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

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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.

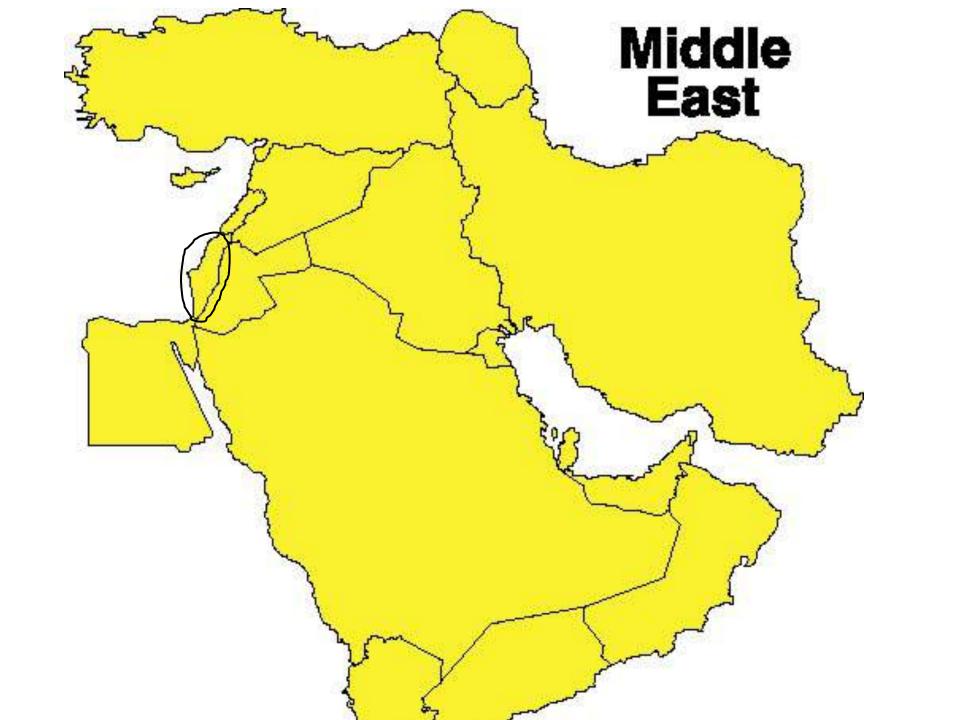
This move is very important in its substance and its symbolism. The most powerful nation in the world by moving Embassy visibly undeniably affirms the legitimacy of modern Israel as a nation state and its power of self-determination of the location of its capital city to the international community.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



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

~ PSALM 122:6-7, ESV



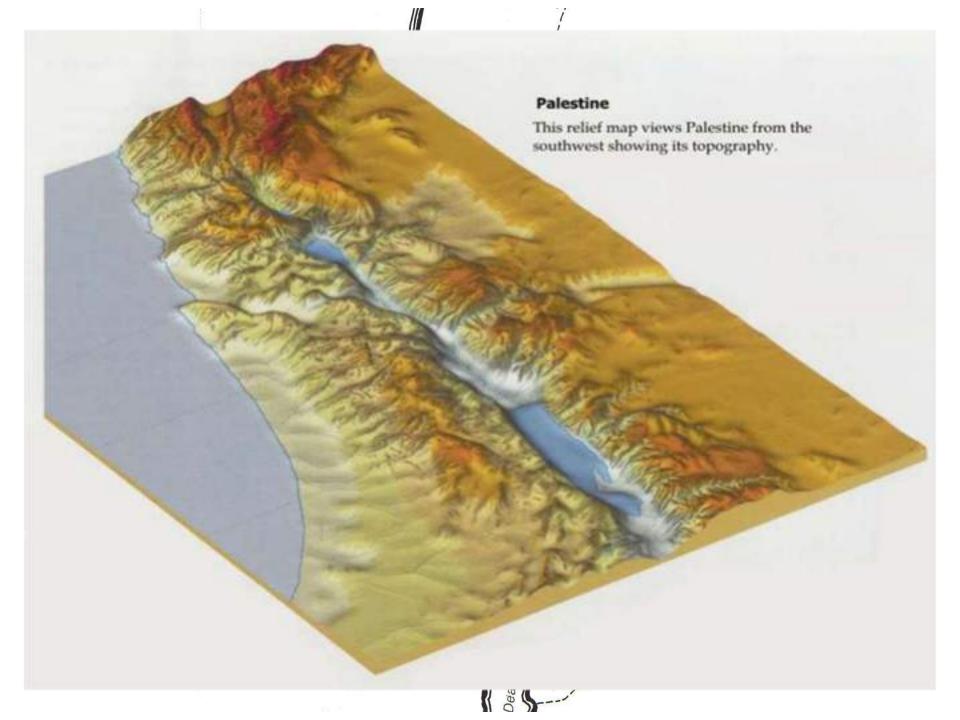


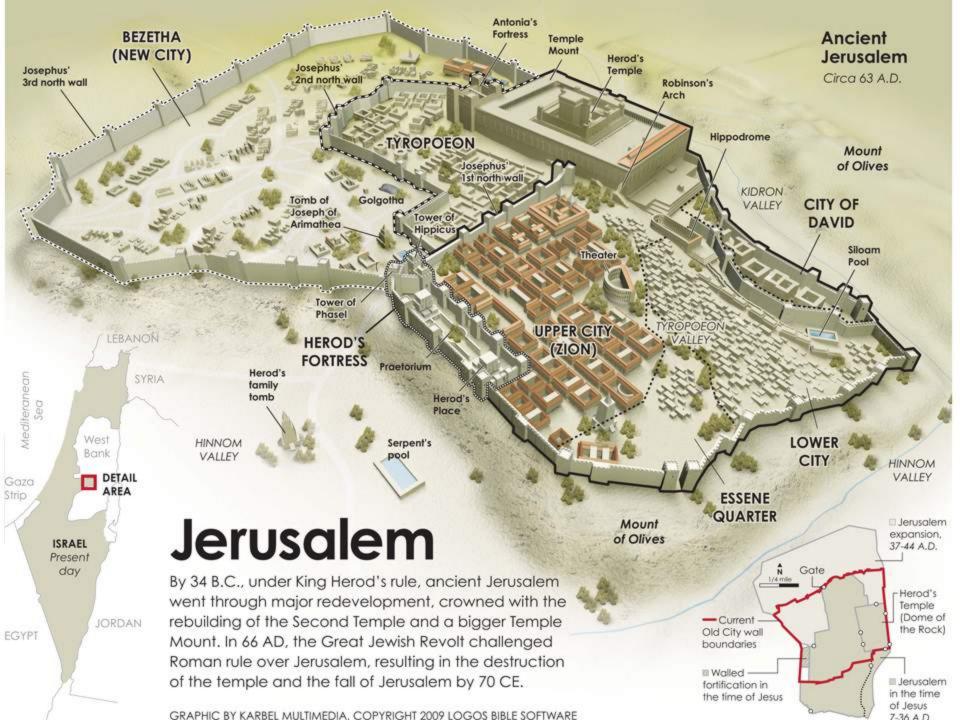
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Maps drawn to same scale. Israel shown in blue.





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The Bible A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW

2000 BC 430 BC 45 AD 96 AD

Genesis - Malachi Matthew - Revelation

ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

All Humans are Sinners/Die...

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming!

ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

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

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אל שרי (El Shaddai) "God Almighty"

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

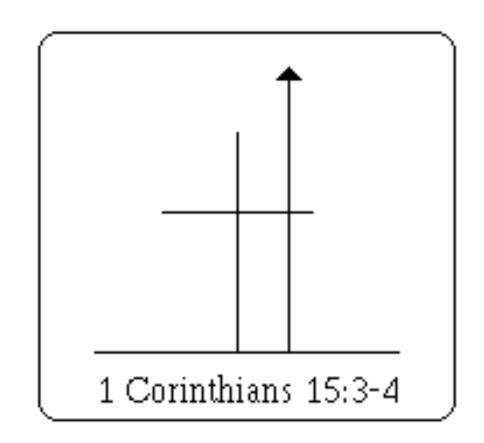
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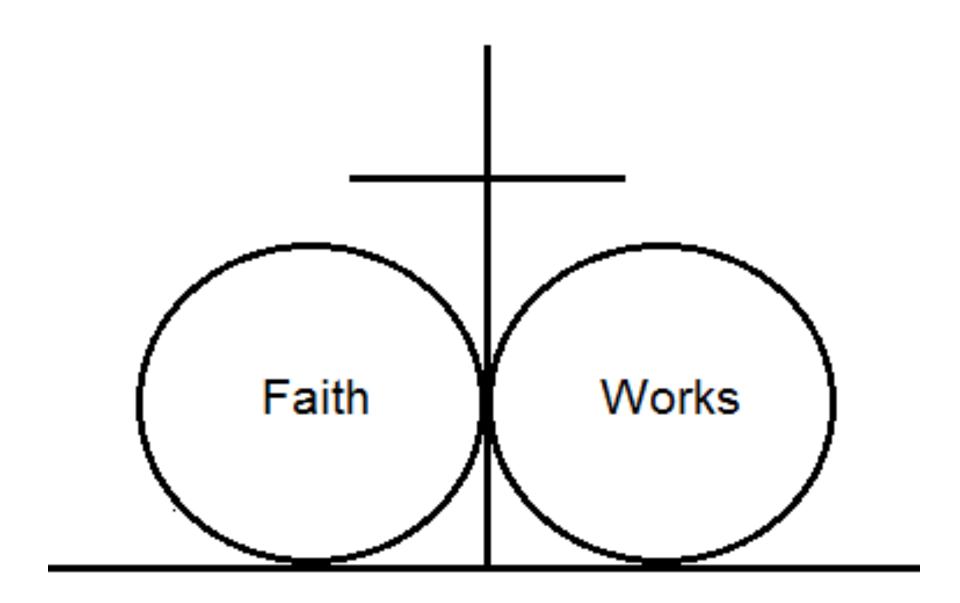
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Christ rose again...

...from the dead

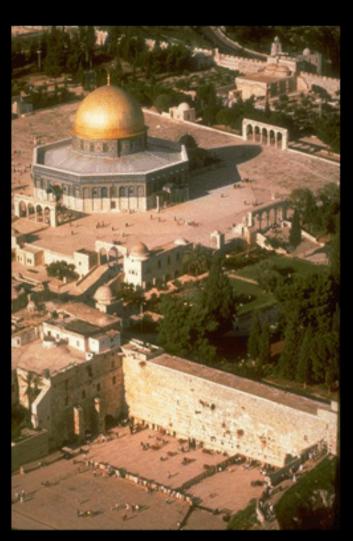




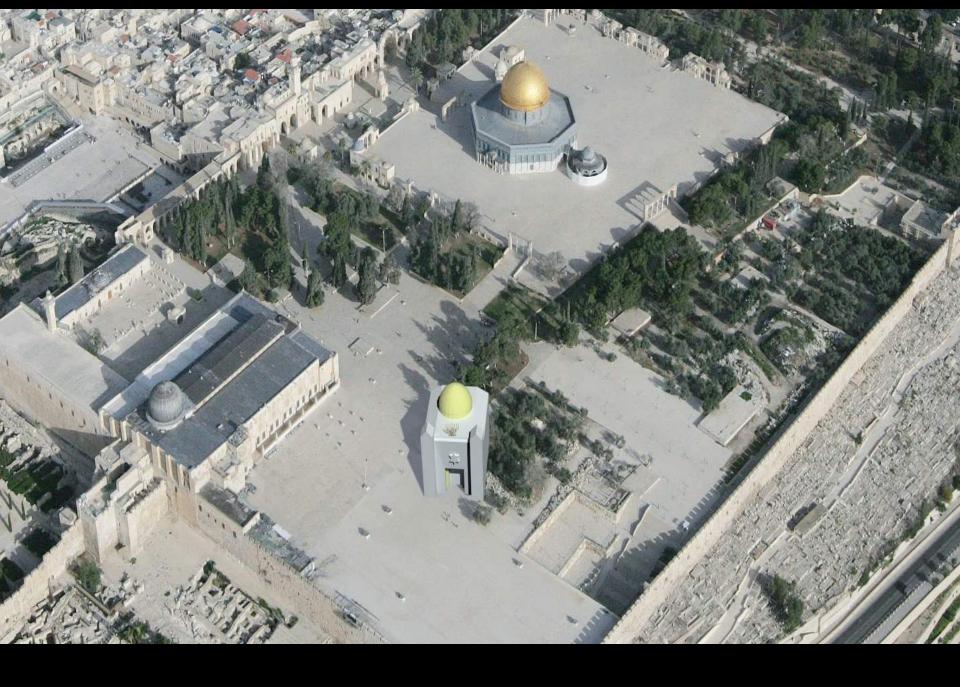
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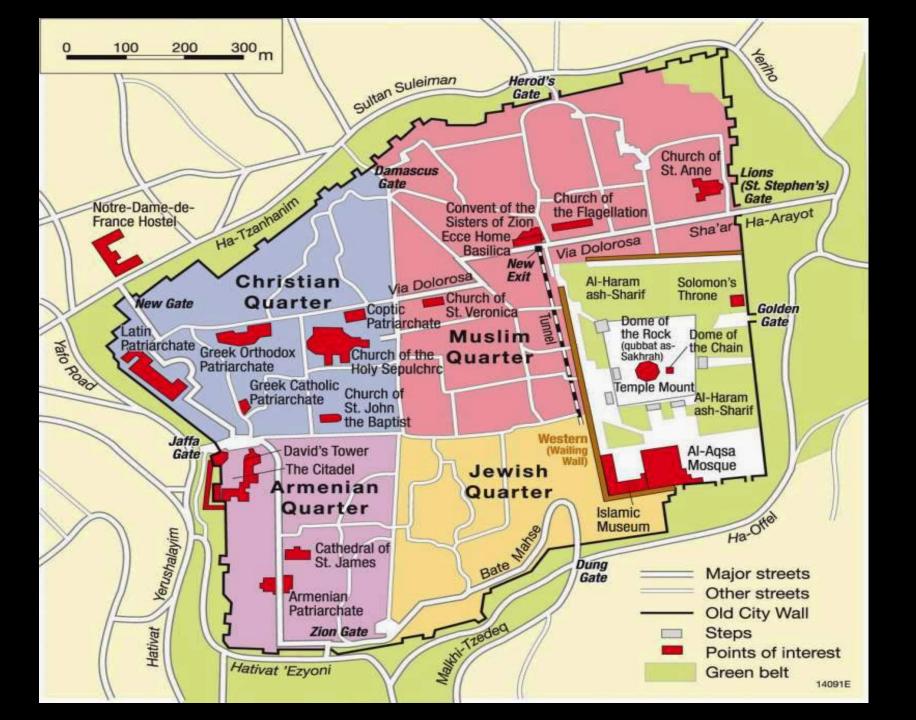
ISRAEL POLICE - UNIT FOR THE PROTECTION OF SACRED SITES

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- 1. A SECURITY CHECK IS CARRIED OUT BY POLICE AT THE GATES
- 2. ENTRANGE IS PERMITTED THROUGH THE MAGNETIC GATES ONLY
- 3. VISITOR WITH CARDIAC PROBLEMS ARE ADVISED TO INFORM THE POLICE BEFORE ENTERING THE GATES.
- 4. NO WEAPONS INCLUDING KNIVES SHARP INSTRUMENTS OF 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

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JERUSALEM SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1948

THE PALESTINE

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THE SUBSCRIPTION DEPARTMENT has returned to The Palestine Post offices, Hassolel Street, Jerusalem, Tel. 4283.

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 medlator 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 day, Thursday morning, was whether and to what extent the Red Cross and the Truce Consuls 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.

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proclamation of the State was In the afternoon, Jerusalem bloodless, but beyond the made at midnight, coinciding with was subjected to shelling from

Haganah forces throughout the back and the Barclays Bank the hour, President Truman an country continued mopping up, nounced in Washington that the and Jewish sources claimed most

JEWS TAKE OVER

The Battle for Jerusalem, which began when the British 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

Repeated efforts on Friday evening and again on Saturday by the U.N. Truce Comto bring about a "cease fire" were brought to hours later, the airport to the nought when the Arab representatives failed to agree the specified

On Friday morning, Jewish forces entered the Russian Compound and Zone C to reoccupy the buildings requisitioned from Jews last year. This operation was almost western edge of Zone C, Arabs engaged the Jews in Jaffa Road. The Arabs were forced

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

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

forces withdrew on Friday at 2 o'clock yesterday after- caution Headquarters in Tel morning, continued all day noon that Tel Aviv had been Aviv, 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 north of the city was bombed, and an Air France plane parked there was damaged. The third raid was launched the High Commissioner had shortly before midday, but the planes were driven off with-

out causing any damage. Two settlements in the Ne-

Kol Israel, the Tel Aviv; A country-wide blackout broadcasting station, reported was ordered by Air Raid Pre-

> Mr. David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister, broadcast of America yesterday morning. As he spoke, Egyptian planes were bombing the city.

> In the north, the settléments of Ein Gev and Shaar Hagolan and Dan had been shelled, but no further details were

Kalandia airfield was tak en by the Jewish army on Friday morning, shortly after left there by plane for Haifa. The field was evacuated, together with the neighbouring settlement of Ataroth, on gev had also been attacked Friday night. The settlement from the air, the radio report- itself was burnt by Arabs yes

2 Columns Cross Southern Border

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U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Saturday -Ten minutes after the termi nation of the British Mandate on Friday, the White House released a formal statement by Presifrom Tel Aviv to the people dent 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 Preside FIJISHING MEADOWS

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



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the declaration with a review

of the historic connection of

the Jewish people with the

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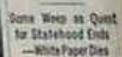
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July 1948: Israeli army counterattacks



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