the Arabs and the Jews, as well as between the Arab tribes themselves.
- Later, Arab communities and paternal relatives of Mohammad invited him to settle in Yathrib.
- They declared him the ruler and the king of Yathrib upon his arrival.
- The city became the capital of the Islamic state, and Mohammed changed the name of the town from Yathrib to Medina of Mohammed (The City of Mohammed).



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The Islamic state

- In his budding Sharia law (constitution of Medina), Mohamed first secured equal rights for both Jews and Muslims in his new kingdom as long as Jews remained politically submissive and subdued.
- Only a few Jews converted to Islam, and most of the Jews rejected and vehemently challenged Mohammad's status as a prophet; furthermore, they made many Muslims doubt his prophethood.
- Mohammad became increasingly hostile to the Jews and declared **them the worst of creatures and the true enemies of Allah(God)**.

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The Islamic Conquest expansion of the Islamic state

- The Holy land (**Syria-Palaestina**) had been under Roman rule for seven centuries, throughout the Jews were banned from even entering the city.
- Mohamed attempted to take over Jerusalem and the holy land but died before he could do it.
- The very first Conquest after his death was of the Levant, the holy land, and Jerusalem and they changed its name as customary in 638.

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The Islamic Conquest expansion of the Islamic state

- The Caliph Umar, the king of the Islamic state at the time, permitted the Jews to return and reside in Jerusalem once again.
- For the Jews, this marked the end of nearly 500 years of Roman rule, oppression, and diaspora.
- A new era of Jewish Muslim relationship that lasted for the next twelve hundred years.

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There has never been a Palestinian state

- Rashidun Caliphate from 638 to 661
- The Umayyad Caliphate from 661 to 750
- The Abbasid Caliphate from 750 to 909
- The Fatimid Caliphate (Egyptian) from 909 to 1098
- The Crusader states from 1098 to 1187
- Ayyubid Sultanate. (Egyptian) from 1187–1260
- The Mongol Empire 1260
- Mamluk Sultanate. (Egyptian) from 1260–1517
- Ottoman Empire from 1517 to 1924
- British Empire from 1924 to 1948
- Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and the state of Israel 1948–1967
- The state of Israel from 1967 till today

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Iftikhar al-Dawla

The Egyptian
Fatimid governor
of Jerusalem during
the siege of 1099

On 15 July, he
surrendered Jerusalem
to Raymond of Saint-
Gilles



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World Zionist Organization

- It was founded by Theodor Herzl, an Austro-Hungarian Jewish journalist, lawyer, writer, playwright, and political activist, the father of modern political Zionism.
- The first Zionist Congress occurred in Basel, Switzerland, from August 29 to August 31, 1897.

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The Last Calipha

Abdulmejid II

At the conclusion of
the Lausanne
Conference of 1922–
1923 and...

**On March 3, 1924, the
Caliphate was
abolished.**



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- In 1917, the Balfour Declaration transferred the rule of the Middle Eastern region known as Palestine to the British Empire as a temporary national home for Jewish people.
- U.S. President Harry Truman was the first world leader to officially recognize Israel as a legitimate Jewish state on May 14, 1948, only eleven minutes after its creation.

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The Balfour Declaration

Chaim Weizmann

- The father of industrial fermentation. He developed the acetone-butanol-ethanol fermentation process, which produces acetone through bacterial fermentation. His acetone production method was crucial in manufacturing cordite explosive propellants for the British war industry during World War I.



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The Balfour Declaration

They say “On November 2nd, 1917 "Arthur Balfour" gave a land that he doesn't own to whom who don't deserve, it was called Palestine”

What say you?

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For the first time since antiquity, Jerusalem is now in its entirety under the control of a Jewish state.

- In June 1967, during the Six Days War, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) take East Jerusalem along with the rest of the West Bank from Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- The Syrian Golan Heights.
- The Egyptian-held Gaza Strip and Sinai.



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What Can You Do to Help?

1. **Knowledge is power. Truth is freedom.**
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4. **Subscribe to our newsletter**
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6. **Pray fervently and without ceasing**

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