

Apologetics Lecture Outline

Week 5

Psalm 122:6-7

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May those who love you be secure.

May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels.”

Matthew 24:6-8

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Who are the Palestinians?

Native, or Native descent of the land of Palestine

Predominantly Arab Muslims, majority Sunni, some are Christian

Long history of Israel, involved great periods of time where the Jews had all been exiled to various parts of the world. Following WWI and the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, Britain ruled the area and allowed Jews to begin returning to the land called, at that time, Palestine. In 1948, following the British pull out from the region Israel fought for its independence and won.

They are NOT the Philistines of the OT

Who is the Palestinian National Authority?

Interim administrative body responsible for governing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

What is the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)?

An umbrella organization that represents the Palestinians internationally

It's recognized as the official representative of the Palestinian people around the world

Who is Hamas?

Militant Muslim Group controlling Gaza and the Gaza Strip area, the area has a population of approximately 2 million – leader of Hamas lives in Qatar

Who is Hezbollah?

Lebanese Shia Islamist Militant Group, a part of the Lebanese Parliament

Established in the wake of the 1982 Lebanon War by Lebanese clerics who had studied in Najaf. It adopted the teachings of Ayatollah Khomeini after the Iranian Revolution in 1979

The organization was created with the support of 1,500 Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps instructors, became a unified organization to resist the Israeli occupation of Southern Lebanon.

In 2012 joined the Syrian government in its fight against the opposition to that government, labeled the opposition as a Zionist plot to overthrow the Syrian government.

Gets its support military training, weapons and financial support from Iran and political support from Syria.

Where is Gaza, the Gaza Strip and Ashkelon and Tel Aviv?

Located along the Mediterranean coast running from the South northward

Why is Israel today referred to as an Occupation force, and the Israeli presence referred to by the Palestinians as an "Apartheid" Government?

Governance, segregation based on race

Palestinians are native to the land prior to 1947, if their relatives were, they have a right to live in the land and rule themselves independently

Population of Israel = 9.5 million

Jews are 73% of the population – 7.1M

Palestinians (Arabs) are 21% of the population – 2M

The Map of Israel below is from a page on the Wikipedia site for the ancient city of Dan.

