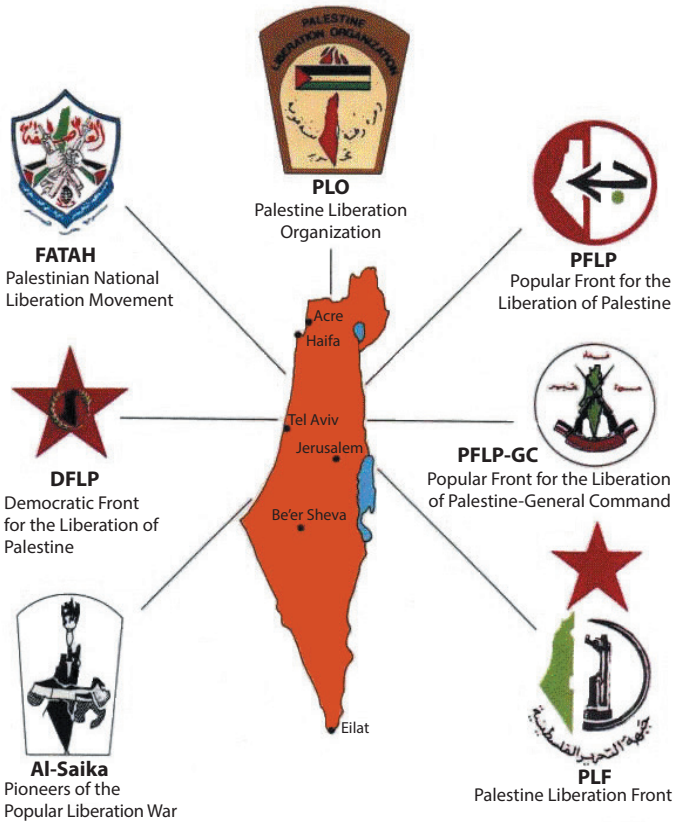


Look carefully and notice that all of the emblems of the different Palestinian organizations have **the entire map of Israel** included in them.



Whatever the name, the stated purpose of these organizations is the same — the destruction of Israel to claim the land as their own...

“BUT

you, Israel, are my servant,

Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called you from the chief men thereof, and said to you, You are my servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away. Fear not; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.” - ISAIAH 41:8, 9, 10

עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל חַי

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WILL LIVE!



ISRAEL = 21,596 km² (8,338 mi²)
ARABIAN COUNTRIES = 14,881,138 km² (5,745,640 mi²)

Israel (in blue above) is a democratic nation surrounded by 21 Arab dictatorial hostile states with an area that is 640 times larger, and with a population that is 60 times bigger. What's more, these nations own ALL of the oil in the Middle East.

How can Israel, which occupies only 0.15% of the lands called Arab, be responsible for the dissatisfaction of 21 Arab countries?

Unlike the Koran, which commands Muslims to force the entire planet to be subjected under Islam, Jewish Torah promises the Israelites a modest and reasonable piece of land.

Israel has been called “*expansionist*” by her Arab neighbors, but the facts do not bear this out. In keeping with their Torah, the Jews desire *only* the Land promised to them by their God.

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ISRAEL

...YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW...



I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

– GENESIS 12:3

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

– ISAIAH 40:1, 2

And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

– AMOS 9:14, 15



The territories of modern Lebanon, Syria and Israel were controlled by the Turkish Ottoman Empire from A.D. 1517 until A.D. 1917. After World War I, the control over the southern part of the Ottoman Empire was mandated to France and Great Britain, dividing this region into two areas of influence. Lebanon and Syria were

mandated to France and Palestine (the Jordan and Israel of today) was mandated to Great Britain.

Under the terms of the “Mandate for Palestine,” the main obligation of Great Britain was to facilitate the implementation of the Balfour Declaration of November 2, 1917, which guaranteed “the establishment of a national homeland for the Jewish people.” There were no territorial restrictions regarding the national homeland of the Jews — neither to the east nor to the west of the Jordan River.

As a result of this Jewish revitalization, Arabs from neighboring lands were drawn to the land by financial opportunity and favorable living conditions. A harmonious relationship developed which was beneficial to both Arabs and Jews.



In 1923-1947, contrary to the original proposal where Israel was mandated the entire region, Great Britain divided *Palestine* into two administrative districts. The Jews were now limited to the region West of the Jordan River. Thus, Great Britain cut off 75% of the homeland initially promised to the Jews. An Arab Palestinian nation, Transjordan, was created East of the Jordan.

Transjordan remained part of mandated *Palestine*, and in 1946, after 24 years, Britain unilaterally granted Transjordan independence, thus creating an independent Palestinian Arab state. Encouraged by growing nationalism in the Middle East, Arabs living in the Jewish region West of the Jordan began criminal attacks against the Jews. These culminated with the *Massacre of Hebron* of 1929 and later in the *Arab Revolt* of 1936–1939. The British tried to maintain order at first, but due to the oil deposits discovered in Arab territories, they turned a blind eye to the atrocities. The Jews began to defend themselves and formed the first *organized defense* against the attacks of the Palestinian Arabs. In the end, the matter was laid out by the British before the United Nations.



With the task of settling the conflict, on November 29, 1947 the United Nations voted by a two-thirds majority to divide the land that had been given to the Jews West of the Jordan River — a Jewish Palestinian State and an Arab Palestinian State. Over 75% of the allotted land given to the Jews was desert. The Jews accepted the plan, hoping to provide a home for the European Jews after the Holocaust. The Arabs, intending to prohibit any Jewish presence in Palestine, rejected the plan.

On May 14, 1948, the Jews of *Palestine* finally declared their independence, forming the State of Israel. The next day, seven neighboring Arab armies (Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Yemen) invaded Israel and the Secretary of the Arab League, Azzam Pasha, declared “*jihad!*” The Muslim Mufti of Jerusalem said: “*I declare a Holy war, my Muslim brothers! Kill the Jews! Kill them all!*” Most of the Arabs of the new Israeli State left the country with the thought to “*ease the work*” of Arab armies and later return to occupy the Jewish properties they assumed would be captured.

Even though they had great losses, Israel survived. In 1949, Israel signed an armistice with Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Transjordan that annexed Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, later changing the name to Jordan and granting Jordanian citizenship to all Palestinian Arabs in these areas. These areas have become the constant springboard for terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians.

Between 1949 and 1967, when all Judea-Samaria (the West Shore and Jerusalem) and Gaza were under Arab control (Jordan and Egypt), no effort was made to create a second Palestinian state for Arabs living there. It is important to note that Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO—formed in 1964) revealed their “*ancient*” identity and the need for “*self-determination*” and “*human dignity*” in the same Judea-Samaria and Gaza *only after* Israel regained these territories. The PLO was formed to conquer and destroy Israel. And their goal has not changed. But, according to Scripture, the God of Israel will *never* allow this to happen, for He declared:

“THIS LAND IS MINE!” —LEVITICUS 25:23

In the first months of 1967, Israel’s Arab neighbors posted troops surrounding Israel with the objective to attack and capture Israel. Confronted with this hostile threat, on June 5, Israel determined it necessary to launch a preventive attack against Egypt. Jordan attacked with artillery, and on June 8, Israel defeated Jordanian forces. On June 9, Israel attacked the Syrians in the Golan Heights where the Syrian troops had been bombarding the northern part of Israel with artillery.

It was not Israel’s intention to war against her neighbors, but forced into battle, Israel captured the Sinai Peninsula, Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria, and the Golan Heights — all in *just six days!* In 1982, the Sinai Peninsula was returned to Egypt in exchange for full diplomatic recognition of Israel.

God speaks to the Jews about their future...



“The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine, for you are strangers and sojourners with me.”
— LEVITICUS 25:23

“In the day that your walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed.”
— MICAH 7:11

“Feed your people with your rod, the flock of your heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the middle of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.”

— MICAH 7:14

“Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them to their own land, and have left none of them any more there. Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit on the house of Israel, said the Lord GOD.” — EZEKIEL 39:28, 29