

AD 66- Present Day

### The Plight of Israel:

*An Historical,  
Biblical,  
Theological  
Study*

What "2 Symbols" summarize 2,000 years of Jewish pain, persecution, and prophetic fulfillment (Luke 21:24)?



### 1) "The Wailing Wall"



### 2) The wandering Jewish Sojourner (with no LAND to call "home.")



With that said, the witness of Scripture is CLEAR...  
...God is in no way through with the Jews

**Romans 11:26...** *And thus ALL ISRAEL shall be saved!*

**Luke 13:35...** you will not see Me (Messiah Jesus) again until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Therefore, Christians ought to be  
"Friends of Israel."



**YES- our Ultimate Loyalty is to King Jesus**

- 1) **God and the God-breathed Scripture** (Mark 12:30; Acts 5:29)
- 2) **Jesus' Redeemed People-** (The Christian Church; Acts 20:28)
- 3) **Family** (Eph. 5-6; Matt. 12:46-50)
- 4) **Country/Nation**
- 5) **Other**

## Replacement Theology The New Supersessionism

**"The church's fatal error was not believing that the Jewish people were temporarily under Divine disfavor for rejecting the Messiah. No. That could only produce compassion and sensitivity. The church erred by thinking God's disfavor was permanent" and that the predominately Gentile Church has permanently replaced Israel.**

We also sinned when we concluded that God somehow needed our help in punishing the Jews (note lessons 1-3).

Genesis 12:3 *I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*



American Christians should be interested in what is happening around the world- especially- as it relates to the global Church and Israel.

Sometimes, we become obsessed with local/national news- to the exclusion of what's happening in the Middle East (which impacts Israel and the U.S.) and the world- (Jesus is building His international Church; Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18-20; Rev. 5)!

### What happens in the Middle-East Impacts the entire World.

China recently offered 15 million in aid to the Palestinians and seeks to be a major player in Middle East affairs.



The United States, Russia, and China all view the Middle-East as critically important to their national interests.

### Military Power Index (World Rankings)

1. U.S.A.
2. Russia
3. China
8. Turkey\*
10. Egypt\*
13. Iran\*
15. Pakistan\*
16. Israel
24. S Arabia\*



### 1948- a place to call HOME (Israel).



**May 14, 1948- First Arab-Israeli War  
(WAR OF INDEPENDENCE)**



**1956- The Suez Crisis,  
AKA “the Second Arab–Israeli War”**



**1967- The “Six Day War/Miracle”  
(Israel reclaims Old Jerusalem)**



**1973- The Yom Kippur War  
Egypt Attacks yet again (w/help from Syria)**



Old Testament Foes of Israel



As in the O.T., Israel is Surrounded by Many Enemies and Foes.



CAUSES OF NON STOP CONFLICT IN ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST



MUCH OF THIS BLOODSHED revolves around the Holy City and the Promised Land.

Dr. Harold Fisch, "there is only one nation to whom the land belongs in trust and by covenant promise, and that is the Jewish people. No temporary demographic changes can alter this basic fact which is the bedrock of the Jewish faith; **just as one wife does not have two husbands so one land does not have two sovereign nations in possession of it.**"

DO YOU AGREE? Why or why not?

The Million Dollar (Geo-Political) Question?

How much of it's former possession in the Holy Land should Israel be granted? (none, less, more?)



“Contemporary Examples of Christian Anti-Judaism in the United States.”

Albertus Pieters (1897-1987)-  
Western Theological Seminary (Michigan).

*“Some years ago, in a conference, I heard a brother minister say: “God is through with the Jews.” At the time, this statement startled me, and I thought it was extreme, but the more I study the Scriptures the more it seems to me he certainly was right.”*

1900-2018

“Christian Anti-Judaism in the U.S.A”

Pieters... ***“Thus that which had been in itself good and hold become through their error a source of poison in the life of the world; and “the Jew’ become the GREAT PERISTENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.”***

“The visible Christian Church being now the New Covenant Israel, those whom we call “the Jews” are outsiders, cut of branches, having no more connection w/either promises or propesias than any Gentile group.”



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Another Christian theologian, this one a leading Post-Mill. Scholar wrote, “The Jews forfeited their rights as a chosen nation.”

Pessimistic replacement theology (Amill.) and Optimistic replacement eschatology impact one’s view of Israel...

Notice the **practical implications of this Christian’s view of modern Israel...**

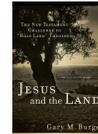


This same Christian theologian also wrote this: “The recently established Israel has RUTHLESSLY displaced an Arab population and seeks to expand further into surrounding regions, some 900,000 Arabs in refugee camps around the borders of Israel being one of the chief continuing causes of bitterness... Israel is not a self-sustaining nation, and her existence to date has been heavily subsidized by American money— much of it undoubtedly having been given for the purpose of influencing the Jewish vote in this country... The mere fact that these people are Jews does not in itself give them ANY MORE moral or legal right to ‘Palestine’ than to the U.S. or any other part of the world.”

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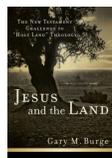
Gary Burge, former professor of N.T. @ [WHEATON COLLEGE \(IL\)](#); mpw a “N.T. Scholar at a Christian Seminary in Grand Rapids.”

“This conservative evangelical scholar has aligned himself with the pro-Palestinian and anti-Judaic (Christian Zionism) movement that vociferously opposes the modern state of Israel.” (Horner, 45)



**Gary Burge- American Evangelical Scholar**

In order to hold this position a Christian must **ABROGATE** God’s promise to Abraham and His decedents concerning the **PROMISED LAND**



**Should Christians Support a Jewish State?**

**I) The Historical Argument**

“History shows that for many millennia there has been a Jewish presence in Eretz Israel—the term for the widest borders of biblical Israel.”

History reminds us that Israel was not called “Palestine” until AD 1335 (per a conquering Roman Emperor Hadrian)

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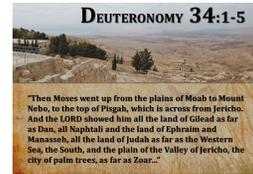
**II) The Humanity (Emotional) Argument**

History reminds us that no people has suffered as long as the Jewish people have (see lessons 1-3).

If any people deserves to be in the Holy Land (based on 2000 years of anti-Semitism) it is the Jews! HAVE a LITTLE MERCY PEOPLE!

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**III) The Hebrew/Christian Scriptures Argument**



**A Brief Biblical (Premillennial) Response**

**Famous AMOS 9:13-15.** "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine, And all the hills will be dissolved." "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live *in them*, They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God. (Amos 9:13-15)

**4) A Theological Argument**

All creation ultimately belongs to our Creator God (Psalm 24:1-3).

The Land of Israel, "in a unique way belongs to the Lord in eternal perpetuity" (note Lev. 25:23).

Throughout history, the Lord has apportioned certain lands to certain peoples, his plan for Israel was to have this particular land (Deut. 5:2, 9, 19; Amos 9:7)

### Leviticus 18:24-28 and other texts

For polluting God's Holy Land Israel has throughout it's history been evicted (Jer. 2:7; 16:18; Ezk. 38:16) often via foreign powers (Babylon, the Romans, various European powers).

**PERSONAL APPLICATION:** If God punished His Covenant nation, do you really think he'll give America a free pass? (Rom. 1:18-32)

If He judged individual Jews, do you think as a Gentile you're going to escape just punishment? (Rev. 20:11-15; John 3:36)

To this very day, Israel has still not taken FULL possession of the land.

**Which brings about even more difficult questions:**

"Why should we assume that Israel is entitled to full (or even partial) possession of the land today? The majority of the nation is secular while the ultra-Orthodox militantly oppose faith in Jesus the Messiah?"

### Leviticus 26:40-45

"Israel is in the Land today by grace not merit (meaning, Israel has not fulfilled the Sinai requirements of repentance as laid out in Lev. 26:40-45)"

Application- So many blessings in my life are SO undeserved. If God only gave Me the rod of loving reproof I'd be dead long ago (Heb. 12:5f)! Praise God for this mercy shown towards modern Israel. Pray that God uses it to bring about the salvation of many!

Said differently, was 1948 a "cosmic coincidence?"

Does the past 70 years have any bearing on what's going to happen in the "later days?"

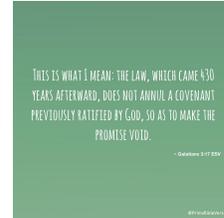
Mike Brown- "Simply stated, we know that when God blesses no one can curse and when he curses no one can bless (e.g. Num. 22:12; 23:8). When he heals no one can smite and when He smites no one can heal (Ex. 15:26; Deut. 7:12, 15; 28:58-61).... Consequently, if the Lord scatters the people in his wrath, Israel cannot regather herself, nor can the nations of the world, nor can Satan regather Israel. To do so would be overrule and overpower God. The fact the 6 million Jews now live in the land of Israel—birthed out of the ashes of the Holocaust (not to mention 2000 years of ruthless Anti-Semitism)- is testimony to the fact that God is regathering His people!" WHY?

God has preserved Israel from repeat attempts to wipe the nation off the face of the map forever! Why?

God has preserved a remnant of believing Jews during the "church age!" WHY?

God has regathered and reestablished the nation. WHY?

Galatians 3:17- God always Keeps His Word. ALWAYS!



All of God's eternal purposes shall come to pass in His perfect timing and way → Wait on the Lord!

Delayed promises are not promises denied! 2 Cor. 1:20

In Revelation there are 144,000 Jewish witnesses from the 12 Tribes of Israel preaching the gospel during the Future Tribulation (Rev. 7:4-8; note also Matthew 24-25)

MATTHEW 19:27-28- Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us? And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."