



Looking for the Blessed Hope

Terror from the North



Lay of the Land:
The Middle East

Israel




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 **Gamel Abdul Nasser**
Egyptian President - 1965



"We aim at the destruction of the State of Israel. The immediate aim: perfection of Arab military might. The national aim: the eradication of Israel."

Randall Price, *Fast Facts on the Middle East Conflict*, (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2003), p 96

 **Abdur Rahman Aref**
Iraqi President - 1967

"The existence of Israel is an error which must be rectified. This is our opportunity to wipe out the ignominy, which has been with us since 1948. Our goal is clear - to wipe Israel off the map."



Randall Price, *Fast Facts on the Middle East Conflict*, (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2003), p 96


 **Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah**
Hezbollah Leader - 2000, 2003




"That [destruction of Israel] is the principal objective of Hezbollah, and it is no less sacred than our [ultimate] goal."

"If they [Jews] all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide."

Joel C Rosenberg, *Inside the Revolution*, (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2011), p 25

 **Ahmad Abu Halabiya**
October 13, 2000

"Have no mercy on the Jews, no matter where they are, in any country...kill them. Wherever you are, kill those Jews and those Americans who are like them."



Joel C Rosenberg, *Inside the Revolution*, (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2011), p 25

 **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei**
Iranian Supreme Leader - January, 2001



"It is the mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to erase Israel from the map of the region."

Joel C Rosenberg, *Inside the Revolution*, (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2011), p 24

 **Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**
Iranian President - 2005, 2006, 2008

- "Israel must be wiped off the map."
- "Like it or not, the Zionist regime is heading toward annihilation."
- "I must announce that the Zionist regime...is about to die and will soon be erased from the geographical scene."



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 **Who Said It...?**
June 4, 2009


"All of us have a responsibility to work for the day...when the Holy Land of three great faiths is a place of peace that God intended it to be: when Jerusalem is a secure and lasting home for **Jews and Christians and Muslims**, and a place for all the children of Abraham to mingle peacefully together as in the story of Isra, when **Moses, Jesus and Mohammad**, peace be upon them, joined in prayer."

 **Who Said It...?**
June 4, 2009



President Barrack Obama
Speech in Cairo, Egypt

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/remarks-president-cairo-university-6-04-09>

 **Quick Review**

- Israel is God's chosen land and the Jews are God's chosen people.
 - Ezekiel 20:5-7 ("I chose Israel")
 - Zechariah 2:8-9 ("apple of His eye")
- God's covenant with Israel is FOREVER.
 - Psalm 105:8-15 ("remembered forever")
 - Isaiah 59:21 ("shall not depart")
 - Ezekiel 37:26-28 ("everlasting covenant")

 **God Put His Name on Jerusalem**

"...Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen for Myself to *put My name.*"
1 Kings 11:36

"...My name shall be in Jerusalem forever... God said to David and to Solomon, 'In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name *forever...*'"
2 Chronicles 33:4, 7


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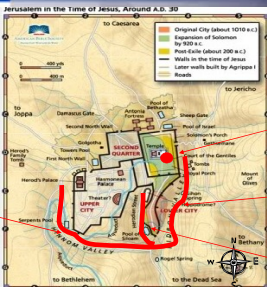
 The Hebrew letter "shin"
The first letter of Shaddai

 ירוּשָׁלַם
"Jerusalem"

As seen on mezuzahs



 **Jerusalem Shouts His Name!**



Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus, Around A.D. 30

Legend:
 - Original City (about 1010 B.C.)
 - Expansion of Solomon by 900 B.C.
 - First Walls (about 200 B.C.)
 - Walls in the time of Jesus
 - Later walls built by Herod the Great
 - Roads

Labels:
 - Hinnom Valley
 - Temple
 - Kidron Valley
 - Tyropean Valley

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Isn't the Church the "New Israel?"

- Some say, "Israel has rejected God; therefore, God has rejected Israel. Thus, the church has replaced Israel."
- God has definitely NOT rejected His people.
 - Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29
 - Jeremiah 31:35-37
 - Jeremiah 32:37-42
 - Jeremiah 33:19-21, 25-26



This Week's Study

- Northern Invasion described in Ezekiel 38-39
 - Who is involved?
 - Where will the invasion occur?
 - What will the invaders do?
 - Why will the invaders come?
 - When will this take place?
 - How will it happen?



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
