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BIBLICAL TRUTH CONCERNING THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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PART 1: FIGHTING IN THE GAZA STRIP

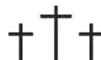
Once upon a time there was a group of people that were in the way of an invading army and became a source of irritation and nuisance to the invaders. The people were upset that they had been driven away from their homes, lost their jobs and forced to relocate in very cramped quarters that were surrounded by walls with armed guards outside. More than 500,000 people were crammed into this very small enclave that lacked water, food, medical care and had sewers that flooded the streets. So many people were dying on a daily basis that it was impossible to bury each person in a grave; instead, mass graves were used for the dead.

Two years after the refugee camp was created, the invading army was given orders to start reducing the population. As a result, some 6,000 to 10,000 people were sent to labor camps every day. The weak, sick and elderly were taken to liquidation camps. After more than six months of clearing the camp, only 40,000 people remained and the forced deportation stopped. The people in the camp dug tunnels and smuggled in small arms and ammunition because they realized that they were in an bad situation, and that if they did not take up arms to defend themselves, all of them would soon be taken away and possibly be killed. They knew of the invading army's superior forces when it came to tanks, artillery and air power.

The deportation started up again one year later. This time the people in the camp decided it was better to fight and die than to be taken alive and killed. When a detachment of the invading army arrived in the camp to round up some people, they were met with small arms fire and forced to retreat. The government of the invading army informed the world that "terrorists" had the audacity to attack a unit of "peace keepers" and extermination was only one way to deal with these people.

It took the invading army 42 days to root out the people; dive bombers struck day and night as tanks and infantry were used to kill men, women and children. The fighting was fierce and went from block to block, house to house, until the entire camp had been reduced to a smoldering pile of rubble. None of the 40,000 people in the camp survived.

The soldiers of the invading army were ruthless; any person from the camp that was captured was tortured to death or thrown into one of the burning buildings. When the last person in the camp was dead, the government of the invading army issued a bulletin that was broadcast to the whole world: **"THE LAST JEW IN WARSAW HAS BEEN EXTERMINATED AND THE CITY IS NOW FREE OF JEWS."**



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The camp in question was the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw, Poland. It was built in October 1940 and completely enclosed. The deportation to the labor and death camps started in July 1942 and ended later in the year. The uprising in the Warsaw ghetto began on April 19, 1943, one day before Adolf Hitler's birthday. The invading Nazi army took its revenge by sending in the elite SS troops. Many SS soldiers died in the fighting because the Jews realized that they were doomed and might as well take as many Germans with them as possible.

IS THE GAZA STRIP A PALESTINIAN GHETTO?

Many of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip were driven out from their homes in 1948 by the superior armed forces of Israel. The world is watching another ghetto 66 years later that is much larger and contains 1,400,000 Palestinians who are being attacked from the air, shelled from the sea and invaded on the ground by infantry, tanks and artillery.

- ❖ Nazi Germany wanted "Lebensraum" (room to grow) and declared that Jews, Poles and Russians were subhuman, driven out from their land so that the German people could expand into the East.
- ❖ Likewise, the Jews wanted their own nation and carved out what is today the State of Israel with stealth and war.
- ❖ The Germans claimed that they were a superior race and had a God given right to expand at the expense of Jews and Slavic people.
- ❖ Likewise, the Jews claim that God gave them the land that was first known as Canaan, then the Promised Land, then the Land of Israel, and later as Palestine. *But what is the truth?*

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH?

The Promised Land was mentioned by God when He told Abraham, a Chaldean, to leave his birth place and travel west to Canaan. **Genesis 12:1-7**

Abraham had a son named Isaac, who had a son named Jacob, who in turn had twelve sons. God changed the name of Jacob to Israel. **Genesis 32:24-28**

The offspring of the twelve sons of Jacob became known as the twelve tribes of Israel. **Genesis 49:28**

The twelve tribes lived in Egypt for a period of 430 years. **Exodus 12:40-41**

GOD USED MOSES TO DELIVER ISRAEL FROM EGYPT

546 years after the death of Abraham, God told Moses that it was time to deliver the people of Israel from Egypt and to bring them to the Promised Land. **Exodus 3:1-10**

When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, they had grown from being a small group, to a nation of some three million people. **Exodus 12:37-38**

REFUSAL TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND

After many miracles, Moses led the people to the border of the Promised Land, but when the people heard of the different nations living in the land, they became angry and turned their anger toward Moses. God pronounced judgment on the people and decreed that only those 20 years old and younger would enter the Promised Land. Moses was not allowed enter because of his disobedience. Out of the 600,000 men who left Egypt, only Caleb and Joshua were allowed into the land. **Numbers 14:1-31**

The Israelites were sentenced to wander around in the wilderness for 40 years. **Numbers 14:32-35**

Moses was allowed to travel to the border of the Promised Land and look at it before he died. **Deuteronomy 34:1-7**

GOD'S CONDITION FOR THE PROMISED LAND

God's promise of the land of Canaan to the twelve tribes of Israel came with a condition that was recorded by Moses in the Torah, known as the Law in the Old Testament to Christians. However, it is ignored by most Christian leaders, by the majority of the rank and file of Christians, by Rabbis, and the majority of the Jewish people.

God told the children of Israel some 3500 years ago that they would lose the land if they rebelled against Him. **Deuteronomy 4:23-28**

But if they were thrown out of the land, repented, and came back to Him, He would restore the land to them. **verses 29-40**

The children of Israel were repeatedly warned that the blessings of God and possession of the land would only exist if they walked with God. Any type of rebellion or turning from God would result in loss of God's blessing and the land. **Deuteronomy 8:6-20**

The covenant would cease to exist if Israel turned away from serving the Lord. It would be renewed if they repented, but once the Messiah had come, the first covenant ceased to exist. **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FIRST COVENANT, WAS BASED ON THE CONDITION THAT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WALKED WITH GOD.

THE COVENANT WAS MADE NULL AND VOID THE MOMENT ISRAEL STOPPED WALKING WITH GOD!

The Apostle Paul made this very clear. **Hebrew 8:1-13**

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?