

Update on Israel's Operation Shield and Arrow

On Wednesday May 10 Israel launched Operation Shield and Arrow as a response to:

- 2 weeks ago Israel killed several members of a terror cell in the northern Samaria town of Jenin.
- In retaliation Hamas launched 30 missiles from Lebanon, the first barrage in over 10 years.
- Last week 100 rockets were launched toward Israel because of the death of a Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) leader who died of a hunger strike in an Israeli prison. This is an Iranian funded and directed terror group.
- Israel conducted simultaneous airstrikes in Gaza killing the three top commanders of (PIJ)
- Over 1000 Rockets have been launched from Gaza indiscriminately toward Israel's border towns in response 290 rockets were intercepted by Iron Dome and David's sling missile defense systems
20% of the rockets fell within Gaza
The remainder of the rockets not intercepted fell in open fields
Israel has a 95% interception rate of those directly threatening towns and cities.
- As of Friday May 12 Israel eliminated the 6th top leader in the PIJ since the operation began
- There have been multiple hits within southern Israel destroying homes and property. There have been a handful of injuries and one death in a direct hit on a home in Rehovoth on Thursday.
- On Friday Sirens sounded in southern Jerusalem and a David's Sling defense system shot down one missile

"Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together." (Psalm 122:3). What would David say about it today? As of 2023 there are 22,000 residents per square mile and her population nears 1 million. The more you study the Bible timeline of this city, the more you know that it's tumultuous history is destined not only to repeat itself but to outdo itself in not only a regional dispute but one that escalates into a global conflict. Jerusalem is becoming more like the one Jesus warned of, "every city ... divided against itself shall not stand" (Matt. 12:25).

What are the key factors of this division equation? Jerusalem is ground zero of turmoil because of the 38 most contested acres on the globe, claimed by both Arab and Israeli, Muslim, Jews and Christians. Jerusalem has changed hands over 35 times in 3500 years. As a result the Old City has been divided into four quarters for centuries, Jewish, Christian, Armenian and Muslim. And *tashlik* – bottom line: nobody including some traditional historic Christian residents are glad that Israel finally has control of it again. The Palestinians have declared the annual day that Israel celebrates winning back the Old city in 1967 as *Naqba* Day – Catastrophe Day which falls on May 19, 2023.

The mount first known to Abraham was Mount Moriah, and since Solomon as the Temple Mount. Since 900 AD the Muslims dubbed it *Al Quds* - Arabic for "The Holy." In Israel's current battle over 1000 rockets have been launched so far into Israel. The credit is claimed by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) whose military wing is the *Al Quds* Brigade. The name: *Al Quds* meaning "The Holy," Islamic *Jihad* meaning Holy warriors. PIJ is claiming to be Islam's Holy Warriors for the Holy Place on the Temple mount, the golden dome shrine they call *Al Haram Al Sharif / Al Aqsa*.

But let's be unequivocally clear, the first to attach His name to His Temple on that Mount in a promise to Solomon was the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. (1 Kings 8,9) God promised "my name shall be there." (1 Kings 8:29). It is claimed as "my holy mountain" ten times beginning with (Isaiah 9:11). It is called the "Holy City" ten times (Nehemiah 11:1). There is only one God and His name is not Allah. His name is Jehovah and He alone is Holy. "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy..." (Isaiah 57:15). The one and only God's "name" is Jehovah.

In an act of spiritual plagiarism the phrase "The Holy" was repackaged by Muslims in Arabic as *Al Quds*. Finally the Muslim military theft of the location from Jews and again later from the Crusaders was an act of spiritual identity theft

of *Ha' Macome* which literally means His place; the Holy Place where the Ark of the Covenant sat within the Holy of Holies upon the stone where Isaac was prepared for sacrifice. The old saying, "Possession is 9/10ths of the Law" doesn't settle the matter of ownership. God alone can claim "my holy mountain" in Isaiah 56:7 one of ten times. (Neh. 11:1,18; Psalm 46:4; Isaiah 48:2; 52:1; 60:14; Daniel 9:16,24; Zech. 8:3; Matt. 4:5; 27:53; Rev. 11:2; 21:10; 22:19.) The conflict past, present and future is over "My place," "my mountain," "my place," and "my name." Islam denies this ownership.

Conflict is already baked into the modern day ethnic and religious demographic of Jerusalem. In 1967 Jews made up 73% of the Jerusalem population. Today that is about 60% = 570,100 primarily due to the dramatic increase of the Palestinian neighborhoods surrounding the city on the north, east and south. Will the "Palestinian" Arab population of 353,800 that grew from 25.5% in 1967 to 37% in 2023, dominate the entire old city and the western wall plaza and persecute and eventually even forbid Jews from worshiping there? In spite of these facts, the Muslim propaganda machines through the western liberal media, constantly tout that Jerusalem's Jewish population is trying to take over the Temple mount and will forbid Muslims to worship there. With Arab birth rates at 4.4 children and Jewish fertility rates at 3.8 children per woman it is no wonder that there are Jewish concerns that Arab "Palestinians" will hold the majority in Jerusalem and repeat the 1948 massacre in which 126 Jews were slaughtered. Next time it is feared there could be tens of thousands. It's the same people with the same belief and the same hatred only in greater numbers.

Although Jews outnumber Muslims by 2-1 in Jerusalem and by 4-1 in Israel, it's a completely different story outside the borders of Israel. 7.2 million Israeli Jews are surrounded by 100 million Arab Muslims two million of whom are Israeli citizens. Israel is so tiny that you have to zoom in on the map to even find her, yet Israel is blamed for causing all the problems in the vast Arab Middle East. She is the only scapegoat for all the Arab, Muslim hatred, and their evil lust for domination of God's land and expulsion of God's people. The envy of Ishmael has reaped a whirlwind of hatred.

In 1947, UN resolution 181 determined that Jerusalem would remain under international control. The spirit of the "UNti-Christ" is anti-Zionist. Will there be a Jerusalem conflagration that will turn into a regional and international conflict? Yes, Yes, and Yes. It's coming. The question is what will ignite it? The "Arab street" young Muslim zealots have switched allegiances from the impotent Palestinian Authority to openly supporting not only Hezbollah and Hamas but now the PIJ. As Ramadan 2023 began, dozens of these zealots barricaded themselves in the Dome of the Rock Shrine with stores of rocks and fireworks detaining Muslim worshipers. Israel security forces stand as a backup force when the Jordanian police under the "Wquaf" regularly lose control by knowingly turning a blind eye to nefarious activities on the mount. Piles of rocks and fireworks projectiles were brought in. The Israeli police burst through the doors to free Muslim worshipers from Muslim zealots who then attacked them with a barrage of rocks and fireworks being shot out through the doors of this so called 3rd "MOST holy site of Islam." Islam is the only religion that allows fire power and weapons to be stockpiled in sanctuaries for the purpose of attacking Jews. The Jordanian Wquaf police knowingly allowed it.

I have been at the Damascus gate and seen tens of thousands of Muslims and I have been at the Jaffe Gate and watched hundreds of Jewish youth rallying to claim all of Jerusalem as their own. Thursday May 19 a flag march of Jewish patriots will parade through Damascus Gate and the Muslim quarter celebrating Jerusalem Day. Extra security forces are on standby given the ongoing Gaza hostilities. The PIJ has vowed to keep launching rockets if this annual parade is not canceled. The western wall plaza *kotel* which is regularly filled with thousands of Jewish worshipers at Judaism's most holy site is just mere 120 feet below the Muslim plaza weekly filled with tens of thousands of Muslim worshipers. This is a powder keg of proximity under extremely tight surveillance. On the bridge that allows Jewish worshipers to access the Temple mount only at scheduled times there are stacks of police riot shields at the ready.

Jeremiah the prophet refers to adjoining neighbors and nations. "Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land" (Jer. 12:14). The phrase "siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem" indicates a surrounding seizure of territory. Judea surrounds Jerusalem which is at the mid-point of the kidney bean shaped region of Judea and Samaria that has

been relabeled as the “West Bank” for political purposes. Zechariah indicates that the people who are under siege are Judeans in the vicinity of Jerusalem. “Behold, I will make Jerusalem **a cup of trembling unto all the people round about**, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem” (Zec 12:2). When Israel finds itself in the next multi-front war with its Arab neighbors, the great fear is that the 353,800 “Palestinians” in Jerusalem plus many of its 1.7 million “Arab” citizens will become the “5th column” of an enemy within the gates and ally with the Arab nations against Israel. Although tens of thousands of Jews and Arabs live, work, shop and go to school together peaceably, many Israelis keep a wary eye out and watch their backs, in case the political tide turns once again against them as it always has.

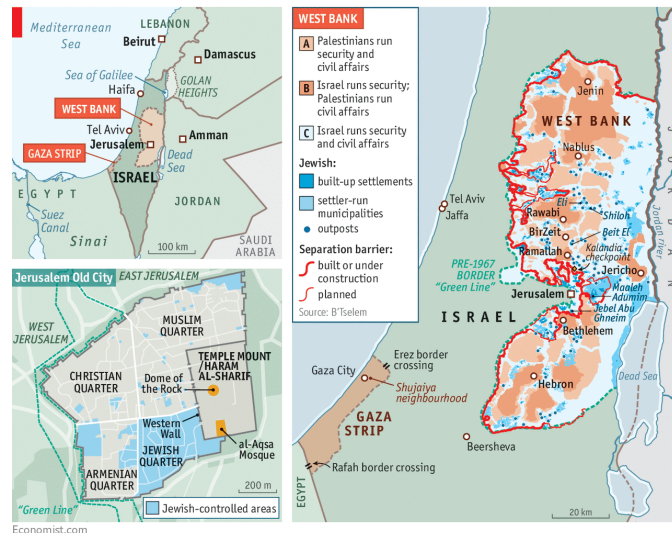
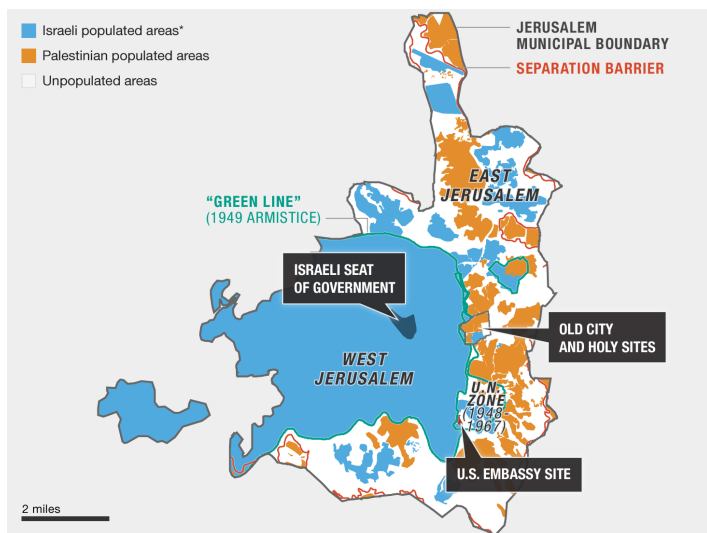
Future International Prophetic Ramifications

“And in that day will I make Jerusalem **a burdensome stone for all people**: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though **all the people of the earth be gathered together against it**” (Zec 12:3). The trembling cup of conflict will not only spill out on Jerusalem’s tabletop suburbs but will overflow onto the surrounding Arab countries. Another biblical analogy is that of a spark igniting a flammable haystack. “In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left...” (Zechariah 12:6a). This time it will be Israeli governors of Judah and Jerusalem breaking out in an incendiary attack against their enemies. This passage describes the latter part of the Tribulation period.

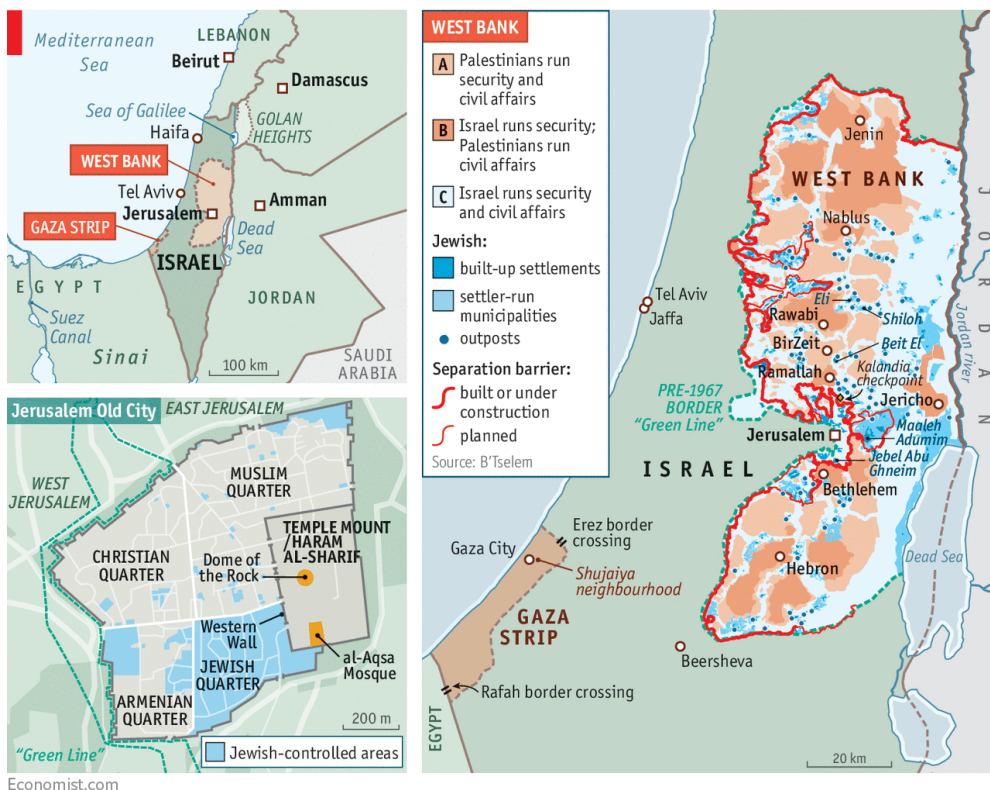
Israel is again dealing with missile barrages by Iranian proxies. Hezbollah on its northern border in Lebanon is a 100% Iranian funded and controlled terrorist organization. Iranian shipments of ammunition, rocket and drone supplies to Syria have been regularly bombed by Israeli fighter jets for more than a decade. Hamas is a terrorist organization that now governs Gaza, who has launched thousands of rockets into southern Israel border towns over the last 20 years. The (PIJ) is the new kid on the block in Gaza who launched the latest attacks with Hamas’ and Iran’s blessing. These surrounding Iranian proxies are often referred to as a “ring of fire.” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is constantly affirming that Israel is prepared at a moment’s notice to face and win a multifront war, on all its borders and with Iran. The pattern of terrorism on Israel’s borders spells one word - I R A N. Meanwhile as the western democratic nations have threatened and occasionally spanked Iran’s hand with temporary sanctions to slow down their nuclear program, Iran is believed to almost be at nuclear break out point. The IAEA has recently said that Iran has nearly enough uranium material for a nuclear bomb. Israel’s defense minister Yoav Galant says Iran not only has enough for one but for five. Israel’s back is almost to the wall and is getting closer every minute to preemptively taking out Iran’s nuclear sites. This year the US and Israel simulated naval and air maneuvers on the largest scale ever. The U.S. has just committed to stock up “bunker buster” bombs in Israel for such an attack. But when saber rattling turns into air sorties and missile salvos, will the United States keep its word to back Israel all the way? A nuclear armed Iran in the Middle East would make North Korea look like a mere tempest in a Chinese teapot. If the second hand on the doomsday clock were represented by terrorists in Gaza and Lebanon, and the minute hand were to be represented by Iran, and if Russia were to be represented by the hour hand, then some would say its well past 11:30 PM, on the doomsday clock and it’s ticking.

Zechariah specifically names Jerusalem twice with a time marker, “Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem” (Zechariah 12:6b). This month it was 56 years since Jerusalem became reclaimed by Israel. In the 1967 “Six Day War” Israel captured and reunified the city under Jewish control for the first time since 70 AD. The first time marker for Jerusalem by the prophet is “Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place.” In the 56 years since Jerusalem was recaptured she has had 4 major wars and multiple conflicts. Will Israel attacking Iran’s nuclear sites be the the sovereign trigger that the finger of God pulls? “In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about.” It seems we are nearing such a flashpoint. What will it take to turn the whole world against Israel. Every time Israel retaliates against indiscriminate rocket fire against her citizens and one “Palestinian” child gets killed, the whole world condemns Israel as if their action was random and unprovoked. The world rarely or in very mutedly tones mentions the thousands of “projectiles” hurled at Israeli towns and cities. If Israel were to be so generous to make an airmail contribution of a nuclear bomb to a country that is so desperate to have one, the entire world would have the tiny Jewish nation in handcuffs in International courts and sanctions. It doesn’t take a prophet to read the Prophets and read the news and

see such a scenario coming to pass. The result is set in prophetic stone with a pen of Iron. All nations will come against Israel and doubtless blame the victim for their "provocation." Jerusalem will become a burdensome millstone around the geopolitical neck of the world powers. Those that try to remove the stone will be cut to pieces. In the dream of Nebuchadnezzar's about a golden image, he sees a heavenly hurled stone, "cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces" (Dan 2:34). God's kingdom is pictured as a smashing stone that will grow into a mountainous kingdom and fills the earth. He is the stone whom the builders rejected, the chief stone of the corner of Israel's Kingdom and the foundation stone of the Church - Jesus Messiah, the Lord of Lords and the soon coming King of Israel and King of all Kings.



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Past Territorial Deed How big is the land deeded to Abraham? We will include a chart/map here
Problematic Territorial Division of Israel and Jerusalem British mandate 1948

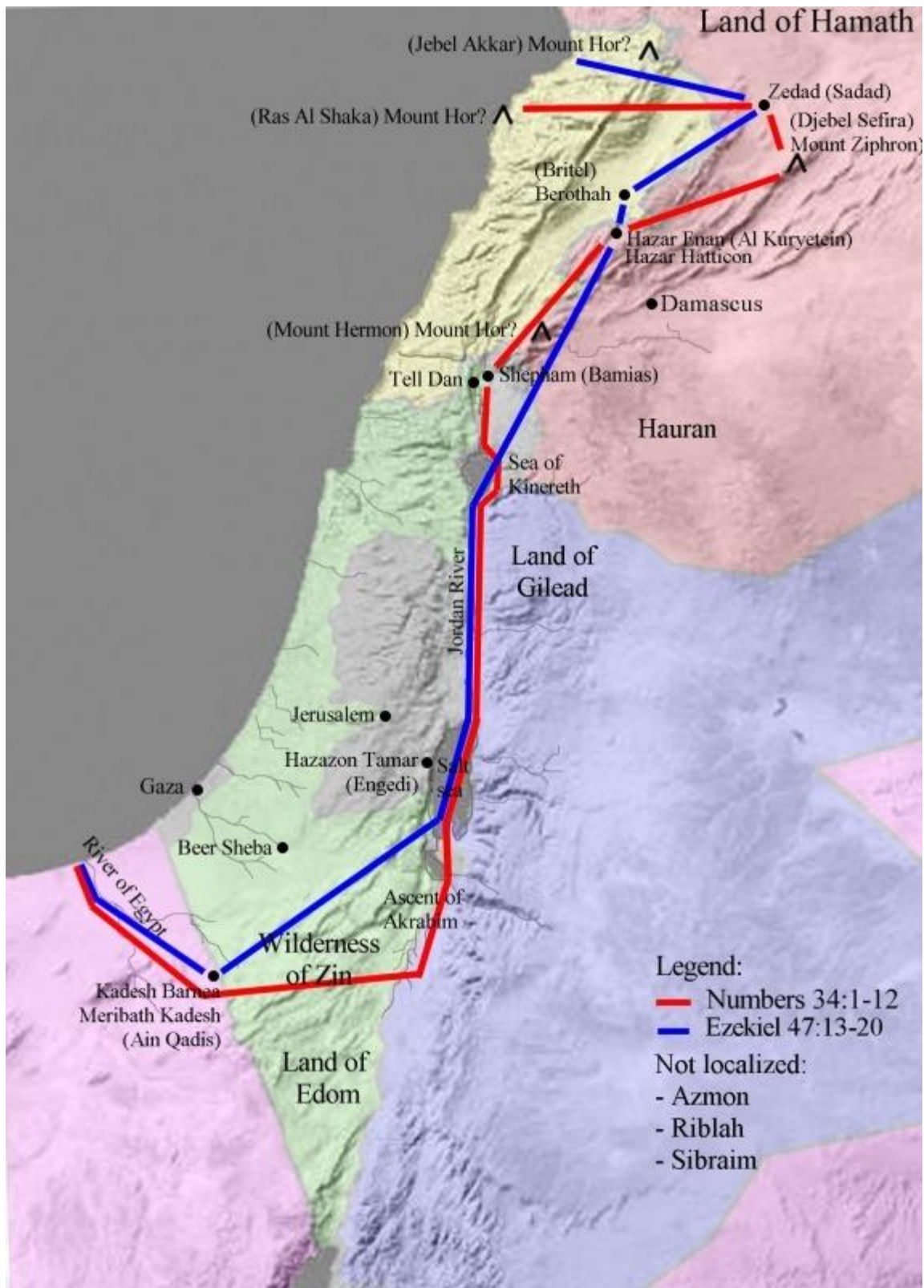
God promised that He would give all the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants. He made a covenant with Abraham: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt (Jewish tradition: the Nile) as far as the great river, the River Euphrates" (Genesis 15.18). In speaking of their future conquest of Canaan God again defined the boundaries. "And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river." (Exodus 23.31) In Num 34.1-12 we find the boundaries given to Moses as he was about to divide up Canaan for the twelve tribes. These are:

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it is interesting to see how the Old Testament boundaries in Num 34 align closely with Israel's future borders in the Millennium as detailed in Ezek 47.

Fig.2: Israel's past and future borders. Image: Emmanuelm [[CC-BY-3.0](#)],

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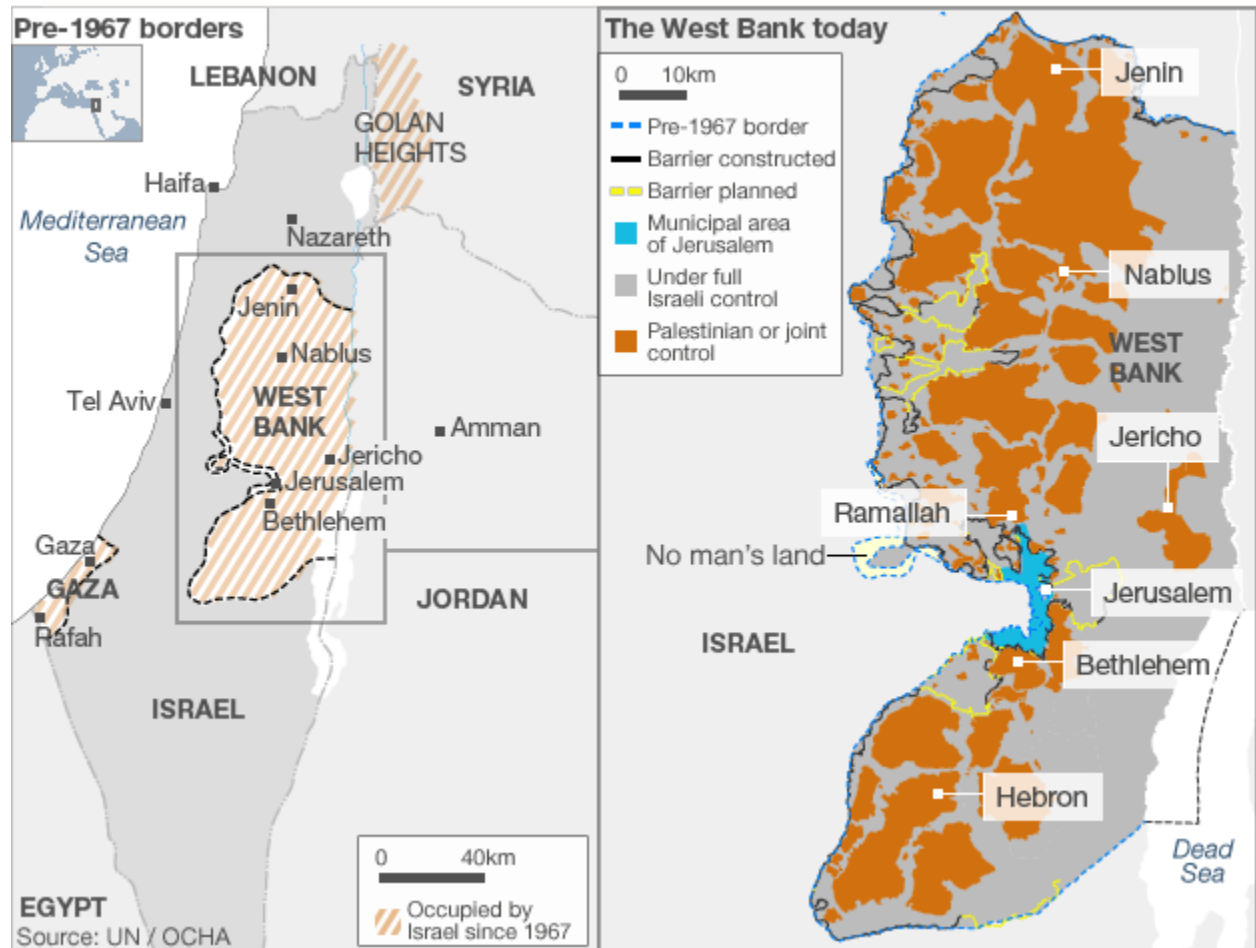
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Swapping land for peace has and never will work. At best it is rather land for the promise of temporary ease in fighting. Appeasement of a sworn enemy by giving up your land is always a sign of weakness as is seen in the chronicles of Israel's kings. Even Hezekiah cut the gold off the Temple doors to appease senecharib. It only served as an appetizer for him to invade and take the whole enchilada (2 Kings 18:16; 24:13).

The Coming Anti-Christ is described in Dan 11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain." Israel's leaders will enter into a 7 year covenant (Daniel 9:27) in hopes of preventing a military

invasion (Isaiah 28:14-22) “the overflowing scourge” “waters shall overflow” (vs 17). A similar term is used in Ezekiel 38 “like a storm, like a cloud to cover the land” to describe being overrun by foreign military. This covenant is called a “refuge of lies.” “your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand.”

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Research

[Original Land Promised to Abraham \(Genesis 15:18\) and Current Boundaries – National War Council](#)

In every case when a nation’s leader has tried to alter the covenant of Jehovah relative to the land of Israel, it has not gone well for the individual or the nation.



What is the land that God promised to Israel?

In regards to the land that Jehovah has promised Israel, [Genesis 15:18](#) declares to Abraham; *"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates."* God later confirms this promise to Abraham's son [Isaac](#) and Isaac's son [Jacob](#) (whose name was later changed to Israel). When the Israelites were about to invade the Promised Land, God reiterated the land promise, as recorded in [Joshua 1:4](#), *"Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west."*

According to [Genesis 15:18](#) and [Joshua 1:4](#) the land God gave to Israel included: everything from the Nile River in Egypt to Lebanon (south to north) and everything from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River (west to east). Translated today, Jehovah gave Abraham and his descendants all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), all the land of Jordan, some of Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

ANCIENT MAP OF ISRAEL – BIBLICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL

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ביום זה הוא פָּרַת וְהָיָה אֶת־אֲבָרָם בְּרִית לֵאמֹר לְזַרְעָךָ נָתַתִּי אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת מִן־הַנָּהָר מִצְרַיִם עַד־הַנָּהָר הַגָּדוֹל נְהַר־פָּרַת:

On that day *Hashem* made a covenant with *Avram*, saying, “To your offspring I assign this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:
 ba-YOM ha-HU ka-RAT a-do-NAI et av-RAM b'-REET lay-MOR l'-zar-a-KHA na-TA-tee et ha-A-retz ha-ZOT mi-n'-HAR mitz-RA-yim ad ha-na-HAR ha-ga-DOL n'-har p'-RAT

Genesis 15:18

לְאֱלֹהִים: לָקַחְתִּי עִוְלָם לְאֶחְזֶינָה פְּנֵעוּן כָּל־אֶרֶץ אֶת מְגֻרֶיךָ אֶת אֶרֶץ אֲחֵרֶיךָ וְלְזַרְעָךָ לָהּ וְנָתַתִּי
 I assign the land you sojourn in to you and your offspring to come, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting holding. I will be their God.”

v'-na-ta-TEE l'-KHA ul-zar-a-KHA a-kha-RE-kha AYT E-retz m'-gu-RE-kha AYT kol E-retz k'-NA-an la-a-khu-ZAT o-LAM v'-ha-YEE-tee la-HEM LAay-lo-HEEM

Genesis 17:8

The map of ancient Israel is a fascinating document that has been studied by scholars and laymen for centuries. This valuable resource has helped historians understand how external influences have shaped the land over time, and it reveals the ever-changing borders of ancient Israel.

Ancient Israel was initially inhabited by various Canaanite tribes, which were later conquered by the Israelites in the 13th century BCE. The Israelites then established their kingdom in the land, which extended from the Mediterranean coast to the Persian Gulf (Arabian Gulf).

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The Promised Land: Israel's Biblical Title Deeds

God promised that He would give all the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants. He made a covenant with Abraham:

To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt (Jewish tradition: the Nile) as far as the great river, the River Euphrates (Gen 15.18) I will fix your boundary from the Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines (Gaza coast), and from the wilderness to the River Euphrates (Exod 23.31)

Despite Israel's future disobedience, this promise was *unconditional* in that the land was to be theirs forever; no strings attached:

I will give to you and to your descendants ... all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession (Gen 17.8)



Fig.1: The 12 Tribes of Israel. Image: [Biblical Maps](#). [Enlarge](#)

Where was Canaan, this "Promised Land"? Where did the twelve tribes of Israel settle? They settled mainly in the area currently referred to as Israel, including the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights, although the tribes of Gad, Reuben and part of Manasseh settled east of the Jordan (Fig.1). So there we have it: Abraham's descendants, Isaac, Jacob and the twelve tribes of Israel are promised their own land, their own piece of real estate in the region we now call Israel.

Location of Israel's Future Borders

Let's try and identify the biblical geographic boundaries. As the Israelites conquered more territory the term 'Canaan' was gradually applied to all the lands west of the Jordan valley, and there are references to Canaanites living in the valleys and plains of this region (Num 13.29)(Josh 11.3)(Judg 1.27). In time

the LORD gave more detail of the geographical boundaries. For example, in Num 34.1-12 we find the boundaries given to Moses as he was about to divide up Canaan for the twelve tribes. These are:

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The significant point here is that many understand Ezek 47 (in fact, Ezek 40-48) to describe Millennial Israel. And it is interesting to see how the Old Testament boundaries in Num 34 align closely with Israel's future borders in Ezek 47.

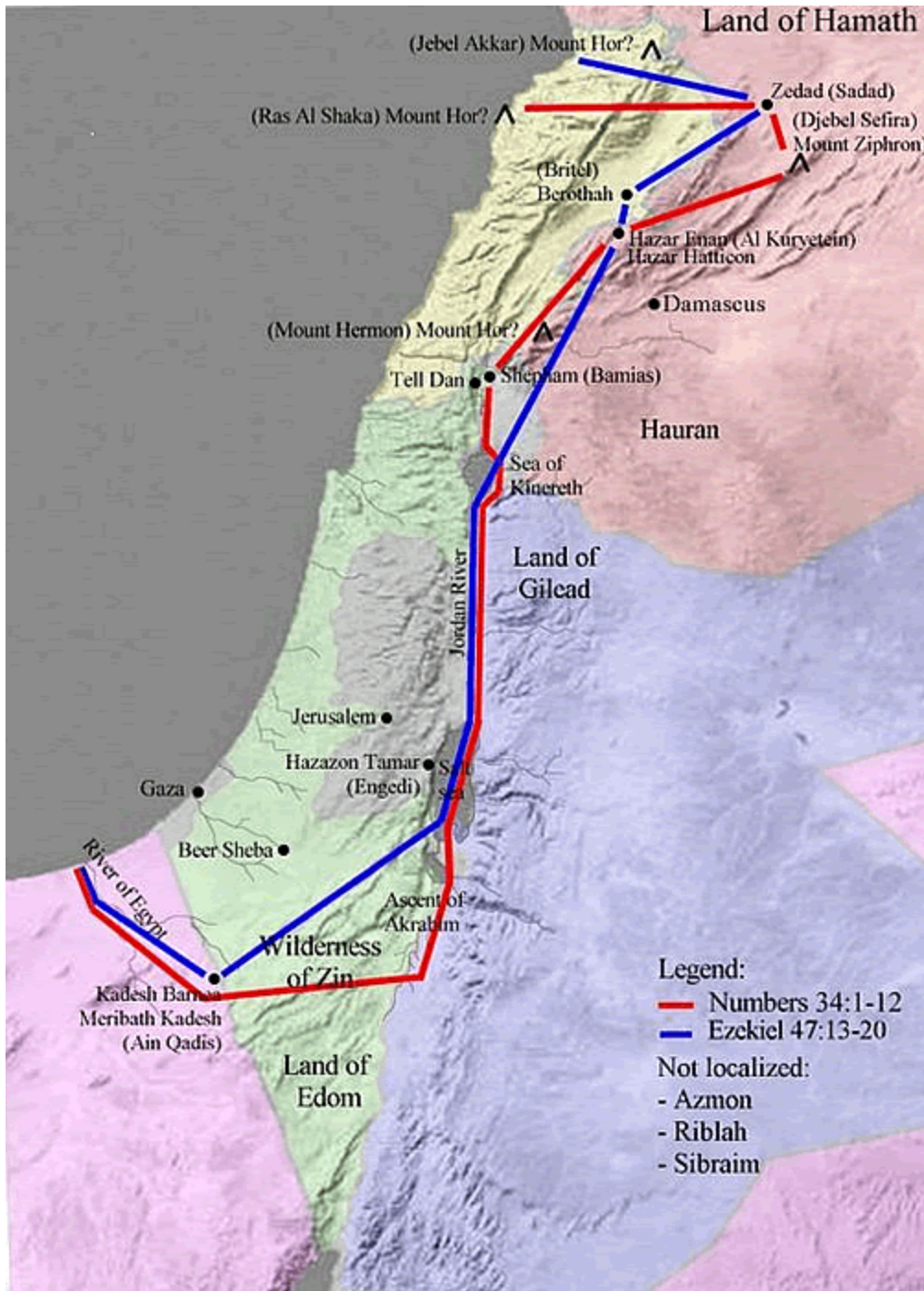


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