

Psalm 122

The Current Controversy About Jerusalem In Light of That City's History and Heritage

Psalm 122:1-5

Jerusalem: Sacred to Jews-Christians for Almost 3000 Years

Jerusalem Was THE Site of THE Central Sanctuary of Ancient Israel v1

Jerusalem Refers to the Actual Physical Site/Literal City Not to a Spiritual Status v2

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Jerusalem: We are to Pray God's Blessings on Her/Her People

Believers are to pray for the peace and prosperity of Jerusalem v6-7

Believers are to pray for blessings on the godly people who live in Jerusalem v8-9

**One Does Not Have to Be a "Crazy" Christian to Realize Jerusalem Is and Should
Be Recognized as the Timeless Capital of Israel:**

The Uniqueness and Holiness (Set Apart by God for Special Purposes-as the Spiritual and Political Center of the Jewish People) of the City of Jerusalem Should Be Actively Recognized Not Passively Denied...Even Though This Will Offend Some People.

US Federal Law and Jerusalem

The Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995

was passed by both Houses of Congress in October 1995. The vote in the Senate was 93–5 and in the House of Representatives the vote was 374–37. The JEA law on 11/8/1995 during the first term of President Bill Clinton.

The Act officially recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel and calls for Jerusalem to remain an undivided city. It set aside funds for the relocation of the US Embassy in Israel from its location in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by no later than 5/31/1999. All of this is consistent with the fact that Israel's declared capital is Jerusalem and the city is the location of the Israeli Congress, Supreme Court and Prime Minister.

Fudge Factor

the law includes a provision which allows the POTUS to invoke a six-month waiver of its application and to reissue a new waiver every six months if necessary in his/her opinion based on "national security" grounds. The waiver was repeatedly renewed by Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama EVEN THOUGH:

1: Bill Clinton said he supported “the principle” of moving the embassy there. During the 192 Presidential campaign Mr. Clinton attacked President GHW Bush for “repeatedly challenging Israel’s sovereignty over a united Jerusalem” and he promised “to support Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.”

2: George W. Bush said in 2000 that “as soon as I take office I will begin the process of moving the U.S. ambassador to the city that Israel has chosen as its capital.”

3: Barack Obama said that “Jerusalem is and will remain the capital of Israel.”

Fast Forward

on 6/5/2017, the US Senate unanimously (90-0) passed a resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of reunification of Jerusalem. The resolution reaffirmed the Jerusalem Embassy Act and called upon President Trump to abide by its provisions. On 12/6/2017 the President ordered the State Department to begin planning for the relocation of the US Embassy and on May 14 of this year, it officially moved to Jerusalem coinciding with the 70th anniversary of Israeli Independence Day.

This move is very important in its substance and its symbolism. The most powerful nation in the world by moving Embassy visibly undeniably affirms the legitimacy of modern Israel as a nation state and its power of self-determination of the location of its capital city to the international community. All of this is consistent with the 3000 year history/heritage of the city.

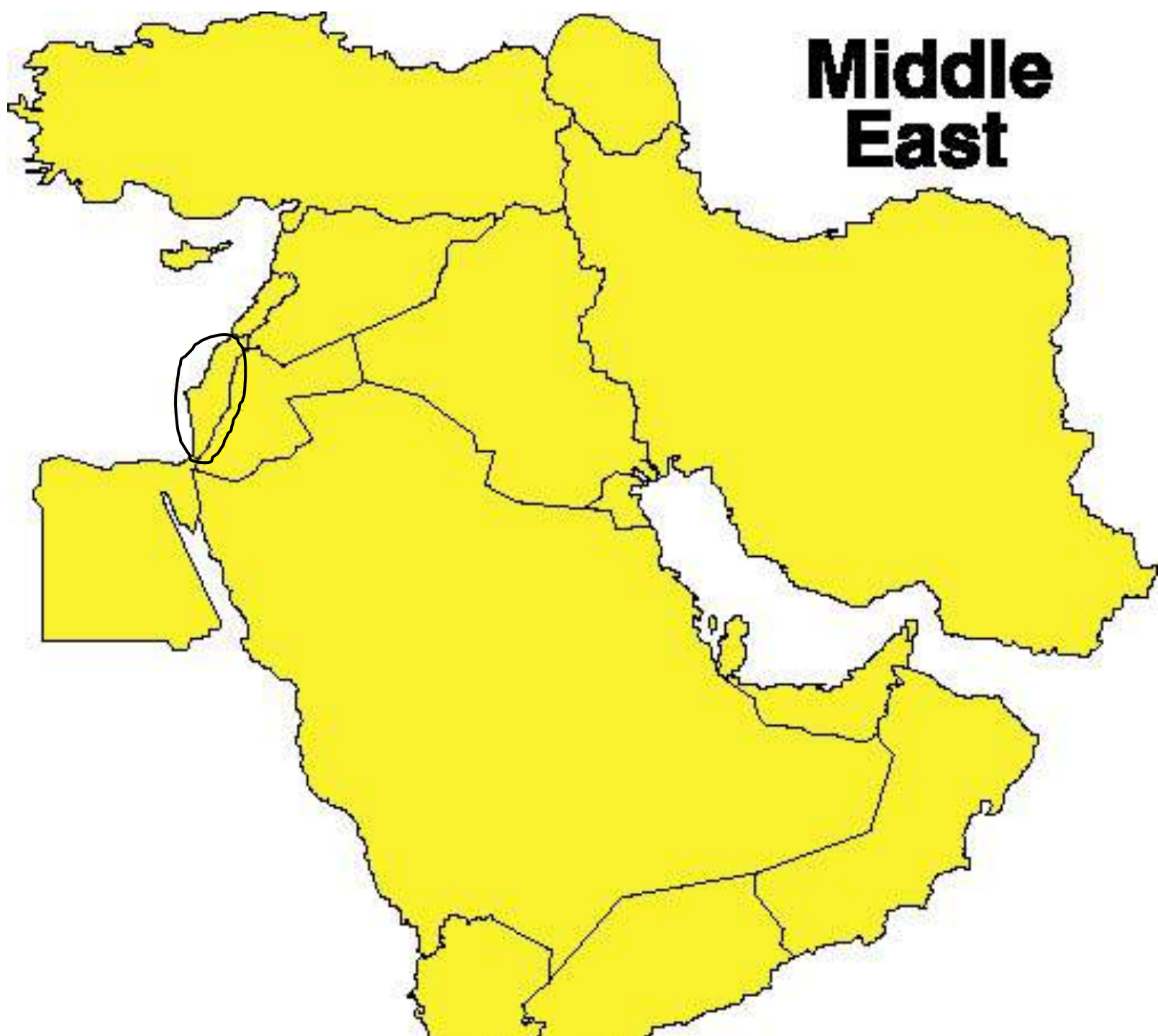
PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF
Jerusalem

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!
“MAY THEY BE SECURE WHO LOVE YOU!
PEACE BE WITHIN YOUR WALLS AND
SECURITY WITHIN YOUR TOWERS!”

~ PSALM 122:6-7, ESV



Middle East

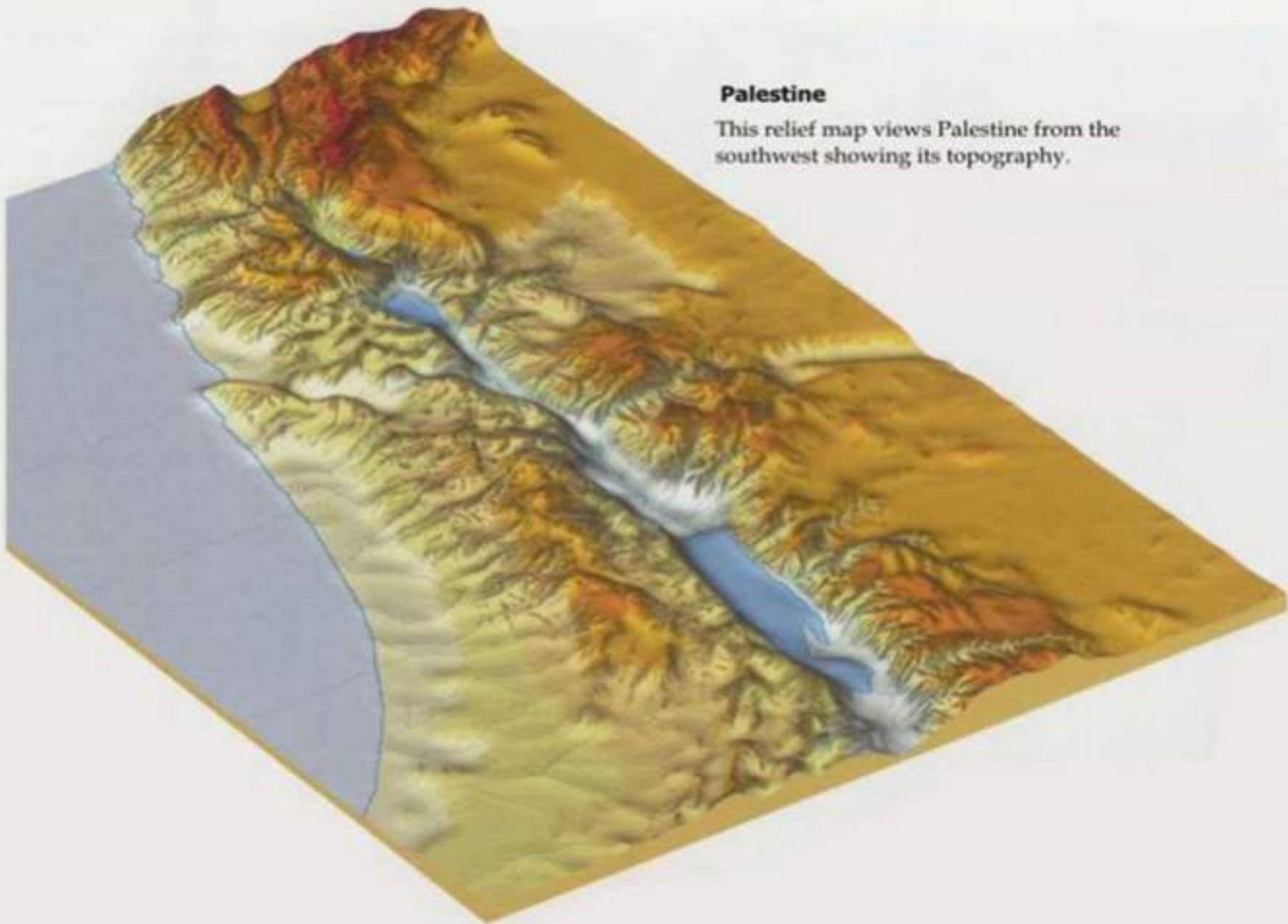


ISRAEL and...

The United States



*Maps drawn to same scale.
Israel shown in blue.*



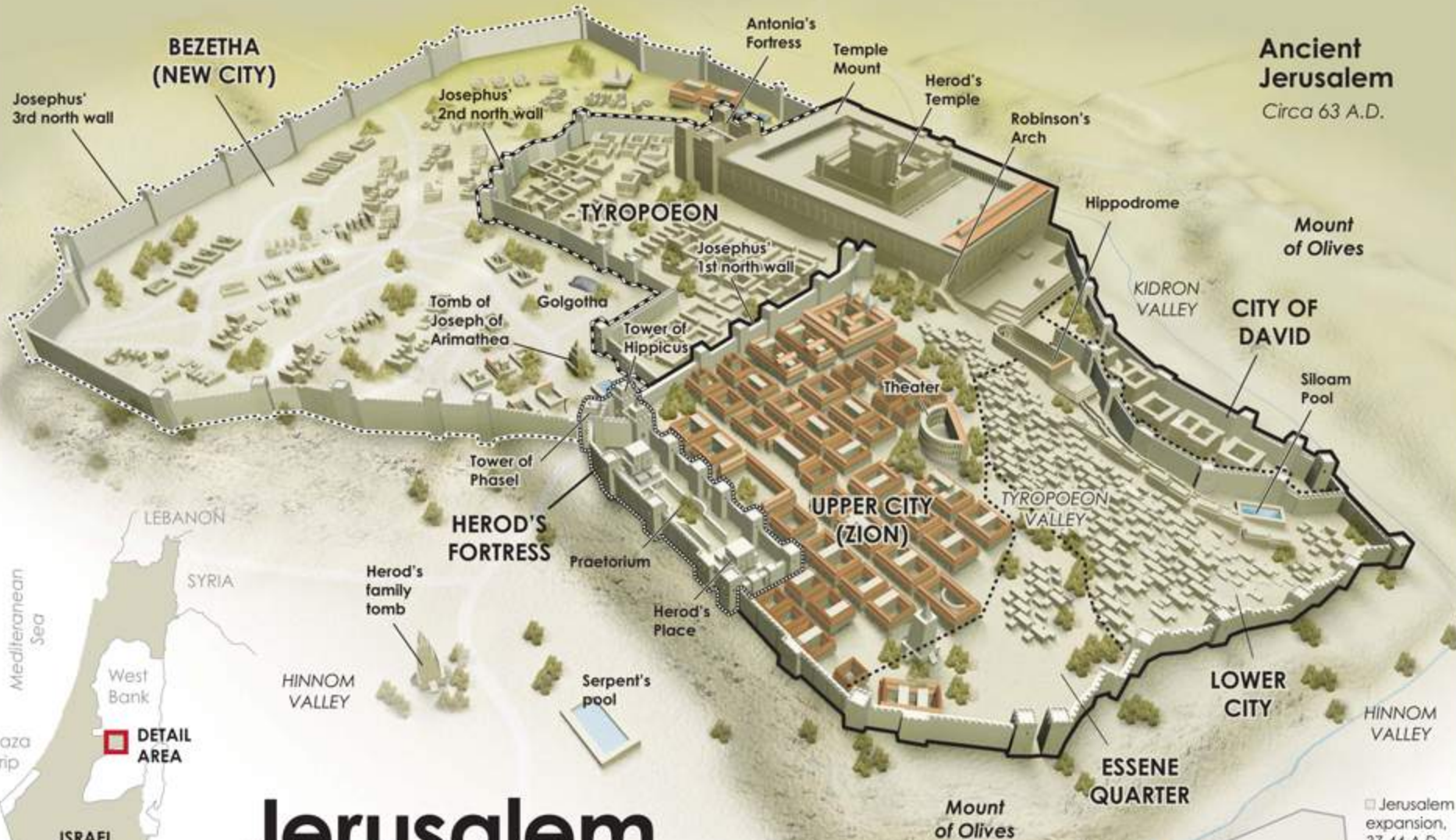
Palestine

This relief map views Palestine from the southwest showing its topography.

BEZETHA (NEW CITY)

Ancient Jerusalem

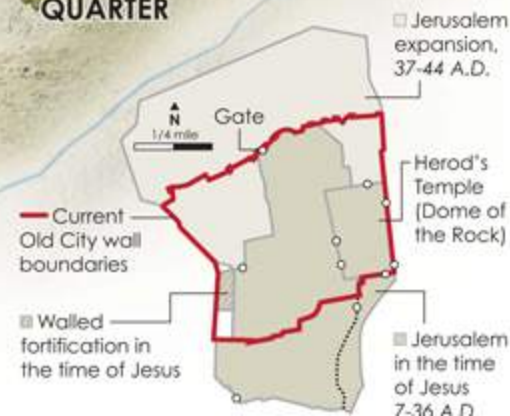
Circa 63 A.D.



Jerusalem

By 34 B.C., under King Herod's rule, ancient Jerusalem went through major redevelopment, crowned with the rebuilding of the Second Temple and a bigger Temple Mount. In 66 AD, the Great Jewish Revolt challenged Roman rule over Jerusalem, resulting in the destruction of the temple and the fall of Jerusalem by 70 CE.

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Jerusalem: The City of Cities

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Believers: to Pray for Her/Her People _{v6-9}

The Bible

A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW



ONE MAJOR PREMISE:
All Humans are Sinners/Die...

ONE MAJOR PREMISE:
Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:
...the Savior is Coming!

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:
...the Savior is Coming Back!

The OT Law is Holy, Just and Good BUT It is Only Partial, Preliminary and It Points to the Jewish Messiah/Savior of the World: Jesus Christ

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The Basic Old Testament Hebrew Names for God

יהוה

Yahweh

"LORD"

The Covenant Name
implies relationship
Basic Meaning: Self-Existing
One

אלוהים

Elohim

"God"

Generic Name
Basic Meaning: Transcendent
One

אדוני

Adonai

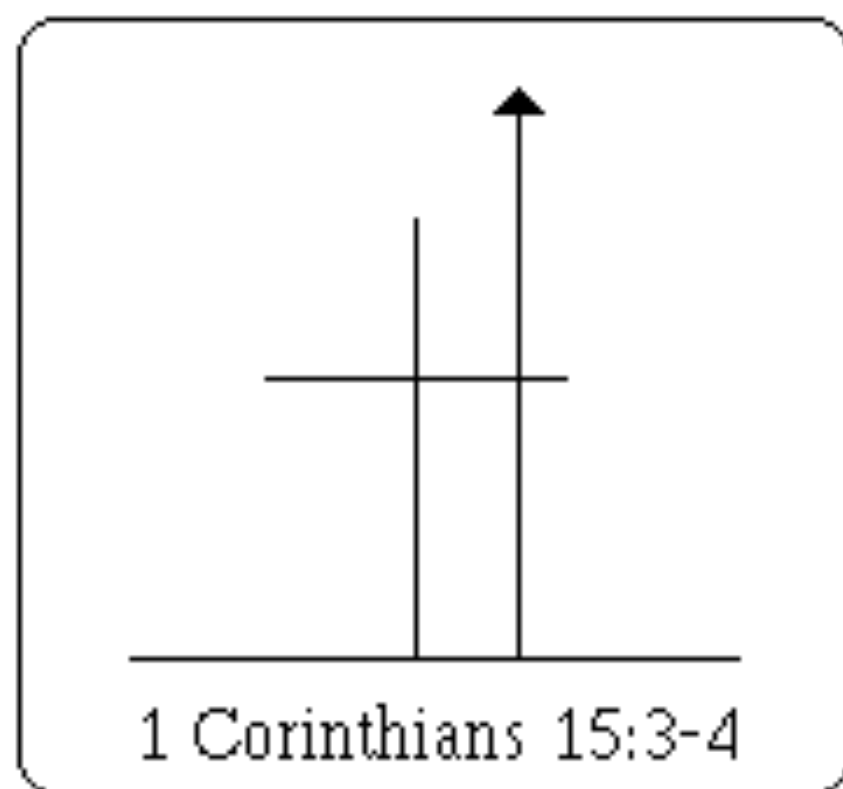
"Lord"

Generic Name
Basic Meaning: Sovereign
One

אל שדי (El Shaddai)
"God Almighty"

El is a shortened form of Elohim
Shaddai means All-Mighty

GOD'S
OFFER OF
SALVATION
PROVIDING
ETERNAL
LIFE



Empty Cross

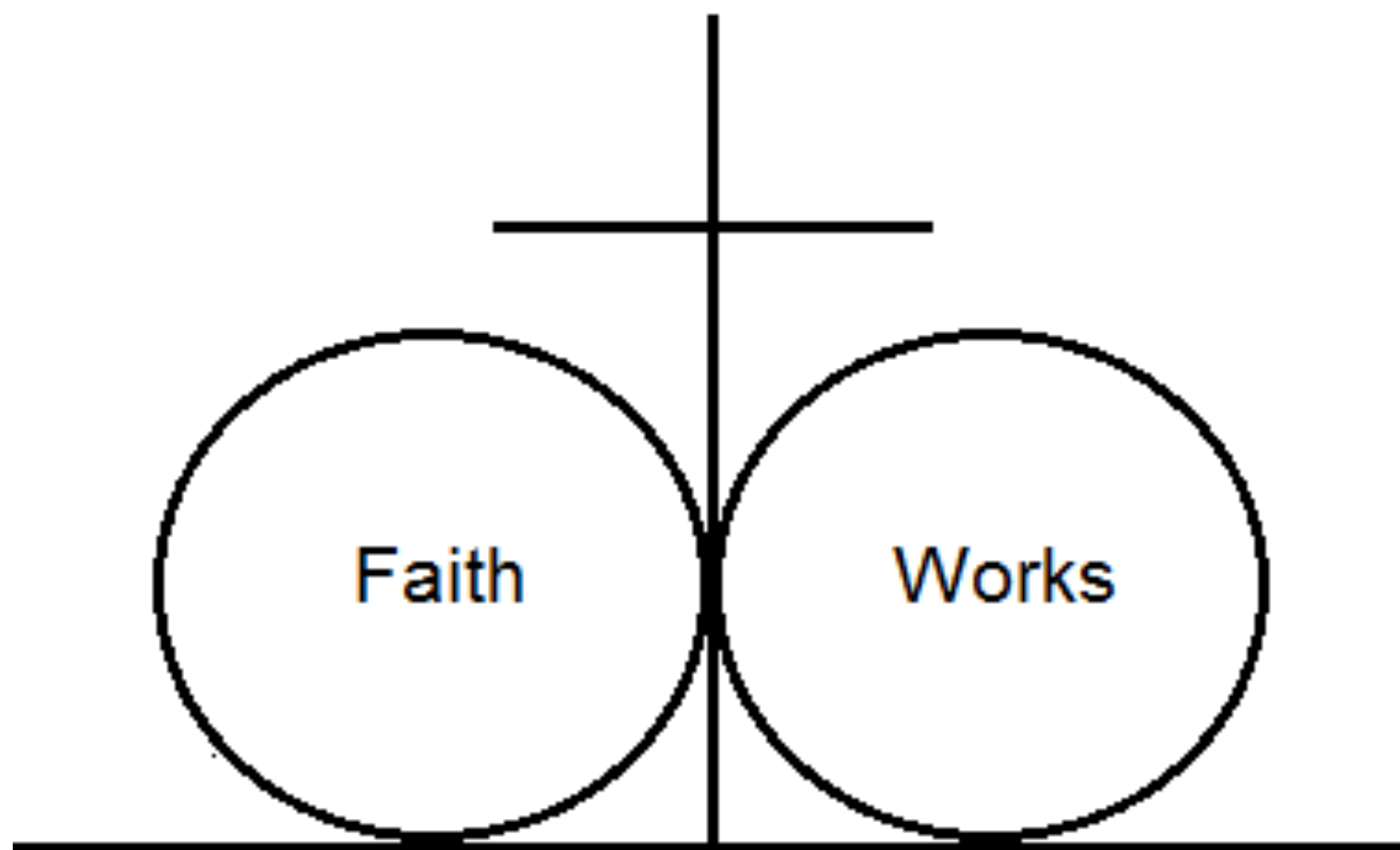
1 Peter 3:18a

Christ died...
...for our sins

Empty Tomb

1 Peter 3:21b-22

Christ rose again...
...from the dead





JERUSALEM
ירושלים



What's the Big Deal about the Western Wall?







ISRAEL POLICE - UNIT FOR THE PROTECTION OF SACRED SITES

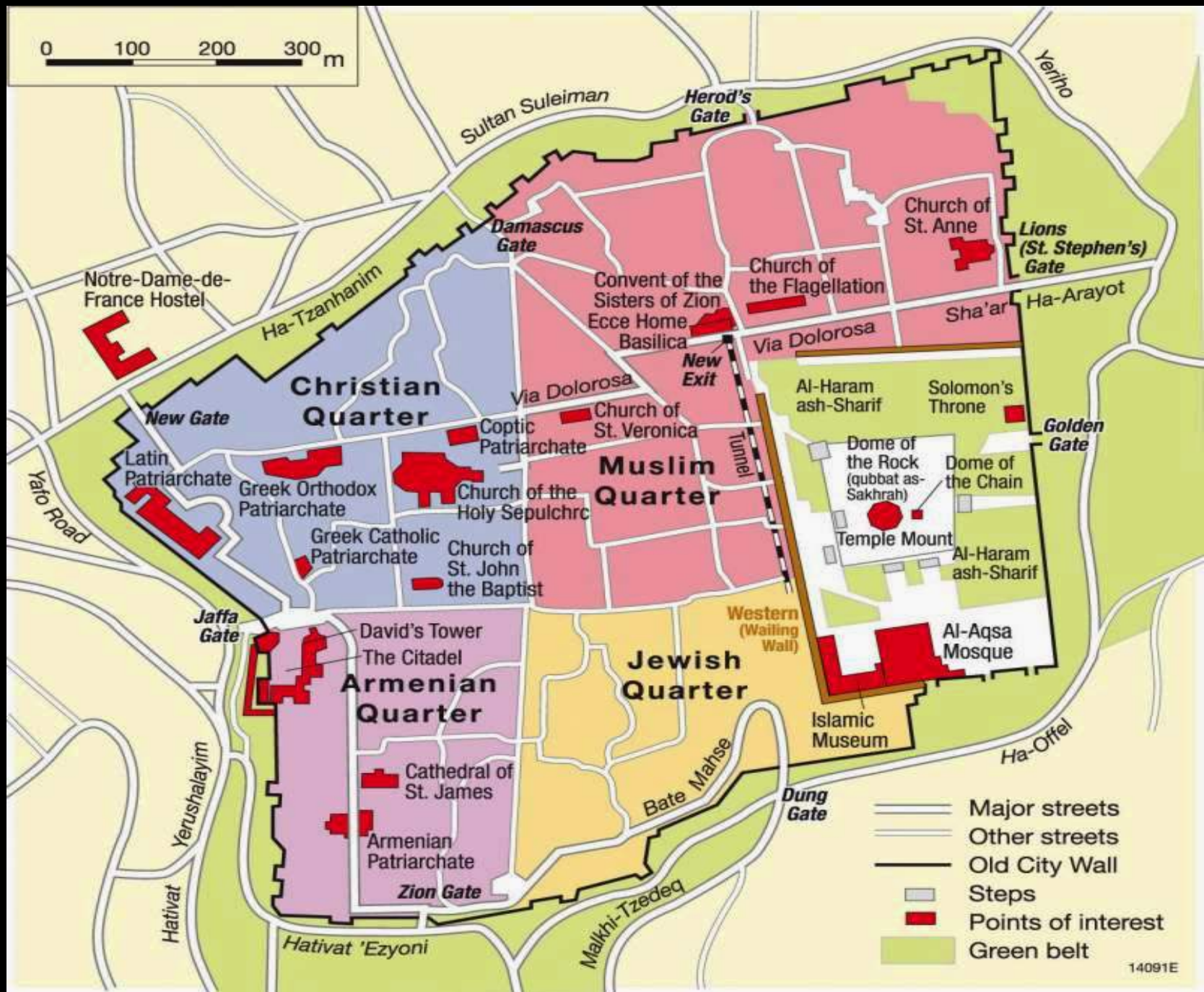
**DEAR VISITOR
YOU ARE ENTERING A HOLY PLACE.**

**YOU ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO BEHAVE RESPECTFULLY TO PRESERVE THE
HOLINESS OF THE SITE AND TO ENSURE SECURITY AND ORDER ACCORDING TO
THE LAW:**

- 1. A SECURITY CHECK IS CARRIED OUT BY POLICE AT THE GATES**
- 2. ENTRANCE IS PERMITTED THROUGH THE MAGNETIC GATES ONLY**
- 3. VISITORS WITH CARDIAC PROBLEMS ARE ADVISED TO INFORM THE POLICE BEFORE
ENTERING THE GATES.**
- 4. NO WEAPONS INCLUDING KNIVES SHARP INSTRUMENTS OR TEAR GAS
ARE PERMITTED INSIDE THE AREA.**
- 5. ENTRY WITH LARGE BAGS IS NOT PERMITTED**
- 6. ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ARE FORBIDDEN.**
- 7. HOLY ITEMS NOT PERMITTED**
- 8. MODEST DRESS IS REQUIRED**
- 9. NO ENTRANCE FOR ANIMALS**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF POLICE AND WAQF GUARDS IN
ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE HOLINESS OF THE PLACE AND TO ENSURE DISCIPLINE
THANK YOU.**

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STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinat Yisrael" (State of Israel) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the

same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Moslem armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a med-

iator but without taking any action on the Partition Resolution of November 29.

Yesterday the battle for the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

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 Haganah men and women in the Kfar Etzion 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 Comsuls would secure civilized conditions for prisoners and wounded, and proper respect for the dead. Doubts on some of these anxious questions have now been resolved.

On Friday afternoon, from Tel Aviv, came the expected announcement of the Jewish State, and its official naming at birth, "Medinat Yisrael"—State of Israel, with the swearing in of the first Council of Government. The proclamation of the State was made at midnight, coinciding with the sailing from Haifa of Britain's last High Commissioner. Within the hour, President Truman announced in Washington that the Government of the United States

of Jewish settlements in North-Eastern Galilee. The Security Council met yesterday in a special session to consider action on the invasion of Palestine by member states of the U.N.

In the afternoon, Jerusalem was subjected to shelling from the northwest.

Haganah forces throughout the country continued mopping up, and Jewish sources claimed most of Western Galilee safe against

JEWS 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 crackle of small-arms fire and explosions 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 on Saturday by the U.N. Truce Commission to bring about a "cease fire" were brought to naught when the Arab representatives failed to agree within the specified time limit.

On Friday morning, Jewish forces entered the Russian Compound and Zone C to re-occupy the buildings requisitioned from Jews last year. This operation was almost bloodless, but beyond the western edge of Zone C, Arabs engaged the Jews in Jaffa Road. The Arabs were forced back and the Barclays Bank area was taken.

In other parts of the city fighting flared up. Jews over-

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

Kol Israel, 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 caused. In the second attack two hours later, the airport to the north of the city was bombed, and an Air France plane parked there was damaged. The third raid was launched shortly before midday, but the planes were driven off without causing any damage.

Two settlements in the Negev had also been attacked from the air, the radio reported.

A country-wide blackout was ordered by Air Raid Precaution Headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Mr. David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister, broadcast from Tel Aviv to the people of America yesterday morning. As he spoke, Egyptian planes were bombing the city.

In the north, the settlements of Ein Gev and Shaar Hagolan and Dan had been shelled, but no further details were available.

Kalandia airfield was taken by the Jewish army on Friday morning, shortly after the High Commissioner had left there by plane for Haifa. The field was evacuated, together with the neighbouring settlement of Ataroth, on Friday night. The settlement itself was burnt by Arabs yesterday.

2 Columns Cross Southern Border Etzion Settlers Taken P.O.W.

U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

—Ten minutes after the termination of the British Mandate on Friday, the White House released 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 the entire Middle East, and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Jewish Provisional Government.

The White House press secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, told correspondents today that reaction so far to the recognition had been overwhelmingly favourable. He said this step had been discussed with Mr. Marshall and Mr. Lovett before action was taken, and it had their complete support.

Mr. Ross said that the Presi-

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.



David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister

Special Assembly Adjourns

FLUSHING MEADOWS, Sa-

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by its head, was to abolish all legislation of the 1939 White Paper of the late Mandatory Power, particularly the Ordinances and Orders relating to immigration and land transfer.

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 prefaced 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 generations of their dispersal, until the Nazi holocaust proved anew the urgency of the need for a Jewish State.

The Balfour Declaration of

1947: United Nations Partition Plan



June 1948: Arab armies invade



July 1948: Israeli army counterattacks



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.

Lebanon

• Damascus

Golan Heights

Syria

Israel

Samaria

• Ramallah

• Amman

• Jerusalem


Judea


Gaza Strip


Mediterranean Sea

Jordan

Egypt

 **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.

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VERSE 8-9

We are to pray for the godly people who live in Jerusalem

PRAY FOR THE
PEACE
OF JERUSALEM
MAY THOSE WHO LOVE YOU
BE SECURE



PSALM 122:6
Timothy R. Boller