

Israel & the Nations: How international votes now affect Jesus' judgment of the nations

Remembering Ishmael

- Son of Abraham with divine promises (Genesis 16, 17, 21, 25)
- Name means “God hears”
- God doesn't play favorites. Israel is firstborn but Ishmael is loved just as much.
- Ancestor of the Arab peoples & Muhammad, founder of Islam
- God wants to heal wound of rejection.
- God wants to reconcile Ishmael with Isaac through Yeshua Messiah.
- IMPORTANT perspective as we look at nations' push to divide Jerusalem

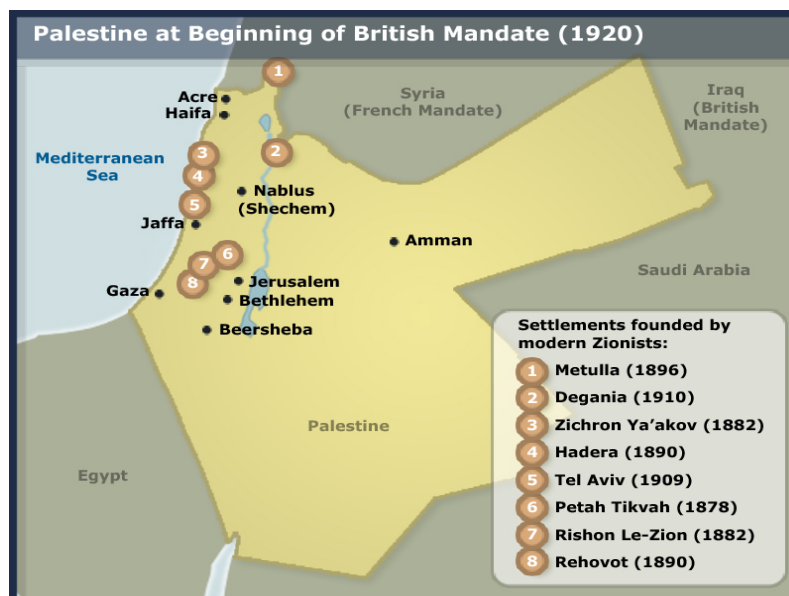
1 Peter 5:8: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

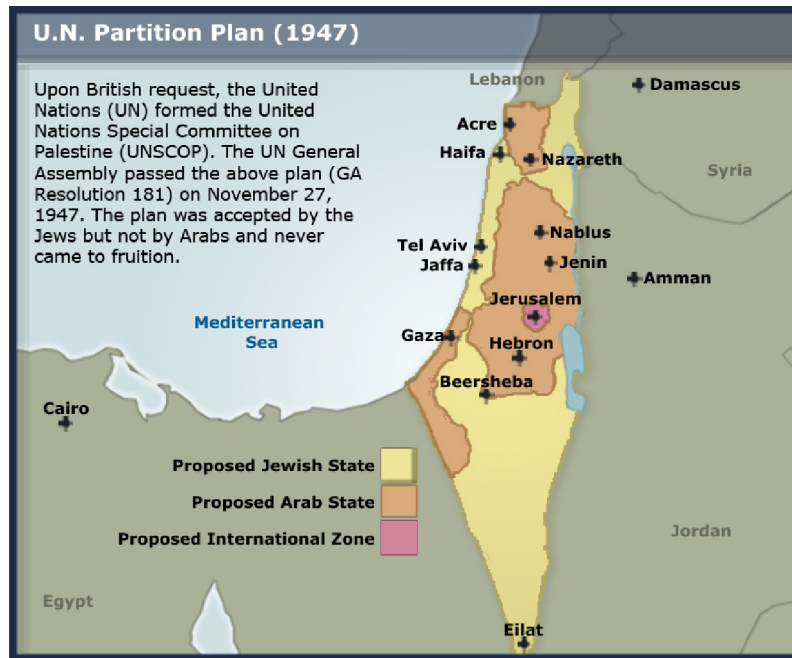
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Nations pressuring Israel on Palestine. What's the big deal?

- **May 2011** – U.S. President Obama tells Israel to go back to 1967 lines, meaning the pre-Six Days Wars lines, the 1949 armistice lines, when Jerusalem was divided.
- **November 2011** – Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas asks UN Security Council to recognize Palestine as a state and full UN member. Motion is ultimately tabled.
- **November 2012** – Abbas as UN General Assembly (all member nations) to upgrade Palestine to non-member observer state (which entitles to membership in UN groups)
- **November 29, 2012** – UN votes 138-9 to recognize Palestine as non-member state, with East Jerusalem as capital. United States voted against. Mexico voted for.

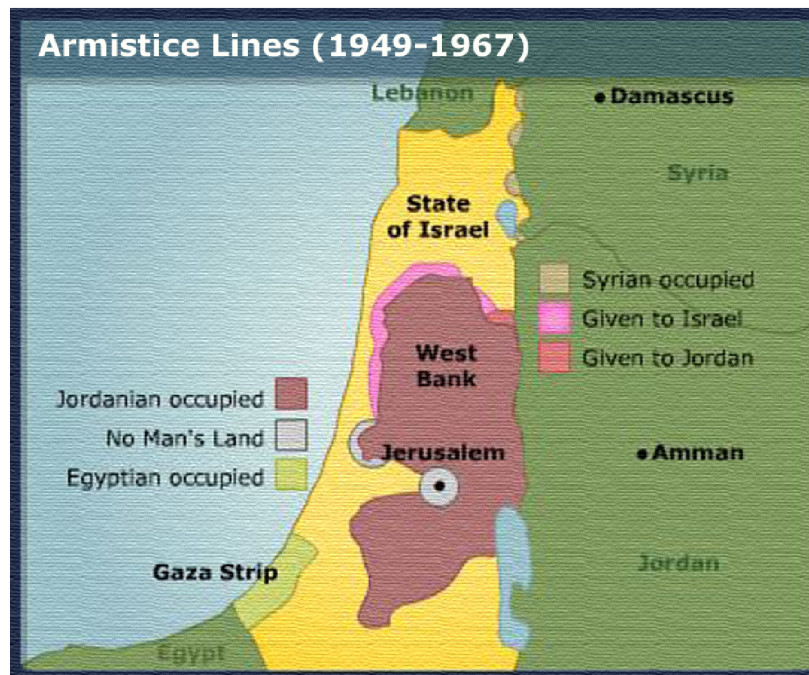
Maps detailing the division, reunification and proposed division of Jerusalem as well as the borders of Israel and the disputed territories







Map above was proposed by United Nations in 1947. Israel approved while the Arabs rejected it, later declaring war after Israel declared independence in 1948.

Map below are the cease fire lines after the Israeli War of Independence.



Six Day War (June 5 - June 10, 1967)




Once it became clear that the diplomatic campaign had failed, and following Jordan's participation in the Egyptian-Syrian alliance, Israel launched action in self-defense against the massing threat from Egypt on June 5, 1967. Once Jordan and Syria initiated the fighting against Israel, the war also included those countries. In the course of the war, the Israeli forces reached the Suez Canal, and captured the territories of Judea and Samaria as well as the Golan Heights - from which the Syrians had shelled Israel.

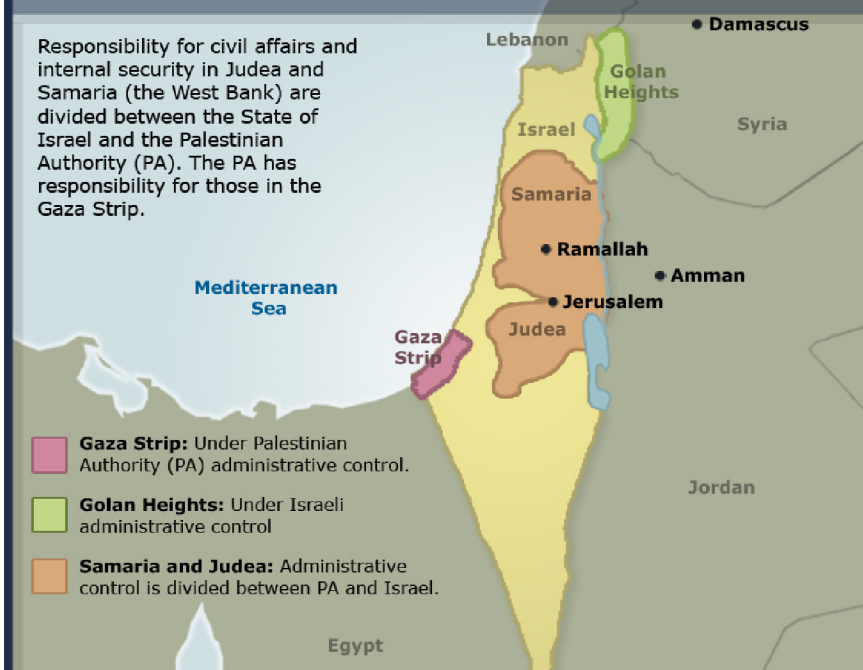
-  Israeli territory before the Six Day War
-  Territory under Israeli control after the Six Day War



The State of Israel Today (2005)

Responsibility for civil affairs and internal security in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) are divided between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA). The PA has responsibility for those in the Gaza Strip.

-  Gaza Strip: Under Palestinian Authority (PA) administrative control.
-  Golan Heights: Under Israeli administrative control
-  Samaria and Judea: Administrative control is divided between PA and Israel.



Map of Jerusalem city limits before and after unification



The big deal is the consequences to the nations.

- **Joel 3:1-2** – “For then, at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Y’hudah and Yerushalayim, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Y’hoshafat [Adonai judges]. I will enter into judgment there for my people, my heritage Isra’el, whom they scattered among the nations; then they divided my land.”
- **Matthew 25:31-46** – “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, accompanied by all the angels, he will sit on his glorious throne. **All the nations** will be assembled before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The ‘sheep’ he will place at his right hand and the ‘goats’ at his left.” ...
- **All nations**
 - $\pi\tilde{\alpha}\varsigma$ – pas – Strong's G3956: individually – each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything

- ἔθνος – ethnos – Strong's G1484
 1. a multitude associated or living together – a company, troop, swarm
 2. a multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus – the human family
 3. a tribe, nation, people group
 4. in the OT, foreign nations not worshipping the true God, pagans, Gentiles

- **Matthew 25:31-46** – how nations treat “these brothers of mine”

- **Brothers of mine**
 - ἀδελφός – adelphos – Strong's G80
 1. a brother, whether born of the same two parents or only of the same father or mother
 2. having the same national ancestor, belonging to the same people, or countryman
 3. any fellow or man
 4. a fellow believer, united to another by the bond of affection

- **Valley of Decision**
 - 1920s – League of Nations creates the British Mandate for Palestine
 - 1947 – UN votes 33-13 to create both Jewish & Arab states. Rejected by Arabs.
 - 1949 – Israel's UN membership approved 37-12
 - 2012 – Palestine recognized as non-member observer state (138-9) with East Jerusalem as capital

- **Does U.S. recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel?**
 In March 2012, Victoria Nuland, spokeswoman for U.S. State Department, refused to tell an Associated Press reporter whether or not the U.S. recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

- **Zechariah 12** – A prophecy, the word of ADONAI concerning Isra’el — here is the message from ADONAI, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundation of the earth and formed the spirit inside human beings:

 “I will make Yerushalayim a cup that will stagger the surrounding peoples.

- **Zechariah 12:9-11** – “When that day comes, I will seek to destroy all nations attacking Yerushalayim; and I will pour out on the house of David and on those living in Yerushalayim a spirit of grace and prayer; and they will look to me, whom they pierced.”

 They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son; they will be in bitterness on his behalf like the bitterness for a firstborn son. When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Yerushalayim...

The hope of intercession for the nations

- Psalm 2:10-12
- Zechariah 9:5-7
- Jeremiah 12:14-16
- Psalm 33:10-12