

**Title:** Israel at War, Part 1  
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**Text:** Assorted texts

## 1. Why is there conflict and war?

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

“enmity” -

Revelation 12:17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

“woman”

## 2. Is Israel important?

Deuteronomy 7:6 “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has **chosen** you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7“The Lord did not set His love on you nor

choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

### 3. Is Jerusalem important?

2 Chronicles 6:6 but I have chosen Jerusalem that **My name** might be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.'

1 Kings 9:3 The Lord said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication, which you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built by putting ***My name there forever***, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

Zechariah 14:4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

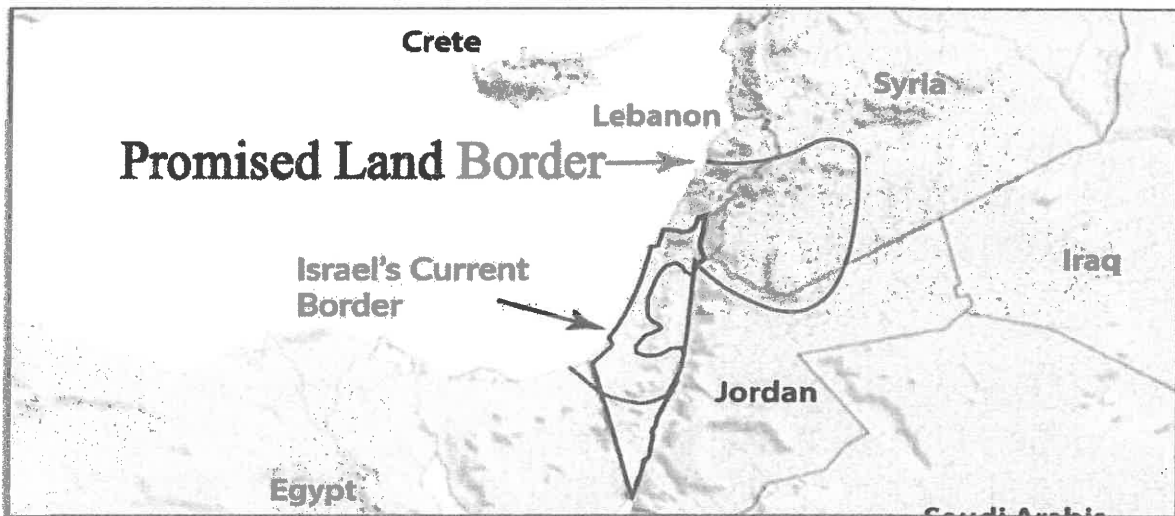
**"In that day"**

### 4. Are the covenants important?

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant

Genesis 12:1–3 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

**B. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Palestinian) Covenant**



Genesis 17:8 “I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an **everlasting possession**; and I will be their God.”

### **C. The \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant**

Luke 1:32–33 “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

### **D. The \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant**

Jeremiah 31:31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.

33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Ezekiel 36:26–27 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

## God's promises to Israel must be fulfilled

\_\_\_\_\_ and applied to them.

### 5. Has God abandoned Israel?

Genesis 15:9–10 So He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

17 It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which ***passed between these pieces.***

Romans 11:2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

28–29 From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are ***irrevocable.***

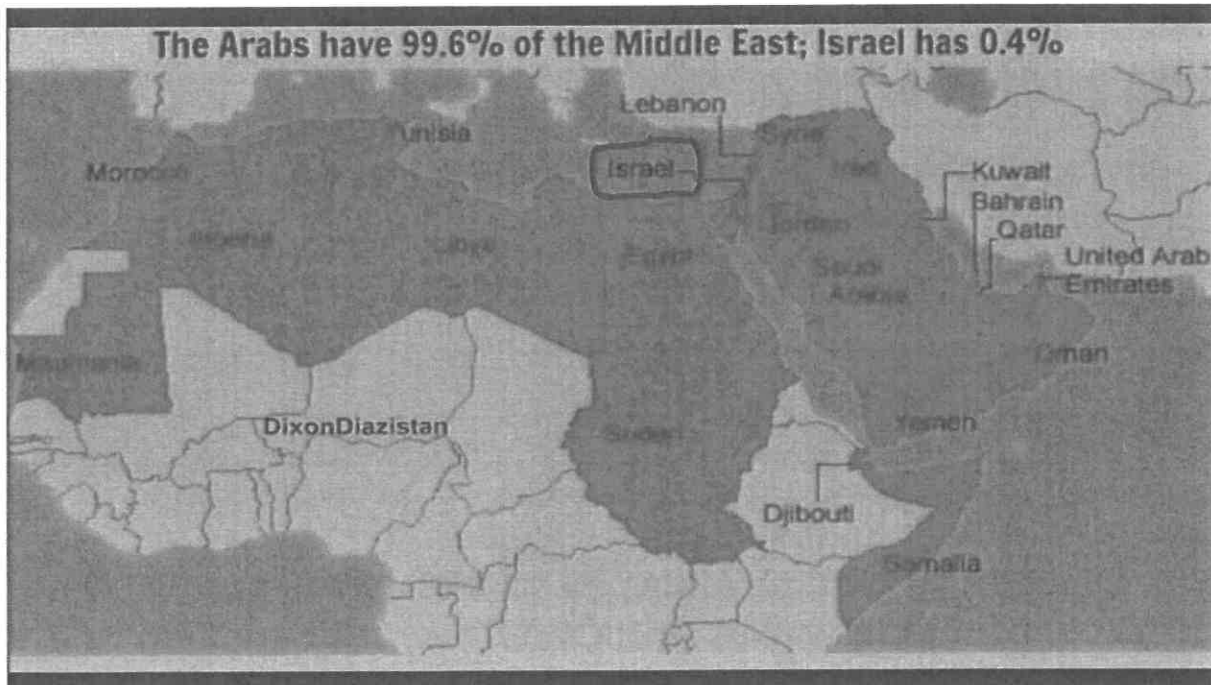
Jeremiah 31:35–37 Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The Lord of hosts is His name: 36 “If this fixed order departs From before Me,” declares the Lord, “Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me forever.” 37 Thus says the Lord, “If the heavens above can be measured And the foundations of the earth searched out

below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done,” declares the Lord.

Romans 11:25–26 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so ***all Israel will be saved***; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.”

## 6. Why is Israel at war?

We have to understand Islam.



## Moderate Islam - Five Pillars

- They pray five times a day

- They fast during the month of Ramadan
- They all practice almsgiving (giving money)
- They all make a pilgrimage to Mecca once in their lifetime

## **Militant Islam**

They too practice the five pillars but they support violence “in the way of Allah”

Their goal is to subdue and kill by military conquest.

**Islam’s message is clear, the land of Israel belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_, not to the Jews.**

**The conflict can be traced back to Genesis 17:20-21.**

Genesis 17:20–21 “As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. 21 **“But My covenant I will establish with Isaac,** whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year.”

Genesis 16:11–12 The angel of the Lord said to her further, “Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has given heed to your affliction. 12 “He will be a ***wild donkey of a man,*** His hand will be ***against everyone,*** And everyone’s hand will be ***against him;*** And he will live to the east of all his brothers.”

## The world is not falling apart, it is falling

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### So what can we do?

2 Chronicles 7:13–14 “If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, 14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

### Discussion Guide

1. Summarize why Israel, Jerusalem, and the Jews are important to God?
2. What are the four covenants God made with Israel? Why are they important for Israel?
  - A. Why should we take them literally?
  - B. What do they guarantee for the future?
  - C. Why are they important to Gentiles?
3. How does our understanding of Islam help bring discernment to our understanding?
4. Why is it important that we continue to see Israel as crucial to future prophecies?

**ANSWERS:** Abrahamic, Land, Davidic, New, literally, Muslims, together