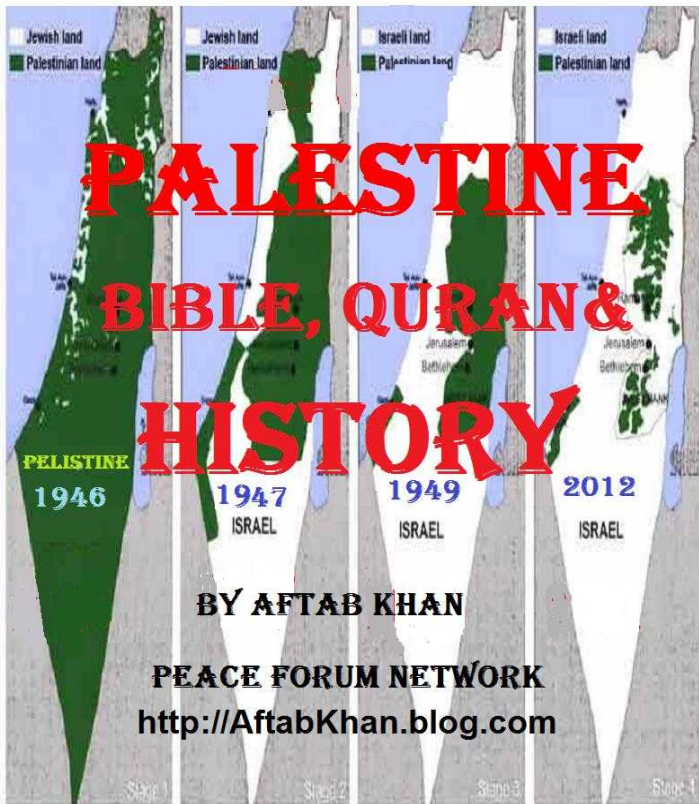


Covenant, Chosen Race & Promised Land



*In the name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful
There is no one worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is messenger of Allah*

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FOREWARD

Palestine is the most complex geopolitical and religious issue confronted by the humanity which if left unresolved will continue to pose major threat to the world peace. This historic flashpoint which kicked off the clash of civilizations centuries ago still has the potentials to flare up to repeat the history with unpredictable terrible consequences.

While the followers of three brahamic faiths Judaism, Christianity and Islam have the historic religious emotional and sentimental attachments with this land, no sane person can agree to deny the right of the Palestinian people as human being to enjoy the

fruits of freedom in their own land in this era of freedom and democracy

In order to ponder over possible peaceful resolution of this issue there is a need to review the issue in the light of Bible Qur'an & History This research work is part of 'peace endeavor' in the same context

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PART I: THE COVENANT BIBLE AND QUR'AN

Introduction:

Jerusalem is the most important city of Palestine revered by Jews Muslims and Christians Historically there is evidence of existence of population in the area of Jerusalem Palestine around BCE The city derives its name form Hebrew Yerushalayim in rabic it is called I-Quds Located in the heart of historic Palestine it is nestled between the West Bank and Israel It is holy to Judaism as the site of the Temple of Jerusalem to Christianity because of its association with Jesus pbuh and to Islam because of its connection with the Mí'rāj [Prophet

Muhammad's [prophet] ascension to Heaven] and prayer direction (*Qibla* of Muslims for some period Jewish shrines include the Western Wall Islamic holy places include the Dome of the Rock and Mosque In 1000 BC King David [prophet] made it the capital of Israel Razed by the Babylonians in the 6th century BC it thereafter enjoyed only brief periods of independence The Romans devastated it in the 1st and 2nd centuries CE banishing the population From 638 it was ruled by various Muslim dynasties except for short periods during the Crusades Rule by the Ottoman Empire ended in 1917 and the city became the capital of the British mandate of Palestine It was thereafter the subject of competing Zionist and Palestinian national aspirations Israel claimed the city as its capital after the Arab-Israeli War in 1948 and took the entire city during the Six-Day War of 1967 Its status as Israel's

capital has remained a point of contention: because the Palestinians have also declared it as capital of their future state official recognition by the international community has largely been withheld pending final settlement of the issue Jews claim it with reference to **Covenant** with God

In the Hebrew Scriptures Covenant is an agreement or treaty among peoples or nations but most memorably the promises that God extended to humankind e.g. the promise to Noah never again to destroy the earth by flood or the promise to Abraham that his descendants would multiply and inherit the land God's revelation of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai created a pact between God and Israel known as the Sinai Covenant according to Christian traditions Jesus Christ established a new covenant with God Islam holds that the Last & Final Covenant was between God and Prophet

Muhammad peace be upon him for all the humanity till eternity

Hence for proper understanding of this doctrine of 'Covenant' it should be studied in the light of Bible Qur'an and the history Without going in to the historic details of the issue well known to the readers here the scriptural aspects are being covered There is general agreement that Prophet and Patriarch braham Ishmael Isaac Jacob Moses Jesus and Muhammad peace be upon them all believed and worshiped same God In rabic this supreme God is called Allah while Hebrews have been calling Him El 'Elyon Yahweh Jehovah elohiym el-o-heem or donai God is the supreme creator and Sustainer of all the worlds He is the God of all the creatures and people He is not the God of any one group only though He loves and prefers those who obey Him and dislike

those who are disobedient transgressors and disbelievers He is Kind and Merciful to those who repent and perform deeds pleasing to Him He is not unjust God established His Covenant with the humanity individually as well as collectively through prophets

What is meant by Word 'Covenant'?

According to 'Miriam Webster Collegiate' dictionary 'covenant' is a formal solemn and binding agreement a written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action or the common-law action to recover damages for breach of such a contract 'Covenant' is a contract or agreement between two parties In the Old Testament the Hebrew word tyrb *berith* is always thus translated as covenant *Berith* is derived from a root which means to cut and

hence a covenant is a cutting with reference to the cutting or dividing of animals into two parts and the contracting parties passing between them in making a covenant

Genesis: : -
Jeremiah : - The corresponding word in the New Testament Greek is διαθηκη [diatheke *dee-ath-ay'-kay*] which is however rendered testament generally in the Authorized Version It ought to be rendered just as the word *berith* of the Old Testament covenant In Qur'an arabic word '*aahad*' & '*methaq*' is translated as 'covenant'

Covenant in Qur'an and Bible:

WORD 'covenant' is used in variety of meanings in Bible & Qur'an:

In Qur'an 'covenant' of God with braham and his obedient decedents has been mentioned as *aahd* (covenant

pledge Qur'an : and with the Children of Israel Qur'an : However: "Those who break Allah's Covenant after it is ratified and who sunder what God has ordered to be joined and do mischief on earth: these cause loss only to themselves " Qur'an :

The covenant with the people of scripture Jews & Christians is also mentioned: " and remember God took a Covenant *_methaq_* from the people of the Book to make it known and Clear to mankind and not to hide it but they threw it away behind their backs and purchased with it some miserable gain and vile was the bargain they made " Qur'an :

The word '*aqad*' is used for marriage contract Qur'an : oath Qur'an : '*Ahad*' is also used for

'treaty' Qur'an : promise

Qur'an :

covenant or compact between man
and man Genesis : or between
tribes or nations Samuel :

Joshua : In entering into a
covenant Jehovah was solemnly called
on to witness the transaction

Genesis : and hence it was called
a covenant of the Lord

Samuel : The marriage compact
is called the covenant of God

Proverbs : because the marriage
was made in God's name Wicked men
are spoken of as acting as if they had
made a covenant with death not to
destroy them or with hell not to devour
them Isaiah :

The word is used with reference to God's
revelation of Himself in the way of
promise or of favour to men Thus God's

promise to Noah after the Flood is called
 a covenant Genesis : -
 Jeremiah : my covenant We
 have an account of God's covenant with
 Abraham Genesis : - comp
 Leviticus : of the covenant of the
 priesthood Numbers : -
 Deuteronomy : Nehemiah :
 and of the covenant of Sinai Exodus
 : - Leviticus : which was
 afterwards renewed at different times in
 the history of Israel Deuteronomy : -
Joshua : Chronicles : -
 : - : - : -
 Ezra : - Nehemiah : - In
 conformity with human custom God's
 covenant is said to be confirmed with an
 oath Deuteronomy : Psalms :
 and to be accompanied by a sign
 Genesis : - : - Hence the
 covenant is called God's counsel
 oath promise Psalms : -

: - Hebrews : - Lu : -

God's covenant consists wholly in the bestowal of blessing Isaiah : Jeremiah : -

The term covenant is also used to designate the regular succession of day and night Jermeiah : the Sabbath Exodus : circumcision Genesis : - and in general any ordinance of God Jeremiah : -

covenant of salt signifies an everlasting covenant in the sealing or ratifying of which salt as an emblem of perpetuity is used Numbers : Leviticus : Chronicles :

Covenant of Works the constitution under which dam was placed at his creation In this covenant The contracting parties were a God the moral Governor and b dam a free moral agent and representative of all his

natural posterity Romans : -
The promise was life Mathew : -
Galatians : The condition
was perfect obedience to the law the
test in this case being abstaining from
eating the fruit of the tree of
knowledge etc The penalty was
death Genesis : - This covenant
is also called a covenant of nature as
made with man in his natural or unfallen
state a covenant of life because life
was the promise attached to obedience
and a legal covenant because it
demanded perfect obedience to the law
The tree of life was the outward sign
and seal of that life which was promised
in the covenant and hence it is usually
called the seal of that covenant
[ccording to Qur'an Adam and Eve
repented and were pardoned by God
Qur'an : : however they were
sent to this world those who follow His

guidance have nothing to fear but those reject or defy it will fall in to hell]

According to common Christian belief not shared by Jews Muslims and many early and even some present Christians : 'This covenant is abrogated under the gospel inasmuch as Christ has fulfilled all its conditions in behalf of his people and now offers salvation on the condition of faith It is still in force however as it rests on the immutable justice of God and is binding on all who have not fled to Christ and accepted his righteousness'

Covenant of God with Humanity and Prophets:

God is linked with humanity through different covenants: Firstly Covenant with each member of humanity secondly Covenant with people through His prophets this includes specifically the

covenant of God with braham as a reward of being obedient servant of God who succeeded in the test of his obedience to God and his descendents through their prophets culminating to the final covenant with humanity through His last prophet

The First Direct Covenant of God with Humanity:

Much earlier than the creation of humanity God first created all the spirits of humanity which testified Him to be their Lord this was the 'First Covenant' which is binding accordingly on each individual God says:

"O Prophet remind mankind about incident when your Lord brought into existence the offspring from the loins of dam and his descendants virtually each single individual of mankind and made them testify about themselves God asked them:

m I not your Lord? They all replied: Yes We bear witness that You are This We did lest you mankind should say on the Day of Resurrection: We were not aware of this fact that You are our Lord and that there will be a Day of Judgment " Qur'an :

He brings the humankind into this world in succession each one at appointed time spirit is breathed in to him This spiritual heritage the individual covenant with God is part of his nature of every human being as human consciousness

The Covenant is fulfilled by human to acknowledge that Ilah is the Creator Cherisher and Sustainer therefore they should acknowledge their duty to Him When people so testify concerning themselves the obligation is as it were

assumed by them for it follows from their very nature when it is pure and uncorrupted Knowledge of right and wrong is ingrained in human nature God says:

“by the soul and Him Who perfected it and inspired it with knowledge of what is wrong for it and what is right for it: indeed successful will be the one who keeps it pure and indeed failure will be the one who corrupts it ” Qur’an : -

Some remain conscious of it while others tend to suppress this awareness

In addition to giving form and nature God has also given guidance to all the creations Qur’an : The humanity is expected to be steadfast in the belief of natural faith part of human conscious God says: “Therefore stand

firm in your devotion to the upright faith - the nature made by God *hanefa fitr'ah* the one on which mankind is created - and the laws of Nature ordained by God cannot be changed That is the 'Standard True Religion' but most among mankind do not know " Qur'an : The 'True Nature' *hanefa fitr'ah* true is used in the sense in which it is said the magnetic needle is true to the north the 'First Covenant' is part of human nature Those who have been privileged to receive the 'Truth' should never hesitate or swerve but remain constant like the men of knowledge s turned out from the creative act of God man is innocent pure true free inclined to right and virtue and endowed with true understanding about his own position in the Universe and about Allah's goodness wisdom and power That is

his true nature just as the nature of a lamb is to be gentle and of a horse is to be swift But man is caught in the webs of customs superstitions selfish desires and false teachings This may make him pugnacious unclean false slavish and hankering after what is wrong or forbidden thus getting deflected from the love of his fellow-men and the pure worship of the One True God The problem before the messengers and prophets had been to cure this crookedness and to restore *hanefa fitr'ah* human nature to what it should be under the Will of God the uncorrupted pure nature The standard True Religion or the 'Straight Way' is thus contrasted with the various human systems that conflict with each other and call themselves separate religions or sects Allah's standard Religion is the one based upon total surrender to

the Will of God The man has been endowed with the intellect so that he could use this faculty to differentiate between right and wrong truth and falsehood

The human intellectual power of rational thinking and reason is further facilitated by the teachings of the great Messengers or teachers sent to every nation God says: ... and there never was a people without a Warner having lived among them in the past Qur'an : Where such teachers do not come into direct contact with an individual or a generation their revealed scripture is available to them which is conveyed by the preachers *dai* Even if some one does not receive the message through direct means then the true faith can be revived through means of the 'Intellect

and Reason' His 'signs' spread all around and true nature *hanefa fitr'ah* part of human conscious the st Covenant This is the reason that even some of african tribes cut off from the civilized world worship One God without images Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him has been reported to have mentioned that every human child is born in true nature *Al-Fitra* which is obedience to God Islam and then his parents make him Jewish Christian or Magian The scholars stipulate that if the message of 'true faith' complete obedience surrender to God - Islam does not reach to some one then in hereafter he will be judged by the *hanefa fitr'ah* the human nature conscious of One God monotheism-*Tawhid* God says:

“We charge no soul with more than it can bear We have a Book of record which shall clearly tell the truth and they shall not be treated unjustly ” Qur’an :

The Covenant of the Prophets:

From Noah to Jesus & Muhammad (peace be upon them all):

There is an implied covenant on all created things to follow the Law of God which is the law of their being But there is a special implied covenant with all Prophets strict and solemn that they shall carry out their mission proclaim Allah's Truth without fear or favour and be ever ready in His service in all circumstances That gives them their position dignity and their tremendous responsibility in respect of the people whom they come to instruct and lead to the right Path God says:

“ and remember We took from the Prophets their Covenant as We did from thee Muhammad : from Noah braham Moses and Jesus the son of Mary: We took from them a solemn Covenant” Qur’an :

The narrative of Prophet Noah peace be upon him is similar to the Bible with some differences narrated in Qur’an more prominently at Chapter and elsewhere

The Seven Laws of Noah

The covenant of God with Noah and all creatures according to Bible: “ and the bow shall be in the cloud and I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth ”

Genesis : according to traditional Judaism God gave Noah and his family seven commandments to observe when he

saved them from the flood. These commandments referred to as the 'Noahic or Noahide Commandments' are inferred from Genesis Chapter 9 & Jeremiah: 31: 22 summarized as follows:

To establish courts of justice

Not to commit blasphemy

Not to commit idolatry

Not to commit incest and adultery

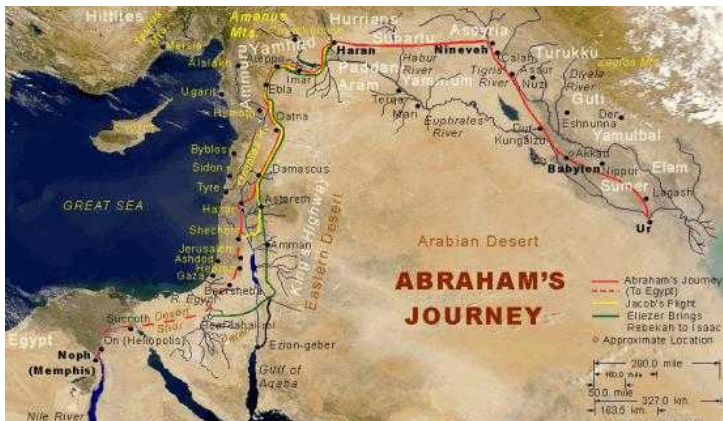
Not to commit bloodshed

Not to commit robbery

Not to eat flesh cut from a living animal

According to Jewish belief the Noahic commandments are binding on all people because all people are descended from Noah and his family. These commandments are fairly simple and most

of them are recognized by most of the world as sound moral principles any non-Jew who follows these laws has a place in the world to come. The mitzvot of the Torah on the other hand are only binding on the descendants of those who accepted the commandments at Sinai and upon those who take on the yoke of the commandments voluntarily by conversion. In addition, the Jews opine that the Noahic commandments are applied more leniently to non-Jews than the corresponding commandments are to Jews because non-Jews do not have the benefit of Oral Torah to guide them in interpreting the laws. Hence non Jews automatically get relegated to a lower position to the Jews.



The Covenant with Abraham:

Though Muslims believe in all the Hebrew prophets and scriptures but the Last revealed Scripture Qur'an preserved in its original revealed shape forms the criteria *Furqan* of tracing and confirming the true revelations of God in the texts of old scriptures mixed up with commentaries and errors during loss translation retranslation rewriting spread over

centuries Some errors may be deliberate and some unintentional distortions by the scribes Some verses form Qur'an about the Covenant of God with braham his decedents & the status of Promised Land are mentioned here Prophet braham peace be upon him has been highly appreciated in Qur'an:

“ braham was indeed a model devoutly obedient to God true In Faith and He joined not gods with God He showed His gratitude for the favours of God who him and guided Him to a straight way nd we gave Him good In This world and He will be In Hereafter In the ranks of the Righteous So we have taught Thee the inspired Message the ways of braham the true In Faith and He joined not gods with” Qur'an : -

The contents covenant of God with Abraham & his decedents can be traced in the following verses of Qur'an:

"But we delivered Him Abraham and his nephew Lot and directed them to **the land which We have blessed for all the people of the world** and we bestowed on Him Isaac and as an additional gift grandson Jacob and we made righteous men of every one of them and we made them leaders guiding men by Our command and we sent them inspiration to do good deeds to establish regular prayers and to practice regular charity and They constantly served us and us only " Qur'an : -

This verse signifies that the Blessed Land is not for any specific group [Hebrews or Jews alone] but for all

the people of the world [including Muslims and Christians]

“ and call to mind through this divine writ Ishmael Behold he was always true to his promise and He was an apostle of God a prophet ” Qur’an’ :

“We gave him Ibraham the good news of Isaac - a prophet - one of the righteous We blessed him and Isaac both among their progeny there are some who are righteous and some who are clearly wrong doing to their own souls ” Qur’an : -

“ and commemorate Our servants Ibraham Isaac and Jacob possessors of power and Vision Verily we did choose them for a special purpose - proclaiming the Message of the Hereafter They

Were In Our sight truly of the company of the Elect and the good and commemorate Isma'il Elisha and Zul-Kifl: Each of them was of the company of the good " Qur'an : -

" and we gave braham Isaac and Jacob and ordained among His progeny Prophethood and revelation and we granted Him His reward In This life and He was In the Hereafter of the company of the Righteous " Qur'an :

"Remember that when braham was tested by his Lord with certain commands he fulfilled them God said: Surely I will make you the leader of mankind What about my offspring? sked braham My Covenant said God will **NOT** apply to the evil doers " Qur'an :

Here the claim of the children of Israel as "Chosen People of God" by only virtue of their descent from Abraham who was made "a leader of mankind" has been negated. It is conditional to the obedience of God by not doing evil acts. This is also understandable through common sense. The Bible also affirms:

"And I will establish my covenant between me and thee Abraham and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee" Genesis :

"Now therefore If ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:" Exodus :

They were chosen to be the vehicle of the message of God the highest honour which any nation can receive

“ and it shall be if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish as the nations which the LORD destroyed before your face so shall ye perish because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God ” Deuteronomy : -

The covenant with Abraham is narrated in Bible:

“ and I will make of you Abraham a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great and you shall be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless you and curse him that

curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed " Genesis : -

In Bible deliberate effort appears to have been made to change the words Qur'an: : to exclude Ishmael but he is still found to be addressed by God as seed of braham: " nd God said unto braham Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad and because of thy bondwoman in all that Sarah hath said unto thee hearken unto her voice for in Isaac shall thy seed be called nd also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation because he is thy seed"
_Genesis: : -

A controversy has raged between the followers of the Bible and the adherents of Islam as to which of

the sons of Abraham Ishmael or Isaac was offered as a sacrifice

It is important to note that a peculiar sanctity was attached to the first-born both of man and of cattle among people right since the time of Adam it was especially of great importance among the Israelites. God claimed that the first-born males of man and of animals should be consecrated to him the one as a priest

Exodus : representing the family to which he belonged and the other to be offered up in sacrifice

Genesis : The laws concerning this redemption of the first-born of man are recorded in Exodus : -
: : Numbers :
: : and Leviticus :

Even the first-fruits of the ground were offered unto God just as the first-born of man and animals

Ishmael without any doubt was first born son of Prophet braham peace be upon him The Bible is quite clear in designating the offering: "He said Take your son YOUR ONLY SON Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Mori'ah and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you Genesis : If at anytime an offspring of Prophet braham peace be upon him can be described as THINE ONLY SON: it could only be Ishmael because for more than THIRTEEN YEARS he was the only son and seed of braham God Almighty acknowledges Ishmael as the SON AND SEED of braham in the Book of Genesis t NO TIME was Isaac the only son and seed of braham The false pen of the scribe was in the hand of the Hebrews who edited the Books of

Moses as the prophet Jeremiah lament: "How do ye say We are wise and the law the Torah of the Lord is with us? Lo certainly in V IN made he it the PEN OF THE SCRIBE IS IN V IN " Jeremiah : When the Hebrews are found to convert an Israelite into an Ishmaelite when no motives are involved then how much easier for them to change the word you only son ISHM EL to : your only son Is c Hence the claim in Islamic traditions that the son offered for the sacrifice was Ishmael not Isaac stands validated This incidence took place at Makkah where Muslims celebrate this event every year during annual pilgrimage Hajj

Jacob's wife Leah's maidservant Zilpah bore him Gad and sher and Rachel's maidservant Bilhah bore

him Dan and Naphtali The children born through maidservants of wives of Jacob are not dealt with contempt in line with the prevalent custom where as in case of Ishmael born from Hager the prejudice and dichotomy of Israelites is too palpable Hagar was the wife of braham Genesis :

“ and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because thou hast obeyed my voice ”
Genesis :

Qur’an mentions the grant of revelations to the house of braham including Ishmael:

“Do they perchance envy other people for what God has granted them out of His bounty? But then We did grant revelation and wisdom unto the House of braham *aal Ibraahem*-Descendants and We did bestow on

them a mighty
dominion:" Qur'an :

" Iso mention In the Book the story
of Ishmael: He was strictly true to
what He promised and He was an
apostle and a prophet "
Qur'an :

The descendants obviously include the
progeny of Ishmael and Isaac peace be
upon them Jacob and his descendents
have been specially mentioned in addition
to braham's at Genesis : - &
Leviticus : while excluding Ishmael
from the covenant though was first born
son of braham his seed and a Prophet he
remains part of House of braham

Abraham's Legacy:

"Behold His Lord said to him: Bow
thy will to Me : He said: I bow my
will to the Lord and Cherisher of the

Universe and This was the legacy
that braham left to His sons and so
did Jacob Oh My sons God hath
chosen the Faith for you then die not
save as men who have surrendered
unto Him Were ye witnesses when
death appeared before Jacob? Behold
He said to His sons: What will ye
worship after me? They said: We
shall worship Thy God and the God of
Thy fathers of braham Ishmael and
Isaac One God and unto Him we
have surrendered " Qur'an : -

"They say: Become Jews or
Christians if ye would be guided to
salvation say thou: Nay I would
rather the Religion of braham the
True and He joined not gods with
God " Qur'an :

Covenant with Moses and Children of Israel:

It is described in Bible:

“Now therefore if you will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant then you shall be a special treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation These are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel and Moses came and called for the elders of the people and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him and all the people answered together and said All that the LORD has spoken we will do and Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD and the LORD said unto Moses Lo I come unto you in a

thick cloud that the people may hear when I speak with you and believe you forever and Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD and the LORD said unto Moses Go unto the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow and let them wash their clothes and be ready by the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai and you shall set bounds unto the people round about saying Take heed to yourselves that you go not up into the mount or touch the border of it: whosoever touches the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not a hand touch it but he shall surely be stoned or shot through whether it be beast or man it shall not live: when the trumpet sounds long they shall come up to the

mount and Moses went down from the mount unto the people and sanctified the people and they washed their clothes and he said unto the people Be ready by the third day: come not near your wives and it came to pass on the third day in the morning that there were thunders and lightning and a thick cloud upon the mount and the voice of the trumpet exceedingly loud so that all the people that were in the camp trembled and Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God and they stood at the lower part of the mount and mount Sinai was completely in smoke because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke of it ascended as the smoke of a furnace and the whole mount quaked greatly " Exodus : -

“O Children of Israel Remember the special favor which I bestowed upon you that I exalted you above all other nations” Qur’an :

Abraham & Ishmael while building Ka’ba prayed “O Lord make us both submissive to You Muslims and make our descendants a nation that will be submissive to You Muslims

Teach us our rites of worship and forbear our shortcomings surely You are the acceptor of repentance the Merciful” Qur’an :

Violation of Covenant is breaking the Covenant:

“ And if you shall despise my statutes or if your soul abhors my judgments so that you will not do all my commandments but that you break my covenant:”
Leviticus :

Covenant with Prophets & Decedents of Abraham:

The Mountain of Sinai Tur-u-Sinin a prominent mountain in the Arabian desert in the peninsula between the two arms of the Red Sea Here the Ten Commandments and the Law were given to Moses Hence it is now called the Mountain of Moses Jabal Musa The Israelites encamped at the foot of it for nearly a year The Covenant was taken from them under many portents Exodus: : which are described in Jewish tradition in great detail God says in Qur'an:

“Remember that when We took a Covenant from you and We lifted the Mount of Tur over your heads saying: Take what We have given you firmly and listen to Our Commandments you replied: we

have heard but we will not obey So much was the love of that calf in their hearts due to their unbelief Tell them: If you are real believers then why does your faith prompt you to do such evil things?" Qur'an :

Under thunder and lightening the mountain must indeed have appeared an awe-inspiring sight above to the Camp at its foot and the people solemnly entered into the Covenant: all the people answered together and said "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do But they said in their hearts: We shall disobey The Jewish traditions assume that all the spirits of decedents of Israel even to be born in future were present in some way to undertake the covenant

Moses asked them to enter the Promised Land:

“ Moses said O my people Enter the holy land which God has promised you and turn not back ignominiously for then will ye be overthrown to your own ruin Qur’an :

The spies reported that the land was rich but the men there were too strong for them The people of Israel had no courage and no faith and Moses remonstrated with them they had to suffer for forty years in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land

Children of Israel which was despised became a great and glorious nation under David and his son Solomon who had goodly territory and was doubly blest His land and people were prosperous and he was blessed with wisdom from God His sway and his fame spread east and west and thus promise of God with the Children of Israel was fulfilled:

“ and We made a people considered weak and of no account inheritors of lands in both east and west lands whereon We sent down our blessings

The fair promise of the Lord was fulfilled for the children of Israel

... ” Qur’an :

“ and after that We said unto the children of Israel: Dwell now securely on earth - but [remember that] when the promise of the Last Day shall come to pass We will bring you forth as [parts of] a motley crowd ” Qur’an :

Motley crowd denotes a human crowd composed of innumerable heterogeneous elements good and bad strong and weak fortunate and unfortunate: in short it characterizes mankind in all its aspects It is obviously used here to **refute once again** the idea that the children of Israel

are a **chosen people** by virtue of their brahamic descent and therefore a priori and invariably destined for God's grace. The Qur'an rejects this claim by stating that **on Resurrection Day all mankind will be judged and none will have a privileged position**

Special Covenant-Moses Jesus & Their Followers

To Believe in Prophet to Come (Muhammad pbuh):

This was the general covenant particularly with the Prophet Moses and Jesus still forms part of their scriptures: "The people who were given revelations earlier are bound by their own oaths sworn solemnly in the presence of their own Prophets: "Behold God took the covenant of the Prophets saying:

I give you a Book and Wisdom then comes to you an postle confirming what is with you do ye believe him and render him help God said: Do ye agree and take this My Covenant as binding on you? They said: We agree He said: Then bear witness and I am with you among the witnesses " Qur'an :

This covenant In the Old Testament as it now exists Muhammad pbuh is foretold to Moses:

"God speaks to Prophet Moses: I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren like unto thee and I will put my words in his mouth and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him and it shall come to pass that whosoever will not harken unto my words which he

shall speak in my name I will require
it of him Deuteronomy :

The rise of the rab nation in
Genesis : : -

Isaiah : - - : for
Kedar was a son of Ishmael and the
name is used for the rab nation

Covenant in The New Testament still Exists:

Muhammad pbuh is foretold in the
Gospel of John : the future
Comforter cannot be the Holy Spirit as
understood by Christians because the Holy
Spirit already was present helping and
guiding Jesus The Greek word translated
Comforter is Paracletos which is an
easy corruption from Pericytos which is
almost a literal translation of Muhammad
or hmad [More details about Prophecies of
Prophet Muhammad pbuh in Bible visit link:
<http://docs.google.com/View?id=dgxfvvcfjjcx>]

Further there were other Gospels that have perished but of which traces still remain which were even more specific in their reference to Muhammad e.g the Gospel of St Barnabas of which an Italian translation is extant in the State Library at Vienna It was edited in _____ with an English translation by Mr Lonsdale and Laura Ragg

[available _____ at _____ link:
http://rapidshare.com/files/_____/_____-Gospel Of Barnabas.pdf &
https://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=dgxfvv____c_c_xzwdc&hl=en]

Israelites Violated The Covenant:

With the passage of time the Israelites violated the Covenant as mentioned in Bible:

The Israelites became unfaithful to covenant engagements

Jeremiah : - :

Ezekiel :

Became rebellious against God

Deuteronomy : :

Isaiah : Exodus :

They often displeased God by their
sins Numbers :

Deuteronomy : Kings :

Isaiah : : -

They were punished by God for

Idolatry Psalms : -

Isaiah : - Unbelief

Romans : Breaking covenant

Isaiah : Jeremiah :

Transgressing the law Isaiah :

: - Changing the ordinances

Isaiah : and Killing the

prophets Mathew : - :

They were scattered among the nations Deuteronomy :
Ezekiel : :

Despised by the nations
Ezekiel : their country trodden
under foot by the Gentiles
Deuteronomy : -
Luke : Their house left
desolate Mathew : and were
deprived of civil and religious
privileges Hosea :

Jesus Christ Prophet for Israelites:

Finally God sent a prophet for the Israelites:

“Ye men of Israel hear these words Jesus of Nazareth a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you as ye yourselves also know:” cts :

“But he Jesus answered and said I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel” Matthew :

“From that time Jesus began to preach and to say Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand ” Matthew :

“These twelve disciples Jesus sent forth and commanded them saying Go not into the way of the Gentiles and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and as ye go preach saying The kingdom of heaven is at hand ” Matthew : -

Jesus said: “ and think not to say within yourselves We have braham to our father: for I say unto you that God is able of these stones to raise

up children unto
braham " Matthew :

Jews rejected Jesus and arranged to kill him Luke : - : - John -
though his innocence was also
acknowledged by Pilate the Roman ruler
John :

Deceived By Own Self-Invented Beliefs:

"The Jews and the Christians say:
We are the children of God and His
beloved ones sk them Why then
does He punish you for your sins?
Nay In fact **you are human beings
like others which He has created**
He forgives whom He pleases and He
punishes whom He pleases To God
belongs the sovereignty of the
heavens and the earth and all that is
between them and to Him is the
final refuge " Qur'an :

“This is because they say: The fire of Hell shall not touch us even if it does it will be for a few days In their religion they are deceived by their own self-invented beliefs What will they do when We will gather them together on the Day which is sure to come when every soul will be given what it has earned and there shall be no injustice?”
Qur’an : -

Thus the Children of Israel as a community did not adhere to the Covenant in totality though there were some exception

Some Exceptions:

“There are some among the people of the Book who truly believe in Allah and what has been revealed to you Muhammad and what has been revealed to them before you They humble themselves before Allah and

do not sell the revelations of Allah for a petty price For them there will be a reward from their God Surely Allah is very swift in settling the accounts Qur'an :

“Rest assured that the believers Muslims the Jews the Sabians and the Christians - whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day and does righteous deeds - will have nothing to fear or to regret” Qur'an :

“If they would have believed in Islam and kept themselves away from evil there would have been a better reward from Allah if they could understand it ” Qur'an :

Special Favors and Non Fulfillment of Covenant:

God addresses the children of Israel:

"O children of Israel Remember My favors to you fulfil your covenant with Me and I will fulfil My covenant with you that you should fear none but Me Believe in My revelations which are confirming your scriptures do not be the first one to deny My revelations and do not sell them for a petty price fear Me and Me alone Do not mix the Truth with falsehood or knowingly conceal the truth Qur'an : -

"...Do you believe in a part of your Holy Book and reject the rest? So what other punishment do such people among you who behave like this deserve than disgrace in this world and to be driven to grievous punishment on the Day of Judgment? God is not unaware of what you do "

Qur'an :

“ s for those who break their covenant with God after confirming it and cut asunder what God has commanded to be joined and create mischief in the land they are the ones on whom there shall be a curse and they are the ones who will have a terrible home ” Qur’an :

“Tell them: O people of the Book Do not transgress the bounds of truth in your religion and do not yield to the fancies of those people who went astray before you They misled many others and have themselves strayed away from The Right Way ” Qur’an :

Rebellion and Disbelief in Scriptures:

Rebelliousness of Jews has also been mentioned in Bible:

“ and the LORD said unto Moses I have seen this people and behold it is a stiff necked people: Exodus : ”

“Understand therefore that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness for thou art a stiff-necked people Remember and forget not how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt until ye came unto this place ye have been rebellious against the LORD Iso in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you ”

Deuteronomy : -

“Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadeshbarnea saying Go up

and possess the land which I have given you then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God and ye believed him not nor hearkened to his voice Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you " Deuteronomy : - "Remember thy servants braham Isaac and Jacob look not unto the stubbornness of this people nor to their wickedness nor to their sin": Deuteronomy :

God address the Jews & Christians

Through Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):

"Tell them: O people of the Book You have no ground to stand on unless you observe the Torah Gospel and other revelations that have come to you from your God This revelation The Qur'an which has come to you from your God will surely increase the

rebellion and disbelief of many of them but you should not grieve for the disbelievers” Qur’an :

“If they would have observed the Laws of Torah and the Gospel and other Revelations which were sent to them from their God they would have certainly enjoyed abundance from above and from beneath Though there are some among them on the moderate course but most of them do nothing but evil” Qur’an :

“Over shadowed by ignominy are they wherever they may be save when they bind themselves again in a bond with God and a bond with men for they have earned the burden of God’s condemnation and are over shadowed by humiliation: for all this has befallen them ” because they persisted in denying the truth of God’s

message and in slaying the prophets
against all right: transgressing the
bounds of what is
right” Qur’an :

“O people of the Book there hath
come to you Our Messenger
revealing to you much that ye used
to hide In the Book and passing over
much That is Now unnecessary
there hath come to you from God a
new light and a perspicuous
Book Qur’an : -

God Reminds The Covenant

Ask Jews and Christians to Obey The Final Prophet:

God says:

“Remember Allah's favor to you and the covenant by which He bound you to Himself when you said: We hear and we obey Have fear of God

surely God knows the secrets of your hearts " Qur'an :

"God accepted a covenant from the Children of Israel and appointed twelve chieftains from among them and said: I am with you if you establish Prayers *Salah* pay *Im*s *Zakah* believe in My postles support them [this includes Prophet Muhammad pbuh] and give a generous loan to God spend in charity I will certainly forgive you your sins and admit you to gardens beneath which the rivers flow However if any one of you after this violates this covenant he will indeed go astray from the Right Way Even after that they broke their covenant as a result We laid on them Our curse and hardened their hearts They tempered with words out of their

context and neglected much of what they were enjoined. You will always find most of them deceitful except for a few of them. Yet forgive them and overlook their misdeeds. God loves those who are kind to others. Likewise We also made a covenant with those who call themselves Christians but they too have neglected much of what they were enjoined. As a result, We stirred among them enmity and hatred which will last till the Day of Resurrection and soon God will inform them all of what they have done. O people of the Book, Jews and Christians. Now Our Messenger Muhammad has come to you to reveal much of what you have concealed from the Holy Books and to pass over much which is no longer necessary. There has come to you from God a new Light and a clear

Book Qur'an with which God will guide to the ways of peace all those who seek His good pleasure and bring them out of the depth of darkness into the light of His grace and guide them to the Right Way "

Qur'an : -

"Do you claim that braham Ishmael Isaac Jacob and their descendants were all Jews or Christians? re you more knowledgeable than God? Who is more wicked than the one who hides the testimony he has received from God? llah is not unaware of what you do " Qur'an :

"So if they argue with you O Muhammad tell them: I have submitted myself entirely to God and so have those who follow me Then ask those who are given the

Book and those who are illiterates:
Will you also submit yourselves to God? If they become Muslims they shall be rightly guided but if they turn back you need not worry because your sole responsibility is to convey the Message God is watching all His servants very closely " Qur'an :

Covenant Fulfillment with Abraham by Muslims:

The role of leadership of mankind to convey the message of God is now the responsibility of Muslims God says:

"We have made you a *umuh-wasta* middle central middle way nation so that you may testify against mankind and that your own Messenger Muhammad may testify against you " Qur'an :

The place of Remote House of Worship at Jerusalem is sacred to Muslims as well being their prayer direction for initial few months at Medina till changed to Makka the original house of worship built by braham and his son Ishmael Later it also became venue of Prophet's mystic journey Mara'j hence highly revered by Muslims:

"Glory to God Who transported His Servant Muhammad by night from the inviolable House of Worship at Makka to the Remote House of Worship at Jerusalem the environs of which we had
Blessed " Qur'an :

Muhammad sad [Leopold Weiss - Jewish convert to Islam] writes: "It should be noted that the Prophet's Night Journey from Mecca to Jerusalem immediately preceding his scension was apparently meant to show that Islam is not

a *new* doctrine but a continuation of the same divine message which was preached by the prophets of old who had Jerusalem as their spiritual home This view is supported by Traditions quoted in *Fath al-Bari* VII according to which the Prophet during his Night Journey also offered prayers at Yathrib Sinai Bethlehem etc His encounters with other prophets mentioned in this connection symbolize the same idea The well-known Traditions to the effect that on the occasion of his Night Journey the Prophet led a prayer in the Temple of Jerusalem in which all other prophets ranged themselves behind him expresses in a figurative manner the doctrine that Islam as preached by the Prophet Muhammad is the fulfillment and perfection of mankind's religious development and that Muhammad pbuh was the last and the greatest of God's message-bearers"

An Other Perspective:

Sheikh Ahmed Deedat may God bless him the renowned scholar and expert on Bible gives an other aspect with references from Bible Here is his perspective:

If you ask any Jew in Israel "Who gave you Palestine?" They have all programmed themselves with the idea of Genesis : Without the slightest hesitation every Jew will reply 'GOD ' That it was God Almighty who had given Palestine to the Jews But over % of the Israeli Jews if questioned "Do you believe in God?" They immediately respond with "NO " Yet these atheist and agnostic Jews falsely use God's name for their usurpation of the land of the Palestinians

EXAMINE THEIR FANCIFUL CLAIM :
Memorise the above verse in full – " and I will give unto thee all the land of

Canaan..." Gen 15 : It will prove invaluable against all Christian and Jewish Zionists So this is the Jewish "**Holy Tide Deed**" to see and bring about its fulfillment the Muslims have done nothing over the past thousand years to remove this misconception They have to convince the Jews and the Christians to the fact that morally and ethically the Jews have no right to Palestine

TRUE TEST OF PROPHECY: While the other Jews were keenly following the discussion as I told a Jew: 'What you have quoted from your Torah' the first Books of the Bible are common to both the Jews and Christians is a prophecy of what God Almighty had promised to Abraham and his descendants for ever " He replied 'Yes ' I said "God gives us in the Torah a test with which we can ascertain whether a prophecy attributed to Him is actually His Word or not He says and if thou say in thine heart

How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him. Holy Bible Deuteronomy

: -

I asked him "Is this a valid test?" To which he replied "Yes." I said "Then let us apply it to the - prophecy." The Torah says that on the death of Abraham and his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave... The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried and Sarah his wife. Holy Bible Genesis : -

And further the Bible testifies about God's unfulfilled "Promises" to the patriarch Abraham and the elders of Israel in these words: "These all died in faith, not having

received the promises but having seen them afar off Holy Bible Hebrews : ?
and can anything be more explicit than these statements from the Holy Writ and God said unto him Abraham Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and come into the land which I shall show thee Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran and from there when his father was dead he removed him into this land Palestine in which ye now dwell and he God gave him Abraham no inheritance in it NO NOT SO MUCH AS TO SET HIS FOOT UPON yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession and to his seed after him... Holy Bible Acts : -

STILL SOME GOOD JEWS: I asked my Jewish visitors whether these simple facts were "Gospel Truth" and to my amazement he as a spokesman the group answered

“YES ” This - confirmed for me this Qur’anic statement

TH T MONG THEM the Jews and the Christians RE MU’MINS Sincere faithful people BUT THE M JORITY OF THEM RE PERVERTED TR NSGRESSORS [Holy Qur'an :]

We must find ways and means of communicating with these Mu’mins – sincere godly people among the Jews and the Christians When my employer agreed that the facts of unfulfilled promises in the Bible were according to his knowledge correct I said “In that case God Imighty could never have made such promises God also confirms in the Holy Qur’an that if He makes a promise His promise MUST ‘come to pass’ in Deuteronomy :

THE PROMISE OF ALLAH IS TRUE Holy Qur’an :

The conclusion was that the Jewish title deed to Palestine based on the prophecy of Genesis 7:8 was invalidated by the test given in the last Will and Testament of Moses – Deuteronomy 8: For a reasonable Jew the discussion would be over But I wanted to pursue the dialogue further so I said “I am prepared to concede that God did make such a promise as – “I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession ”

ABRAHAM’S SEED: Conceding the point that the prophecy in question was authoritative I asked “Who is the seed of braham?” Without the slightest hesitation Mr Beare replied “We the Jews ” I said “No doubt you are the sons and seed of braham but are you the only seed? No less than in twelve places in the first Book

of the Bible Ishmael the progenitor of the
rabs is :spoken of as the son and seed of
braham nd Hagar bore bram changed
to braham by God in Genesis : a son:
and :

bram ceded his SON'S name whom
Hagar bore Ishmael Holy Bible Genesis
: nd braham took Ishmael his
SON... Genesis :

nd Ishmael his SON was thirteen
years old when he was circumcised in the
flesh

of his foreskin Holy Bible Genesis
: In the very same day was braham
circumcised and Ishmael his SON
Genesis :

nd his SONS Isaac and Ishmael buried
him in the cave of Machpelah in the field of
Ephron... Genesis :

Now these are the generations of Ishmael
Abraham's SON whom Hagar the
Egyptian... Genesis :

**If the Lord God disdaineth not to
recognise Ishmael as the SON and
SEED of Abraham in the Torah who are
we to deny him his patrimony** Indeed
God will not allow the rights of the "first-
born" to be jeopardised even if the child is
the offspring of a hated wife Deuteronomy
:

Why should not the Children of Ishmael the
Arabs and the Children of Isaac the Jews
live in peace and harmony and enjoy the
blessings of God together in the land of
promise?

IS MIGHT RIGHT ?

Theoretically the Jew was prepared to
concede the points but prejudices die hard
He retorted **"Palestine belonged to us**

we ruled it under David and Solomon ”

I said “Sir if having ruled a territory once by force of arms entitles you to repossess it then we Muslims if we had the power would equally be justified to re-conquer Spain We Muslims ruled that country for almost eight hundred years longer period of time than the Jews ever ruled parts of Palestine The only thing really worth seeing in Spain are the magnificent gardens and fountains and monumental buildings the Muslims left behind Does that entitle the Muslims to re-colonise Spain? And on the same basis would the Dutch be entitled to invade Indonesia because their ancestors” ruled it for three centuries? Or could the Italians lay claim to Britain because the Romans ruled it”? at one stage under Caesar No ” said Mr Beare “Those were foreign conquests but Palestine is our Motherland we have” ” only taken back what we have been wrongfully dispossessed

I beg your pardon " I said "there is a grave historical oversight on your part here The Jews also " under Joshua invaded Palestine over three thousand years ago and conquered the inhabitants of the land It was no virgin territory ready to be betrothed You conquered thirty kingdoms in as many days Joshua : Twelve united tribes of Israel against each divided village state with their little village chief whom you called "kings " So you knocked over the Amorites the Edomites the Philistines the Moabites the Hittites and other too numerous to mention You destroyed them utterly and they came back for more and again you "destroyed them utterly " and yet they " were there and they utterly destroyed all that was in the city both man and woman young and old and ox and sheep and ass with the edge of the sword Joshua :

CRY WITH RODINSON

With all the destruction of past present and future for Israel there is a perpetual spectre of war Without friendly co-operation with the Arabs there can be no solution to the Jewish problem in Palestine Morally and ethically the Jews have no right to Palestine Rodinson an elite Jew says - in his book - "Israel and the Arabs:

BUT FOR ONE THING THEY the Israelis
CANNOT BE SURE TO HAVE HISTORIC
RIGHT TO "PIECE OF TERRITORY
BECAUSE:

SOME OF THEIR ANCESTORS
SUPPOSEDLY INHIBITED IT TWO
THOUSAND YEARS GO

FOR NOTHING THEY OUGHT TO
RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAVE DONE
CONSIDERABLE WRONG TO OTHER
PEOPLE IN DEPRIVING THEM OF

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THE WRONG DONE TO THE ARABS BY
THE ISRAELIS IS VERY REAL With all the
admissions confessions and
mortifications the Jew persists – **WE
POSSESS PALESTINE WE KEEP
PALESTINE** Possession is nine-tenth of
the law This was the attitude of my
Jewish visitor too

So I asked "How did you meaning the
Jews possess it?" **By force of arms? "**
**Then by force of arms the Arabs
have every right to seek to
repossess their homeland**

PART II: ENCAPSULATION THROUGH HISTORY:

The human habitation in Palestine is recorded to exist at least 10,000 years back. Evidence of the domestication of plants and animals can be dated to about 8000 BC. The most notable achievement of the ancient Palestinians was the development of a linear alphabet originated by the Canaanites in the 3rd millennium BC and picked up by the Phoenicians and Israelites about 1000 BC. The occupation of Palestine by the Hebrews to whom the area was known as Canaan was probably completed by the end of the 12th century BC. Palestine also remained under Egyptian control from about 1500 to 332 B C E Before Christian Era.

From the Biblical verses mentioned above read in the light of Qur'an and the history it may be encapsulated that

Patriarch and Prophet Abraham (p.b.u.h) [around 2000 B.C.E.] upon successful trial by God was made the leader of mankind and obedient people among his progeny not evil doers. Then names of his sons Isaac and grandson Jacob have been mentioned they were selected for special purpose by God. Hence initially the Prophethood was kept among their descendants while Ishmael, forefather of Arabs and Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h) the eldest son of Abraham was also a prophet of God.

Fulfillment of Covenant &

Children of Israel [2nd Century B.C.E. - 7th C.E.]

The Promised Land God has blessed for all the people of the world. Abraham settled there and was buried there. Prophet Jacob (p.b.u.h) and his children moved to Egypt during the time of Prophet Joseph (p.b.u.h). This immigration

took place probably about 1500 years before
period of Prophet Moses peace be upon
him may be around 1500 B C The
Israelis prospered until the Hyksos Kings
were deposed in Egypt 1550 B C E
thereafter once their influence in the court
diminished Israelites were persecuted as
aliens and forced into slavery It was
Prophet Moses peace be upon him who
delivered his people from Egyptian slavery
in early 13th Century B C E to be later
reunited with other Hebrew tribes with
whom they retained a sense of kinship The
land Canaan was given to the children of
Israel over much after their move out of
Egypt around 1200th Century B C E under
the leadership of Prophet Moses pbuh

'Shiloh': The Real First Israeli Temple:

After the Israelite conquest of Canaan the
Tabernacle [Hebrew 'Mishkan'
dwelling] in Jewish history the portable

sanctuary constructed by Moses as a place of worship for the Hebrew tribes during the period of wandering that preceded their arrival in the Promised Land] and the Ark of the Covenant [The ornate gold-plated wooden chest that in biblical times housed the two tablets of the Law given to Moses by God. The Ark rested in the Holy of Holies inside the Tabernacle] were installed in 'Shiloh' a Canaanite town that became the central sanctuary site of the Israelite confederacy during the Period of the Judges 12th- 11th century BC. The Ark was captured by the Philistines 1010 B C E and Shiloh was soon thereafter destroyed. Excavations at Khirbat Sayun, Jordan during 1985-1988 suggest that Shiloh remained a ruin for several centuries. Historically and spiritually 'Shiloh' is the actual site of 1st Temple of Hebrews not even mentioned now.

Period of the Judges: (12th- 10th century B C E)

For roughly two centuries Hebrews had existed as a loose confederation of tribes dependent for their unity upon bonds of religious faith and covenant that were renewed periodically in cultic ceremonies at the central shrine at 'Shiloh' By Saul's day however the tribal rallies were no match for the superior iron weapons and chariots of the Philistines who were pressing ever deeper into the central highlands

Saul the First king of Israel (1000 - 925 BC)

Saul Hebrew Sha`ul the first king of Israel was made king by the league of Israelite tribes in a desperate effort to strengthen Hebrew resistance to the growing threat from locals He defended Israel against numerous enemies

St Temple Constructed by Solomon:

Saul was succeeded by King and Prophet David and then Solomon th century B C E The construction of the First Temple as called by Hebrews disregarding 'Shiloh' the temple for first two centuries was started during the reign of Prophet Solomon peace be upon him and completed in B C E The reign of Prophet David and Solomon peace be upon them was the golden period in the history of Hebrews Term Jews had not yet evolved a later development

Hebrews after King & Prophet Solomon (pbuh):

The persistent disobedience to God resulted in the divine punishment The kingdom got divided after the death of King and Prophet Solomon peace be upon him Two independent Jewish kingdoms

were established in Palestine after
B C E the ten northern tribes constituting
the 'Kingdom of Israel' were known as
Israelites to distinguish them from 'Jews' in
the southern 'Kingdom of Judah' The
northern kingdom was conquered by the
Assyrians in B C E which led to the
partial dispersion of the northern tribes
and their gradual assimilation by other
peoples Legends thus refer to them as
the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel Thereafter
the name Israelite referred to those who
were still distinctively Jewish namely
descendants of the Kingdom of Judah God
sent many prophets for their guidance
some are mentioned by name like Elisha
8th Century B C Elijah 9th Century B C
Isaiah 7th Century B C Jonah
flourished around 7th B C at Nineveh
Jeremiah - 6th Century B C Job Book of
Job written around 10th Century B C

Ezekiel 5th Century B C and Daniel 6th Century B C

Destruction of 1st Temple & Babylonian Exile:

The history of the Israelites from 586 B C E time forward is predominantly the history of the tribe of Judah hence called Jews The southern Kingdom of Judah thrived until 586 - 587 B C E when it was overrun by the Babylonians Nebuchadnezzar who destroyed the 1st Temple and carried off many of the inhabitants into exile it was beginning of 'Diaspora' Greek "dispersion" Historically Diaspora Jews outnumbered the Jews in Palestine even before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 C E Thereafter the chief centers of Judaism shifted from country to country e.g. Babylonia Persia Spain France Germany Poland Russia and the U S and Jewish communities gradually adopted distinctive

languages rituals and cultures some submerging themselves in non-Jewish environments more completely than others While some lived in peace others became victims of violent anti-Semitism While the vast majority of Jews have supported Zionism [n organized movement of world Jewry that arose in Europe in the late 19th century with the aim of reconstituting a Jewish state in Palestine Modern Zionism is concerned with the development and support of the state of Israel more follows] Orthodox Jews go so far as to oppose the modern State of Israel on the grounds that it is a godless and secular state defying God's will to send his messiah at the time he has preordained

'Cyrus the Great' Return of Jews & nd Temple:

When the Persians conquered Babylonia in 539 B C E 'Cyrus the Great' allowed the

Jews to return to their homeland where they soon set to work to replace the magnificent Temple of Jerusalem that the Babylonians had destroyed The 2nd Temple was completed from 520 - 516 B C Ezra Prophet Uzair peace be upon him returned to Jerusalem in 458 B C to reform the society according to Mosaic Law So important was he in the eyes of his people that later tradition regarded him as no less than a second Moses The 3rd century C E Jewish tribes in Arabia even revered by calling him son of God Qur'an : Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in 445 B C

Palestine under Greco-Roman Rule:

In 332 B C E Greek culture was introduced into the Middle East with the conquests of Alexander the Great Ptolemy I 323 - 283 B C a general in army of ' Alexander the Great' who succeeded him as ruler of Egypt

established an Egyptian dynasty of Macedonian kings - B C Palestine was ruled by the Ptolemaic kings of Egypt throughout the 3rd century B C In 63 B C Palestine fell to the Seleucids a Hellenistic dynasty founded by Seleucus I after the death of Alexander the Great It ruled much of Asia Minor from 333 to 63 B C The Maccabean were a family of Jewish patriots of the second and first centuries B C who were active in the liberation of Judea from Syrian rule The Maccabean revolt - 167 B C ended as a successful war for Judean political independence from Syria The Jews were ruled by the high priests like Alexander Jannaeus - 103 B C Alexander - 70 B C Aristobulus II - 103 B C and Hyrcanus - 103 B C

Pompey conquered Palestine for Rome in 63 B C Pompey also seeing in Hyrcanus a means of controlling Judaea restored him

to the high priesthood and some semblance of civil authority Herod was appointed king of Judaea - B C E by Romans Hyrcanus was allowed by Herod to return to Jerusalem six years later he had him executed

Prophet Jesus Christ (pbuh) & Christianity:

Prophet Jesus peace be upon him the last messenger for the Israelites was born in or B C E Herod Antipas became the ruler of Judea and tetrarch in Galilee B C - C E Prophet Jesus Christ was sent to ease the tough restrictions imposed on Jews due to hardness of their hearts and to guide them They humiliated him and tried to kill him God took up his prophet though it was made to appear as if they killed him Later some of his followers dominated the actual monotheistic followers of Jesus Christ they created a different faith totally opposed to

the monotheistic teachings of Jesus Christ and they came to be known as 'Christians'. They consider Jesus as son of God and incarnate God, part of the Trinity, miraculously born to virgin Mary, performed miracles, died at the cross for the sins of humanity, raised up on the 3rd day and ascended to Heaven to be returned before the day of Judgment.

Islam & Jesus Christ:

According to Islamic traditions, Jesus Christ was miraculously born to virgin Mary, performed miracles, did not die at the cross, raised up, will return before the day of Judgment, break the cross, and kill swine, will rule the earth according to Shari'a of Qur'an, and will die a natural death. [Any negative view about Prophet Jesus Christ, his mother Mary, or any other Prophet of God is considered high blasphemy in Islam.] Mary, the

mother of Jesus Christ is highly revered in Qur'an a whole Chapter No is named as 'Mary' she being a chaste women have been exalted over all the women of the world God made her and her son a sign for the whole world Quran : :

Jesus Ridiculed in Jewish Texts:

Jews do not consider Jesus as messenger of God or in his miraculous birth The Talmud claims that this Yeshu Jesus was the son of a Jewish woman named Miriam Mary who was betrothed to a carpenter more accurately their marriage was in the stage of kiddushin where she is legally his wife but not yet living with him or having sexual relations with him She [Miriam Mary] was either raped or voluntarily slept with a Greek or Roman soldier known as Pandeira and Yeshu was the product of that union Because of the status of Miriam's marriage Yeshu is considered to

be a mamzer the product of an adulterous or incestuous relationship The Talmud describes Yeshu as a heretic who dabbled in sorcery and lead the people astray into idolatry He was stoned to death by the Sanhedrin for his crimes and in accordance with the procedure for heretics his dead body was hung in a tree until nightfall after his death ”

Allah says:

“Those of the children of Israel who went astray were cursed by the tongue of David and of Jesus son of Mary That was because they rebelled and used to transgress” Qur’an :

Development after Prophet Jesus Christ (pbuh):

Christianity was originally a movement of Jews who accepted Prophet Jesus Christ

peace be upon him as the prophet and messiah but the movement quickly became predominantly Gentile non-Jewish with change in the doctrine acceptable to the Greco-Roman pagans. The early church was shaped by St Paul and other Christian missionaries and theologians who declared Prophet Jesus Christ peace be upon him to be the Son of God the second person of the Holy Trinity that God's love for the world is the essential component of his being and that Prophet Jesus Christ peace be upon him died to redeem humankind from the Original Sin sin committed by Adam by disobeying God. Those who followed the teachings of Prophet Jesus Christ peace be upon him were persecuted and marginalized.

The Christians were persecuted under the Roman Empire but by winning over Constantine I the Emperor of Rome -

C E who adopted the Christian faith and suspended the persecution of Christians the situation was reversed In C E he issued with Licinius the Edict of Milan granting tolerance to Christians he also gave land for churches and granted the church special privileges He opposed other groups notably following Donatism Fourth century C E North frica sect which believed in sanctity as requisite for church membership and administration of all sacraments and Arianism The doctrines of Arius denying that Prophet Jesus peace be upon him was of the same substance as God and holding instead that he was only the highest of created beings and convoked the important Council of Nicaea in C E He rebuilt Constantinople now Istanbul as the new Rome C E

Jews after Prophet Jesus (peace be upon him):

After Pontius Pilate Herod Agrippa I the grandson of Herod I the Great was appointed the king of Judea - CE by Roman Emperor He displayed great acumen in conciliating the Romans and Jews Herod Agrippa II a great-grandson of Herod I the Great was the king of Chalcis in southern Lebanon and south Syria from CE who unsuccessfully mediated with the rebels in the Jewish Revolt of - CE The entire kingdom passed under Roman rule in CE and was reconstituted as the procuratorial province of Judea

Jewish Revolt and Destruction of nd Temple:

Disturbances were frequent caused by maladministration The incompetence and anti-Jewish posture led in CE to the

decisive and final outbreak of revolt. The Greeks massacred the Jews in many towns of Palestine. In turn, the Jews responded by slaughtering Gentiles in Samaria, Galilee, and elsewhere. The Jews were successful in an early engagement against the governor of Syria. In 66 C.E., however, Vespasian, the future emperor, with his son Titus, arrived with force and the war became increasingly bitter. By the end of 70 C.E., Galilee was captured, and Judea was reduced in three campaigns, which ended with the fall of Jerusalem in 70 C.E. The Temple was destroyed, and the city became the permanent garrison town of a Roman legion. By 135 C.E., all the Jewish resistance had ceased.

After the destruction of Jerusalem:

The Jews, deprived of the Temple, founded a new religious centre in the rabbinical school of Jamnia (Jabneh). The revolt in

C E was put down In C E the emperor Hadrian decided to build a Roman colony elia Capitolina on the site of Jerusalem The announcement of his plan as well as his ban on circumcision revoked later but only for the Jews provoked a much more serious revolt led by Bar Kokhba It was ruthlessly repressed by Julius Severus more than half a million people were killed In Judea proper the Jews seem to have been virtually exterminated but they survived in Galilee Tiberias in Galilee became the seat of the Jewish patriarchs No Jew was thenceforth allowed to set foot in Jerusalem or the surrounding districts This prohibition apparently was relaxed some time later to permit Jews to enter Jerusalem once in an year on the Day of Mourning

While this ban was officially still in force as late as the th century C E there is some

evidence that Jews visited the city at certain festival times about the time the Bar Kokhba revolt was crushed C E Hadrian Emperor of Rome proceeded to convert Jerusalem into a Greco-Roman city He also erected temples dedicated to Jupiter and himself on the site of the destroyed Temple of Jerusalem The Jewish presence however remained strong in Galilee The Jews have flourished financially all over the Christendom for centuries however they were ill treated as hated community branded as killers of Prophet Jesus peace be upon him and money lenders They were confined to ghettos Jews enjoyed freedom in the Islamic world especially in the Muslim Spain till expelled by Christians only to be welcomed again by Muslims in Ottoman Turkey

Palestine under Christian Rule:

With the conversion of Constantine I to Christianity early in the 4th century C E a new era of prosperity began for Palestine. The emperor himself built a magnificent church on the site of the Holy Sepulcher, the most sacred of Christian holy places. His mother, Helena, built two others: at the place of the Nativity at Bethlehem and of the Ascension in Jerusalem, and his mother-in-law, Eutropia, built a church at Mamre. Palestine began to attract floods of pilgrims from all parts of the empire. It also became a great centre of the eremitic life: men flocked from all quarters to become hermits in the Judaean wilderness, which was soon dotted with monasteries. Eventually, Juvenal, bishop of Jerusalem from 380 to 405 C E, achieved his ambition and was recognized by the Council of Chalcedon.

C E as patriarch of the three provinces of Palestine

Jewish Revolt Suppressed by Christians:

There was a revolt of the Jews in Galilee in C E which was suppressed by the Caesar Gallus Under Marcian reigned - C E and again under Justinian I reigned - C E the Samaritans revolted Palestine like Syria and Egypt was also troubled by the Monophysite Controversy a debate among Christians who disagreed with the Council of Chalcedon's assertion that the person of Prophet Jesus Christ comprised two natures human and divine Gradually however the Chalcedonian doctrine gained ground and Palestine became a stronghold of orthodoxy

Palestine under Persians [6 5-6 8]:

part from these disturbances the country enjoyed peace and prosperity until 614 C E when Khosrow II king of Persia launched an invasion His troops captured Jerusalem

614 C E destroyed churches and carried off the True Cross Earlier Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him the descendent of Prophet Ishmael peace be upon him had already received the first revelation in 610 C E at Mecca Arabia In

622 C E when total destruction of Byzantine Empire seemed imminent the victory of Christians over Persians in the coming years was prophesied in Qura'n : - accordingly in 628 C E the Byzantine emperor Heracles recovered Palestine and he subsequently restored the True Cross to Jerusalem not knowing that years later Jerusalem was to fall to the

true followers of legacy of Prophet Ibrahim
peace be upon him

Change of Leadership role to Children of Ishmael:

God had made a Covenant with the prophets specially mentioned are Moses and Jesus that: they and by implication their followers will believe and help the prophet to come Muhammad pbuh whose signs were mentioned in their scriptures which still exist in the Old Testament and New Testament

Due to their disobedience and continuous transgression the Children of Israel proved them to be unworthy of leadership of mankind God in His wisdom and in fulfilment of His covenant with Ibrahim shifted the 'leadership of mankind' from the Children of Israel to the Children of Ishmael by appointing Muhammad peace

be upon him as His last Prophetst Revelation C E for the mankind till eternity Though already prophesized in their scriptures some Jews and Christians accepted him as a prophet many among the children of Israel and those claiming to be the followers of Jesus Christ declined hence not only violated the covenant but transgressed They are at loss by disbelieving in the Prophet and scripture

No Inheritance to Chosen People without Good Deeds:

There is no special status for Chosen People or Chosen Race due to inheritance only The true faith *Eman* and good deeds are the normal criteria for reward and punishment

Every human being is equally responsible for his/her faith and deeds God is Just there is one standard of justice for all the

human being No one will be wronged on the day of judgement Faithful believers of God and true followers of His messengers will be entitled for forgiveness of sins if God desires He may do what ever He likes

No peace of land is permanently allotted to the 'Chosen Race' for ever God fulfilled His promise despite violations and transgressions by the Children of Israel at the time of David and Solomonth Century B C E

With the shift of leadership of mankind from the Children of Israel to the last Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him and his followers Children of Ishmael the obligations responsibilities of Covenant with braham along with the privileges and blessings also shifted

Jerusalem & Muslim Rule [6 7-9 7 C E]



The most sacred sites in Islam are the three mosques houses of worship of God Ka'ba Prophet's Mosque in Medina and I- qsa Mosque at Jerusalem This indicates the importance Islam attaches to Monotheism Tawhid The site of I- qsa Mosque in Jerusalem is sacred to Muslims

for three main reasons: The Second House of Worship of One God built by Solomon the first one being Ka'ba built by Ibrahim & Ishmael at Makka : Venue of Prophet's ascend to heaven Mair'aj and leading the prayer which was attended by all the prophets at this blessed place The Initial Direction of Prayer *Qibla* of Muslims part from their religious significance they are also of great historical value Sa'id bin I-Musayyib reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him said You should not undertake a special journey to visit any place other than the three Mosques: the Sacred Mosque of Makkah this mosque of mine at Medina and I- qsa Mosque of Jerusalem This is reported by Bukhari Muslim and Abu Dawud Fiqh-us-Sunna Volume Number c Traveling to these three mosques is prescribed because of their special position in Islam Allah's

Messenger peace be upon him said
"Prayer in the mosque of qsa i e Bayt al-
Maqdis has a reward of fifty thousand
prayers his prayer in my mosque the
Prophet's mosque in Medina has a reward
of fifty thousand prayers and the prayer in
the Sacred Mosque Ka'bah at Makkah has
a reward of one hundred thousand prayers
Transmitted by Ibn Majah I-Tirmidhi
Hadith Narrated by nas ibn Malik

In C E Palestine came under the
control of the Muslims thus began the
golden era of years of peace and
stability in Jerusalem and Palestine The
Blessed Land for all The Muslims Jews
and Christians lived in harmony and peace
Muslims the decedents of braham are
adherents of true legacy of braham
proved themselves to be worthy of the
custodianship of the heritage Caliph Omar
himself cleaned the garbage from the holy

site and the house of Worship of God
Mosque was built in continuation of
legacy this is known as Omar Mosque near
the Dome of Rock built later in Umeyyad
period

Crusaders [095- 9] Shatter Peace of Jerusalem



The term Crusade is commonly used to refer to military expeditions organized by Western Christians against Muslim powers

in order to take possession of or maintain control over the Holy City of Jerusalem and the places associated with Jesus Christ. The peace of Jerusalem was shattered by the Crusaders who in 1099, on the call of Pope Urban II, set out and captured Jerusalem in 1099. They brutally killed around 70,000 Muslims and Jews. Between 1099 and 1291, when the First Crusade was launched and 1291 when the Muslims finally expelled Latin Christians from their bases in Syria, historians have formally enumerated eight major expeditions. Many other lesser ventures also took place and even after 1291 there were attempts to recover what had been lost.

One of the greatest of the Muslim leaders and a man devoutly religious and deeply committed to *jihad* was Sultan Saladin. He expelled the crusaders in 1187 without any Christian being killed. He died in 1193, not

long after the departure of the Third Crusade Later in Crusade Richard the Lion hearted executed around Muslims in the Castle of cre



Saladin was respected by his opponents His death led once again to divisions in the Muslim world and his successors were

willing to continue a state of truce with the crusaders which lasted into the early years of the 12th century. The truce was politically and economically advantageous to both sides and the Italians were quick to make profitable trade connections in Egypt. The Franks were able to adjust themselves to a new situation and to organize what in effect was a new titular kingdom of Jerusalem centering at Crete generally known as the Second Kingdom.

Europe's fear of Muslim power was such that the Crusade idea continues to persist well into the 17th century & beyond. The conviction that in certain circumstances war might be just became more deeply enrooted in the conscience of the West along with the now generally accepted use of the word 'Crusade' to denote any common endeavour in a worthy cause. This is one of the most enduring

results of the movement Use of term 'Crusade' by US President George Bush against suspected militants after / reflects the same mindset

Peaceful Coexistence in Ottoman Rule - 5 4- 9 7

Jerusalem came under years of Ottoman rule [-] This was an other era of peace justice and mutual co-existence of Muslims Christians and Jews This ended on the fall of Ottoman Empire through British treachery revolt of rabs incited by British through rab nationalism intrigue and deceit

Well known Orientalist 'Karin rmstrong' in her book 'The Battle for God' writes that the Jews under Muslims rule were not oppressed as there is no tradition of anti-Semitism in Islamic world They Jews enjoyed complete religious freedom and could settle their issues through their own

laws they were much more interdependent than the Jews of Europe in mainstream cultural activities and trade

Muslims and Christian Chasm:

Many misconceptions exist in the West about Islam and Muslims which were deliberately created by the Christian clergy and medieval rulers to disguise the true message of Islam to justify their hostility towards Islam W Montgomery Watt a Western scholar observed: "Among the world's major religions it is certainly Islam that the West has the most difficulty in approaching objectively The reason for this are rooted in past history Because of the crusades in the 11th and 12th centuries many people in the West wanted the religion of Islam to be better known But the image they portrayed of Islam can quite accurately be qualified as 'distorted' Western opinion about Islam and Muslims

was based for centuries on the distorted image " The major misconceptions created in the minds of westerners against Islam and Muslims may be summed up as:

The God of Islam is different to the God of Jews and Christians He is a ruthless God urging Muslims to kill any one not believing in their faith

Muslims are pagans who worship a black cubical structure at Makkah

The Prophet of Islam was a warrior and conqueror who did not believe in the human rights and preached violence

Islam was spread with the sword

The scripture of Islam is based on the Old and New Testaments

The women are treated as subhuman by the Muslims polygamy and veil are to

exploit the women they have no human rights

The Islamic Law Shari'a is very harsh is based on strict punishment without meeting the requirements of justice it awards flogging cutting of hand and stoning to death all primitive laws of ancient times

Muslims hate the Western values considering them as theraat hence they resort to aggression and violence as a means to undermine and destroy Western values so that they can enforce their values on the West

Illusion of 'Chosen Race' & Zionist Movement:

Still obsessed with the illusion of 'Chosen Race' Jews wanted to get 'The Promised Land' [Palestine and Jerusalem] the Christian West hate Jews due to historic

alleged killers of Jesus Christ and economic reasons control economy being money lenders During the French Revolution the Jews acquired civil equality which facilitated them to realise their old cherished dreams

Thus the seeds of the Zionist movement were sown by Austrian journalist Theodor Herzl who founded political Zionism derived from Mount Zion Moriah site of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem Thus began the process of settlement of Jews in Palestine at the cost of expulsion of Palestinians through all means including coercion money pressure and massacre through terrorism The Holocaust [unfortunate and regrettable event] acted as a catalyst later it was well exploited by Jews to achieve their aim Prior to it in British through Balfour Declaration supported the establishment of a national

homeland for Jews in Palestine provided that the rights of existing communities would be safeguarded [self contradictory statement]

The Largest ` th Tribe- Jews by Conversion:

The `right of return' is a founding principle of Israel This implies that the Jews who have settled in the Zionist state are the descendants of the original twelve Israeli tribes of who went into exile and for centuries lived in the Diaspora further inference is that most of the Jews living in Israel and elsewhere are Semites descended from ancestors who came from the Middle East But what if most Jews today are not of Semitic stock at all? How would this affect their claim to be the 'chosen people' with a claim to the Promised Land? These are some of the questions raised by Arthur Koestler in his remarkable

book "The Thirteenth Tribe" Written in
 it has been out of print since
 [Koestler himself a Jew and at one time an
 active Zionist]



The author mentions that around 730 C.E. something remarkable happened in Khazaria northern Caucasus region Central

Eurasia : its ruler and his immediate family and court converted to Judaism [Medieval Jewish Kingdom] Historians have long speculated on the reasons for this seemingly bizarre decision The consensus is that since the empire was located between the Muslim Caliphate and Christian Byzantium the Kagan sought to shield his people and his kingdom from the ideological pull of either power centre by opting for an older and much respected faith n additional factor in his calculus might have been the presence of many Jews in his kingdom who had fled persecution in Christian lands

In their three centuries of decline many Khazar tribes migrated westwards into East Europe and especially to Hungary Poland and Lithuania When Genghis Khan's Golden Horde broke apart in the th century the anarchy its disintegration spread forced

many settled Khazars to move westwards for a living. Soon the steppes were emptied of farmers and craftsmen. Colonies were established in Russia and in other East European lands. The fact that as early as a Papal legate decreed that Jews should not be permitted to construct more than one synagogue per town indicates their growing numbers in Europe. It is Koestler's thesis — and he is supported by many scholars — that most European, American and Israeli Jews today are descendants of the Khazars and not the original twelve tribes.

In a concluding appendix Koestler writes: "While this book deals with past history it unavoidably carries certain implications for the present and future... [and] it may be maliciously misinterpreted as a denial of the State of Israel's right to exist..." He goes on to say quite correctly: "Whether the

chromosomes of its people contain genes of Khazar or Semitic Roman or Spanish origin is irrelevant and cannot affect Israel's right to exist — nor the moral obligation of any civilized person Gentile or Jew to defend that right..." However having acquired their state Zionists cannot really claim to be the 'chosen people' and occupy Palestinian lands on that basis as we have seen far too many have descended from The 13th Tribe for them to lay claim to all the Promised Land writes Irfan Husain in his article "The Promised Land & the 'Thirteenth Tribe"

Change of Heart-Why Christians Favor Jews?

The centuries long Christians abomination of Jews being alleged killer of their God [Son of God Jesus Christ] and due to their dominant position as controller of economy need no elaboration Then what happened

suddenly in th century that this hatred anti-Semitism got converted to the love for the Jews to get them a home land? The answer is not that simple it requires deep pondering

The Jews though a very small group among the community of nations Total: Millions % of world population enjoy disproportionate high status due to their strong hold at the international economy financial system and media specially of US and Europe They have worked hard to remain abreast with the latest knowledge scientific development and have positively contributed in the scientific discoveries and development of host countries Their full control over international media which acts as a tool to mould the national and international public opinion in their favour with impunity Through superior diplomacy they have been able to create conditions

where by the American and Europeans fully support the Israeli cause employing all means including use of force They are getting lot of support from the Evangelicals

Evangelist Christians & Neo Conservatives [Neocons]:

Evangelicals are basically Protestants who believe that each individual has a need for spiritual rebirth and personal commitment to Jesus Christ as savior through faith in his atoning death on the cross commonly although not necessarily through a specific conversion experience They emphasize strict orthodoxy on cardinal doctrines morals and especially on the authority of the Bible They reject the official interpretation of dogma by the Roman Catholic Church Many Evangelicals follow a traditional pre-critical interpretation of the Bible and insist on its inerrancy freedom from error in history as well as in faith and

morals They may be considered as Christian Fundamentalists

The influential pro-Israel Evangelical Christians in the United States believe that until the ancient land of Israel is restored to the Jews in the holy land the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and therefore Armageddon will not occur according to this dogma until these events take place good Christians will not be raised to the Kingdom of Heaven This doctrine goes to the very foundation of the state of Israel and the open-ended support it receives from the United States they enter the realm of politics The Neocons have also been lured in so this politically powerful lobby in US has been made to serve the Jewish cause well

The Jews have used their power and influence not only to establish the state of Israel but the continuous suppression of

Palestinians the main threat to the world peace The European Jews could have given land in Europe to redress the atrocities Christian West had committed against them for centuries Creating Israel was an act of blatant colonization oppression and violation of all international rules and customs The European Christians and Americans achieved many objectives in one go only few are mentioned here:-

Getting rid of Jewish problem by settling them away from the mainland Europe

Controlling the oil rich and geostrategically important Middle East through their conny

Creating a permanent trouble spot to embroil the rabs Muslims and Jews in a never ending conflict with religious overtones there by controlling their economies resources and maintaining military and economic hegemony

To please the Evangelist Christians & Neocons as known now growing in influence and power for religious and political reasons

Colonization of Palestine:



In 1948 before partition of Palestine there were 1.5 million Palestinians and 0.5 million Jews in Palestine mostly immigrants not locals In 1948 Palestine was partitioned by the United Nations the ill equipped Haganah could not stand to the

well trained Zionist forces of terror hardened in 1st World War By Zionist had captured 78% of Palestine The Palestinians were expelled form their homes in distress In 1948 Jews owned only 7% land in Palestine By the time the state was established it had confiscated 78% of the land



Later Israelis extended their occupation to the West Bank Gaza Golan

Heights and even part of Lebanon They captured but returned Sinai under a deal with Egyptians While the miseries of Palestinians continue there is no end to this conflict in sight The numerous resolutions adopted by United Nations Organization have been blatantly rejected by Israel since its creation The low intensity resistance through Intifada by Hamas continues The disunity among PLO and Hamas on power struggle is providing good opportunities to Israel to increase the settlements for more and more land grabbing



Palestinian Expulsions



The Real Agenda- Future Plans of Zionists:

Some recorded historic statements by the Israeli Zionist leaders appended below are self explanatory

If I were an rab leader I would never sign an agreement with Israel It is normal we have taken their country It is true God promised it to us but how

could that interest them? Our God is not theirs There has been anti-Semitism the Nazis Hitler Auschwitz but was that their fault? They see but one thing: we have come and we have stolen their country Why would they accept that?
David Ben Gurion the first Israeli Prime Minister quoted by Nahum Goldmann in *Le Paradoxe Juif*
The Jewish Paradox pp

We will have to face the reality that Israel is neither innocent nor redemptive and that in its creation and expansion we as Jews have caused what we historically have suffered a refugee population in Diaspora
Martin Buber Jewish Philosopher addressed Prime Minister Ben Gurion on the moral character of the state of Israel with reference to the Arab refugees in March

“The present map of Palestine was drawn by the British mandate The Jewish people have another map which our

youth and adults should strive to fulfill --
From the Nile to the Euphrates Bin
Gurion

Has any People ever been seen to give up their territory of their own free will? In the same way the rabs of Palestine will not renounce their sovereignty without violence Vladimir Jabotinsky the founder and advocate of the Zionist terrorist organizations Quoted by Maxime Rodinson in Peuple Juif ou Problem Juif Jewish People or Jewish Problem

Every time we do something you tell me
merica will do this and will do that I
want to tell you something very clear:
Don't worry about merican pressure on
Israel We the Jewish people control
merica and the mericans know it
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon October
to Shimon Peres as reported on Kol
Yisrael radio

We have to kill all the Palestinians unless they are resigned to live here as slaves Chairman Heilbrun of the Committee for the Re-election of General Shlomo Lahat the mayor of Tel Aviv October

Zionist colonization must either be terminated or carried out against the wishes of the native population This colonization can therefore be continued and make progress only under the protection of a power independent of the native population - an iron wall which will be in a position to resist the pressure to the native population This is our policy towards the Arabs Vladimir Jabotinsky The Iron Wall

voluntary reconciliation with the Arabs is out of the question either now or in the future If you wish to colonize a land in which people are already living you must provide a garrison for the land or

find some rich man or benefactor who will provide a garrison on your behalf Or else-or else give up your colonization for without an armed force which will render physically impossible any attempt to destroy or prevent this colonization colonization is impossible not difficult not dangerous but IMPOSSIBLE Zionism is a colonization adventure and therefore it stands or falls by the question of armed force It is important to speak Hebrew but unfortunately it is even more important to be able to shoot - or else I am through with playing at colonizing Vladimir Jabotinsky founder of Revisionist Zionism precursor of Likud The Iron Wall

Jewish villages were built in the place of rab villages You do not even know the names of these rab villages and I do not blame you because geography books no longer exist Not only do the books

not exist the rab villages are not there either Nahlal arose in the place of Mahlul Kibbutz Gvat in the place of Jibta Kibbutz Sarid in the place of Huneifis and Kefar Yehushua in the place of Tal al-Shuman There is not a single place built in this country that did not have a former rab population Moshe Dayan address to the Technion Haifa reported in Haaretz pril

We must do everything to insure they the Palestinians never do return ssuring his fellow Zionists that Palestinians will never come back to their homes The old will die and the young will forget David Ben-Gurion in his diary July quoted in Michael Bar Zohar's Ben-Gurion: the rmed Prophet Prentice-Hall p

Israel should have exploited the repression of the demonstrations in China when world attention focused on

that country to carry out mass expulsions among the Arabs of the territories. Benjamin Netanyahu, then Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister, former Prime Minister of Israel, tells students at Bar Ilan University. From the Israeli journal Hotam, November.

Everybody has to move, run and grab as many hilltops as they can to enlarge the settlements because everything we take now will stay ours. Everything we don't grab will go to them. Ariel Sharon, Israeli Foreign Minister, addressing a meeting of militants from the extreme right-wing Tsomet Party. France Presse, November.

Reality Exposed by a Jewish Woman:

In 1950, Susan Nathan moved from the UK to Israel, taking advantage of the Jewish state's standing offer of automatic citizenship for any Jew. Nathan soon learned that a million Israeli Arabs live in the country as well as descended from those Palestinians

who refused to flee during Israel's initial seizure of land and homes. Today those citizens — referred to not as Palestinians but as 'the Arabs' by the Jewish majority — live in cramped, squalid conditions, their rights abridged and their voices unheard in public. Many of their villages have been razed and planted over with pine forests. They are, for all intent and purposes, an invisible population.

Leaving her home and career in Tel Aviv, she moved into a small, third-story apartment in the village of Tamra, the only Jew living openly in a town of some 100 residents. She records her experience in her book "The Other Side of Israel." Nathan describes injustice piled atop injustice as Israel's Arab citizens struggle against ridiculous odds. She declares that 'Israel chose the path of apartheid' in creating its twin systems of law for Jews

and non-Jews More provocatively she compares the current plight of Israeli Arabs with that of European Jews in the 1940s

Watching a film about the Holocaust she takes in the scenes of Jews being driven from their ghettos and remarks 'I could not help but see a parallel with what had happened to hundreds of thousands of Palestinians only three years after the Holocaust' [short review of her book is attached as appendix IV]

Word of Caution for Muslims

Keeping in view the history of Children of Israel and their own history the Muslims have to be conscious to prove themselves to be worthy of these great responsibilities as long as they adhere to the guidance provided by God thorough Qur'an and traditions of the Last Prophet pbuh they lead the world but when ever they

faltered they were entitled for divine punishment in various forms:

“ And how many a community revolted against the ordinance of its Lord and His messenger and we called it to a stern account and punished it with dire punishment” Qur’an :

“Corruption doth appear on land and sea because of the evil which men's hands have done that He may make them taste a part of that which they have done in order that they may return” Qur’an :

However there is always a group among them who remain on the right path and endeavour to keep others along too

Muslims Revived the Legacy of Abraham:

History is witness to the fact that the Muslims became the world leader with in short span of time They were given the control on the Promised Land rebuilt the house of worship near the original site of 'Solomon's House of worship of God' the site sacred to Muslims as well In the author of book 'Miracles of Rabi Shamoun Bin Youhai' call the Dome of The Rock as beginning of messianic age while praising the Muslim Caliph he says 'This Jew loving ruler has ended the disrespect to Zion and the Temple The Caliph has cleaned the Moriah and built the mosque at the rock of Temple ' ['Jerusalem: One City Three Faiths' by Karin Armstrong]

Qur'an for Equitable Treatment to Non Believers:

It is wrongly propagated that Qur'an encourages violence against non believers rather contrary is true:

“It may be that God will ordain love between you and those of them with whom you are at enmity God is Mighty and God is Forgiving Merciful God does not forbid you to be kind and equitable to those who had neither fought against your faith nor driven you out of your homes In fact Allah loves the equitable God only forbids you to make friendship with those who fought you on account of your faith and drove you out of your homes and backed up others in your expulsion Those who will take them for friends are indeed the wrongdoers ” Qur'an : -

Islam only forbids Muslims to take unbelievers as 'protecting friends' those making mockery of faith
Qur'an : Only Allah his messenger and true believers are their 'protecting friends'
Qur'an :

Special Status of Jews and Christians in Islam:

The People of Scriptures Jews and Christians enjoy special status in Islam Muslims are allowed to eat *Halal* food and to marry their women:

"We blessed him and Isaac both among their progeny there are some who are righteous and some who are clearly wrong doing to their own souls " Qur'an :

"In the nation of Moses there were some who guided others with the

truth and thereby established justice ” Qur’an :

“Yet they are not all alike: there are some among the People of the Book who are upright who recite the revelations of Allah all night long and then prostrate before Him” Qur’an :

“ amongst these Christians are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world and they are not arrogant” Qur’an :

Sham Arguments for Colonization of Palestine:

However no one may be allowed to impose their will on the pretext of being 'Chosen Race' or 'Chosen People' having divine right to colonize “Promised Holy or Blessed Land” on the basis of their scriptures modified to suit their self

interests No such claim is proven to exist now in the Last Scripture It is evident from above that there is no religious justification even according to the Bible read in the light of Qur'an for Zionists to lay any claim on Jerusalem and Palestine. God is Just. He had fulfilled His Promise to the Children of Israel in th century B C E in the period of King and Prophet David and Solomon. peace be upon them and thereafter. Due to their rebellion and transgression mentioned in Bible Qur'an and evident from their conduct even now God has assigned the role to Muslims to pass the message of God to the humanity. The mosque and Dome of the Rock was built on the site abandoned since CE cleared of garbage by the Muslims. They did not destroy any temple rather built the house of worship of One God the same Supreme God of braham Isaac Ishmael Jacob David Solomon Moses Jesus and

Muhammad peace be upon them all So there is no reason to claim it form Muslims even on the basis of historic continuity after K or K years

If such claims are to be accepted then Muslims ruled Spain for years [expelled under coercion and inquisition] India for almost years Greece and parts of Europe for years central sian countries for centuries and so on the list is long Will European and US support Muslims to get back these lands by use of force especially Spain as done in the case of Israel?

Geopolitics Under the Cover of Religion:

This is geopolitics in play under the cover of religion which should be tackled accordingly The situation on ground is that Israel with full support of US and West has not only established itself but is expanding the area under occupation at

the cost of Palestinians through settlements Periodic bombing of Palestinians by Israeli ir Force recently at Ghaza further strengthen their resolve for freedom



Presently the rab and Muslims world is not militarily strong enough to get the area vacated by force they are embroiled in their own disputes and problems So what should be done? Should the Muslims

Ummah and the Palestinians accept Israeli hegemonic designs and occupation to live as slaves in their own land? No self respecting individual and especially a Muslim will ever accept it

Conclusion:

This short review of the most complex geopolitical and religious issue in the light of Bible Qur'an & History bring us to conclusion that an urgent solution has to be found before its too late Many US Presidents made efforts to bridge the gulf between the Muslim world and the West Christians but without results because of biased approach towards Israel

The people oppressed by powerful colonial forces have no choice but to struggle for their rights and independence Islam does not encourage violence but it urges its adherents to strive against oppression

Jihad striving in the cause of God with all means in true sense is applicable to Palestinians there is complete consensus among all the Islamic scholars on this
Even by normal standards of a civilized society this is the war of liberation thrust upon the Palestinians by the Zionists with full support of their colonial masters It is obligatory upon the Muslims that they should extend all sort of political moral diplomatic and material support to their Palestinian brothers in this just cause through their respective governments

The present half hearted effort is not enough Arabs and Muslims world should think of other options and measures which should hit the economic and political interests of Zionist and their supporters These actions should be well planned and well coordinated to be result oriented The Organization of the Islamic Conference

OIC [*Munazamat Al-Mu`Tamir Al-Islami*] the biggest forum of Muslim countries need to play effective role This will ultimately result in creating suitable conditions to bring the aggressor on table for equitable peaceful settlement of the issue acceptable to Palestinians and Muslims

If the OIC and the governments of Muslims countries don't meet their obligations then people have to exert pressure upon their governments through various peaceful means like protests and demonstrations In no case non-state groups individuals or political parties should be allowed to hijack this noble peaceful endeavour for their own agenda and interests It is hoped that people of any faith with character courage and moral values will come forward to mobilize the public opinion

Renowned Indian scholar Maulana Wahiduddin Khan suggests a [temporary]

peaceful solution to the issue of worship at Jerusalem [paving the way for final peaceful settlement] by separating the issue of worship from that of political supremacy He draws support of his argument from the Sunnah of the Prophet pbuh by applying the principle of '*Al-fasl bayn al-qaziyatayn*' [The details are attached appendix-V]

Though there have been set backs Billions Muslims almost one fifth of humanity still continue to enjoy an important position in the world they are geostrategically located at the important population and communication centers rich in natural resources backed by history of great civilization By turning back to the teachings of Qur'an and Sunnah of the Prophet pbuh they can again achieve ascendancy in knowledge with hard work and firmness in faith they can regain the lost ground so important for the stability

of this planet and the world peace. The present turmoil resulting in the killing of Muslims by fellow Muslims in the name of Islam is neither part of the teaching of the Qur'an nor the Sunnah traditions of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). It appears to be enjoying the covert support of major power players. Any action leading to the weakening of Muslim states will serve the cause of enemies of Islam only.

“Allah never changes the condition of a people until they intend to change it themselves” Qur'an :

Despite all the propaganda unleashed through the biased media, Islam is the fastest growing religion in Europe and North America because Muslims are conveying the message of God to the humanity through peaceful preaching:

“There is no compulsion in religion. True guidance has been made clearly

distinct from error and he who rejects power of evil and believes in God has grasped a firm handhold which will never break God is Hearer Knower " Qur'an :

"It is He who has sent His postle with Guidance and the Religion of Truth to proclaim it over all religion: and enough is God for a Witness" Qur'an :

"Praise be to God Who has revealed the Book Qur'an to His servant Muhammad and did not make it complicated It is straightforward so that He may warn about the terrible punishment for the unbelievers from Him and give good news to the believers who do good deeds that they shall have a goodly reward " Qur'an : -

It is prayed the God:

“Our Sustainer Do not punish us if we forget or make a mistake Our Lord Do not place on us a burden as You placed on those before us Our Lord Lay not on us the kind of burden that we have no strength to bear Pardon us Forgive us Have mercy on us You are our Protector help us against the unbelievers ”
Qur’an :



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