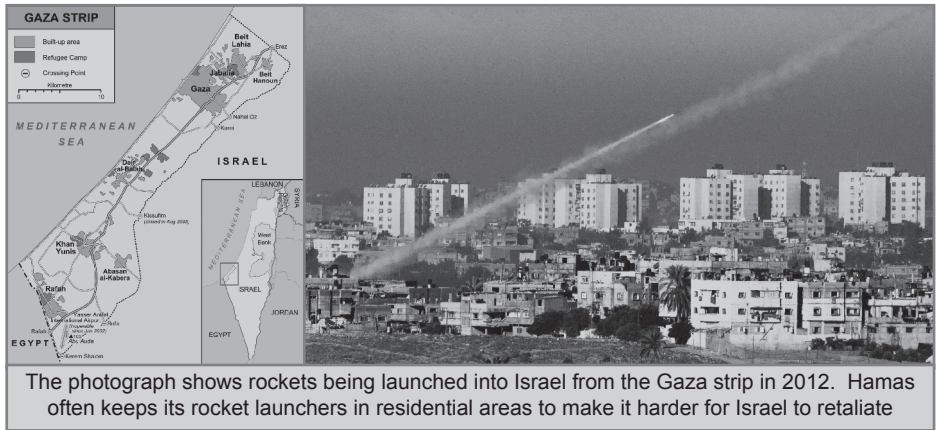



29 Thy kingdom come - Israel and the Arabs today



You can use the internet to find out more about relationships between Jews and Arabs - just search 'Israel Arabs' and follow some of the links.

Scattered


 The Bible predicted in Deuteronomy 28:64-67, and in many other places, that the Jews would be scattered all over the world, as they still are. Through the prophets God foretold that this would last for many years - in fact they were scattered for nearly over 1800 years.

See also Hosea 3:4-5 and Hosea 6:1.

A new state

Israel had not really existed as a separate nation for nearly 2,500 years, but it was finally declared a new sovereign state by an act of the United Nations on May 14, 1948. Isaiah 66:8.

Regathered and restored

 Many Bible passages foretell the return of Israel to their land. See for instance Ezekiel 20:34, Isaiah 11:11-12 and Jeremiah 32:44.

Jews returned to their land from Arab countries in the east, from the European countries in the west, from Russia in the north and from Ethiopia in the south. See how God's words in Isaiah 43:5-6,21 have been fulfilled.


There are many cities in Israel that bear their ancient names, like Jerusalem, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, Nain, Bethany, Bethlehem, Hebron and Gaza. But there are some that are still in ruins, like Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. See what Jesus said in Matthew 11:21-23.

Once more the land that was desolate and barren has become productive, and Israel exports fruit to many countries. See Isaiah 27:6!

Jewish Population

| | 1900 | 1942 | 1970 | 2010 |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Europe | 8,978,000 | 9,237,000 | 3,228,000 | 1,455,900 |
| Israel | very few | not many | 2,582,000 | 5,413,800 |
| United States | 1,500,000 | 4,975,000 | 5,400,000 | 5,275,000 |
| Total world | 11,273,000 | 15,372,000 | 12,633,000 | 13,428,300 |

Why did the numbers of Jews in Europe fall so much after 1942?



Why did the number in the United States go up so much before 1942?



About the Palestinians

Who are the Palestinians? Are they the same as Philistines?

In Old Testament times the land now known as the Gaza strip belonged to the Philistines – when they captured Samson (Judges 16:21) they brought him to Gaza. So are the Palestinians descended from the Philistines? – the name is similar, after all.



Amos 9:7 and Deuteronomy 2:23 tell us how the Philistines came to be in Gaza,

and Genesis 10:13-14 would suggest that they originated in Egypt.

In AD 135, the Roman Emperor Hadrian punished the Jews for their rebellion by renaming Judea as 'Syria Palaestina', so there is probably a link between the names Philistine and Palestine. Palestine became a general name for the land east of the Mediterranean.

But the Palestinians aren't descended from the Philistines, and they aren't really a nation at all. After the Six Day War in 1967, the people living in what had become the expanded territory of Israel took the name 'Palestinian' to give themselves an identity and to enable them to claim a right to the land of Israel.

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STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine went through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.

For the Jewish population there was the anguish over the fate of the few hundred Hagannah men and women in the Mer Zion bloc of settlements near Hebron. Their surrender to a fully equipped superior foreign force desperately in need of a victory was a foregone conclusion. What could not be known, with no communications since Thursday morning, was whether and to what extent the Red Cross and the Truce Council would secure civilized conditions for prisoners and wounded, and proper respect for the dead. Doubts on some of these anxious questions have now been removed.

On Friday afternoon, from Tel Aviv, Jewish settlements in Aiv, came the expected announcement of the Jewish State and its official naming at both the "Medinat Yisrael" State of Israel with the meeting in the Provisional Council of Government. The proclamation of the State was made at midnight, coinciding with the signing from Haifa of Haganah and High Commissioner. Haganah forces throughout the hour, President Truman announced in Washington that the Government of the United States had decided to give de facto recognition to the Jewish State with

JEW'S TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES

The battle for Jerusalem, which began when the British forces withdrew on Friday morning, continued all day Friday and yesterday. The creation of small-army fire and explosion of mortar shells were still being heard in the early hours of this morning as the battle entered its third day.

Repeated efforts on Friday evening and again yesterday by the U.N. Truce Commission to bring about a "cease fire" were thought to be brought about by Arab representatives failed to agree within the specified time limit.

On Friday morning, Jewish forces entered the Russian Compound and Zone C to reoccupy the buildings requisitioned from Jews last year. This operation was almost bloodless. But beyond the western edge of Zone A, the Arab forces in Arab East. The Arabs were forced back and the Russian Block area was taken.

In other parts of the city fighting flared up. Jews overran the "Pier" and the "Pier" evacuated by the British. By last night, the quarters and

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

Not far from the Tel Aviv broadcasting station, reported at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon that Tel Aviv had been bombed three times in the previous evening and morning, and that one plane had been shot down and its Egyptian pilot taken prisoner.

In the first raid, four planes attacked from a height of 300 feet. Two dropped bombs, while the others strafed the city. Little damage was done. In the second attack two hours later, the report is that the north of the city was bombed, and an air Force plane was shot down. The third raid was launched shortly after midnight, but the planes were driven off, without causing any damage.

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U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Sunday.—Ten minutes after the termination of the British Mandate on Friday, the White House issued a formal statement by President Truman that the U.S. Government intended to recognize the Provisional Jewish Government as the de facto authority representing the Jewish State.

The U.S. is also considering lifting the arms embargo but it is not known whether to Palestine only or to the entire Middle East, and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Jewish Provisional Government.

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Proclamation by Head Of Government

The creation of "Medinat Yisrael," the State of Israel, was proclaimed at midnight on Friday by Mr. David Ben Gurion, until then Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and now head of the State's Provisional Council of Government.

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by its head, was to abolish the 1948 White Paper, which had imposed a quota on Jewish immigration and to open the gates to all Jews wishing to enter the country.

In the declaration of independence, Mr. Ben Gurion called on the Arabs of Palestine to restore peace, assuring them full civic rights and full representation in all governmental organs of the State.

Mr. Ben Gurion professed the declaration with a review of the historic connection of the Jewish people with the land of Israel and of their efforts to return, which never ceased throughout the persecutions of their dispersal, until the "Kibbutz" movement proposed the urgency of the need for a Jewish State.

The Balfour Declaration of 1917, continued by the League of Nations, had given explicit international recognition to

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Israel - Still God's people?

Will Jews be in the kingdom just because they are Jews?

Many times Israel is described as God's people (Exodus 6:7, Isaiah 41:8-10 for instance) Is that still true?

Some people say that because the Jews crucified Jesus God has rejected them. They believe that Christians are now God's people instead. Is that true?

Look at these verses to find out the answers:

Romans 11:1-5


Jeremiah 46:27-28


Romans 11:25-29


Romans 11:17-24

Isaiah 43:1-2, 10-12

Join the prophecies to their fulfillment.

Already happened 

Partly happened 

Not happened yet 

In
exile their lives
would be in constant
danger.

Deuteronomy
28:63-64

God
would bring
Israel back from the
lands where they had been
scattered. God would punish
them for their iniquity but
would always make sure
they would survive.

For
many years
Jerusalem would be
in Gentile hands.

Zechariah
12:2-3

Deuteronomy
28:65-67

People
living in Egypt
and Iraq would
turn to God.

Ezekiel
36:34-35

The
land of Israel
would become fertile and
fruit would be exported all
over the world.

When
Jesus returned
Israel would recognise him as
their Messiah and would mourn
because they had crucified
him.

Isaiah
27:6

Luke
21:24

Jews
would be
scattered all over the
earth.

Zechariah
14:1-4

Many
nations would attack
Jerusalem but God would
intervene. Jesus would return and
there would be a great earthquake
that would split the mount of
Olives.

Jerusalem
would be a constant
source of conflict; anyone who
tried to solve the problem
would be hurt.

Isaiah
19:21-25

Jeremiah
30:10-11

The
land of Israel would
be barren and deserted but
it would be restored and once
again be farmed.

Zechariah
12:8-10

When
the Jews had returned
to their land they would dwell in
safety and would recognise that
God had been with them.

Ezekiel
39:25-28