



Looking for the Blessed Hope

Israel's Miraculous War History




Israel's Wars


- The War of Independence (1947-1948)
- The Suez War (1956)
- The Six-Day War (1967)
- The War of Attrition (1968-1970)
- The Yom Kippur War (1973)
- Gaza Conflict (2008-2009, 2014)



War of Independence (1947-48)

- 5 Arab nations attack < 24 hours after Israel declared independence!
(Others quickly joined in.)
- Nov 29, 1947 - UN Partition Plan: separate Arab and Jewish states in "Palestine." (Smallest land mass ever for Israel.)
- Jews agreed, Arabs launched riots.
- Jews responded and were blamed for "massacres."

 **War of Independence**
(1947-48)



Military Balance

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Arabs</u>
Troops	32,000	39,500
Tanks	3	285
Artillery	28	121
Air Force	4	104


Adrian Wolf, A Chronology of Israel, (Israel: publisher unknown, 2008)

 **The Suez War (1956)**

- After 1949: Egyptian President Gamel Abdel Nasser refused Israeli access to the Suez Canal and Gulf of Aqaba.
- 1951: Egypt ignored UN's demand to open the canal.
- Nasser's vow: "cleanse the land of Palestine."
- October 29, 1956: "Operation Kadesh" - Israel thoroughly defeated Egypt in 8 days.


 **Six-Day War (1967)**

- Egypt/Arab world: humiliated by total defeat of Arab forces during the 1956 Suez War.
- PLO: terror attacks; Syria: bombed Israel from the Golan Heights.
- April 7, 1967 surprise attack: Israel shot down 6 Syrian fighter jets.
- Amidst rising Arab threats and calls for *jihad*, Israel destroyed almost all of the Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian air forces in 6 days!

 **Israel's Conquest**
(Territory after the Six-Day War)

Military Balance

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Arabs</u>
Troops	260,000	415,000
Tanks	900	2350
Aircraft	203	491
Bombers	0	90



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 **Paratroopers at Western Wall**



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 **The War of Attrition**
(1968-70)

- Nasser resigned, Egyptians: "Please stay!"
- Agreed to a cease-fire, but needed to prove his people's confidence.
- His answer: a lengthy war of terror.
- 3 weeks after the Six-Day War: Israeli troops were bombed near Suez Canal.
- Arafat and Fatah began raids from Jordan.
- Terrorist raids became SOP for the PLO.



The Yom Kippur War (1973)

- Revenge still on the minds of Arab nations.
- Oct 6 (Yom Kippur): 9 Arab nations + 4 other Muslim nations simultaneously invaded Israel.
- Oct 12: US aid helped turn the tide.
- Oct 18: Israel regained the upper hand.
- Oct 22: UN cease-fire resolution halted Israel from invading Damascus and Cairo.



The Yom Kippur War (1973)

Military Balance

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Arabs</u>
Nations	2 <small>(Israel, US)</small>	>12 <small>(Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, PLO, Algeria, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Sudan)</small>
Troops	<5,000	>600,000
Tanks	200	3860
Aircraft	~566 <small>(mostly US)</small>	~566 <small>Soviet aid</small>
Casualties	2,688	>11,000



Gaza Conflicts (2008-2009, 2014)

- 2005: Israel turned over Gaza Strip to Palestinians
- Gaza Strip was soon ruled by Hamas
- Hamas: declared a terrorist organization by the US and several other nations
- Hamas Charter calls for the destruction of Israel and replacement with a Palestinian Islamic state

Gaza Conflicts: Hamas Rockets

Year	Rockets Fired
2001	100
2002	100
2003	100
2004	100
2005	100
2006	100
2007	1,103
2008	2,427
2009	3,279
2010	100
2011	100
2012	274
2013	221
2014	41
2015	400

ROCKET ATTACKS ON ISRAEL FROM THE GAZA STRIP

HAMAS TERRORISTS FIRED 597 ROCKETS FROM CIVILIAN FACILITIES IN GAZA.

- 260 ROCKETS FROM HOUSES
- 50 ROCKETS FROM SCHOOLS
- 127 ROCKETS FROM CLINICALS
- 160 ROCKETS FROM MOSQUES

During OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE, HAMAS USED THE PEOPLE OF GAZA AS A HUMAN SHIELD.

Protecting Gaza's Citizens

What has the IDF done to minimize harm to civilians in Gaza?

- Phone Calls
- Leaflets
- Aborting Airstrikes
- Roof Knocking
- Pinpoint Strikes

What has Hamas done to minimize harm to civilians in Israel?

- Nothing

Hamas' goal is to kill Israeli civilians.

ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES

Gaza Conflicts: Israeli Precision Strikes

Targeting of a Hamas rocket manufacturing facility

The Hamas government complex following the IAF strike

 **Terror Tunnels**



THE PRICE OF HAMAS' TUNNELS

1 HAMAS TUNNEL = 350 TRUCKLOADS OF BUILDING SUPPLIES

WITH THOSE MATERIALS, HAMAS COULD HAVE BUILT:

86 HOMES 7 MOSQUES 6 SCHOOLS 19 MEDICAL CLINICS

EACH TUNNEL COSTS \$3 MILLION

SO FAR THE IDF HAS FOUND 30 TUNNELS. THAT'S \$90 MILLION THAT HAMAS COULD HAVE INVESTED IN THE WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE.

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 **The Aftermath**

- Israel is accused of:
 - Bombing schools, mosques, and hospitals
 - Killing innocent women and children
 - Suppressing the Gazan economy
- Meanwhile, Israel:
 - Warned/provided means of escape
 - Built field hospitals/treated the wounded
 - Continues shipping building materials to Gaza

Israel: Officially accused of war crimes!

 **This Week's Study**

- God's Promises to a re-born nation.
- Joshua's battle miracle at Jericho.
- Gideon's miracle victory over the Midianites.
- A future battlefield miracle.
- God's heart toward His chosen people and His chosen land.



Pray for the Peace
of Jerusalem

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. May peace be within your walls and prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, "May peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Psalm 122:6-9
