



# Israel and the Land

## KEY DATES

- 1917:** The Balfour Declaration: Promised **Palestine** as a Homeland for the Jewish people
- 1920:** League of Nations designates **Palestine** as a Homeland for the Jewish People
- 1922:** Britain gave 77% of it to the Arabs, calling it TransJordan
- 1939:** British White Paper
- 1947:** UN votes to create a Jewish state
- 1948:** Israel becomes a State - May 15 (Isaiah 66:8-10)
- 1956:** Suez War
- 1967:** 6-Day War - Israel captured West Bank, Gaza Strip, Golan Heights, Sinai Peninsula  
Jerusalem under Jewish control
- 1973:** Yom Kippur War – North and South
- 1991:** Iraq launches scuds – 39 missiles—5000 homes – 2 people killed

### The LORD:

- Chose a people
- Promised them a land
- Let them fall into slavery in Egypt
- Brought them out of Egypt
- Resettled them in their land
- Exiled them from their land
- Scattered them over the face of the earth
- Promised to bring them back into the Land
- Promised to make the desert bloom
- Is brining Jewish people home today
- Is making the desert bloom
- Is settling Jewish people in the Land including the West Bank



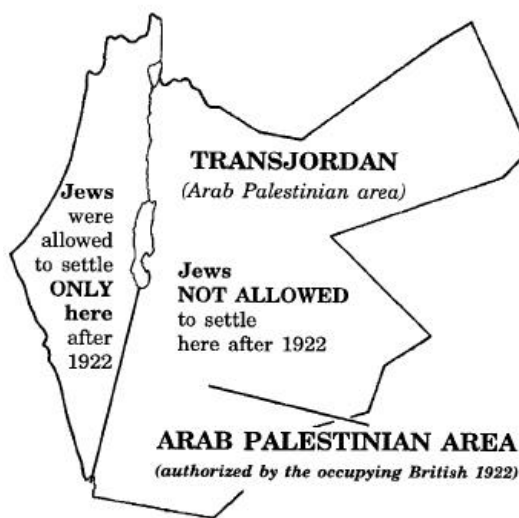
### Ezekiel 35

- 1 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, set your face against **Mount Seir** and prophesy against it,
- 3 and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you; I will stretch out My hand against you, And make you most desolate;
- 4 I shall lay your cities waste, And you shall be desolate. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 5 Because **you have had an ancient hatred**, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity came to an end,
- 6 therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.
- 7 Thus I will make Mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it the one who leaves and the one who returns.
- 8 And I will fill its mountains with the slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those who are slain by the sword shall fall.
- 9 I will make you perpetually desolate, and your cities shall be uninhabited; then you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 10 **Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess them,' although the LORD was there,**
- 11 therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will do according to your anger and according to the envy which you showed in your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.
- 12 Then you shall know that I am the LORD. I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, 'They are desolate; they are given to us to consume.'
- 13 Thus with your mouth you have boasted against Me and multiplied your words against Me; I have heard them."
- 14 Thus says the Lord GOD: "The whole earth will rejoice when I make you desolate.
- 15 **As you rejoiced because the inheritance of the house of Israel was desolate, so I will do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of Edom--all of it!** Then they shall know that I am the LORD."

**WHY?** Repeated 59 times in Ezekiel:  
**THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM the LORD**



1920: League of Nations



1922: Transjordan Established



Two Palestinian States



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**Point #1:**  
The West Bank and the Mountains of the Lord are nearly identical

**Point #2:**  
Mount Seir was the home of Esau who was called Edom

**Point #3:**  
Today people living in the area once known as Edom are called Arabs, Jordanians and/or Palestinians

## The Promise of the LORD in Ezekiel 36

I have raised My hand in an oath...  
I will turn to you...  
I will multiply men...  
I will make you inhabited...  
I will cause men to walk on you...  
I had concern for my Holy name...  
I will sanctify...  
I will take you...  
I will sprinkle...  
I will cleanse...  
I will give...  
I will put...  
I will deliver you...  
I will call for the grain and multiply it...  
I will multiply the fruit...  
I do this...  
I will increase their men like a flock...  
I, the LORD, have spoken it...  
I will do it...



1967: After the 6-Day War



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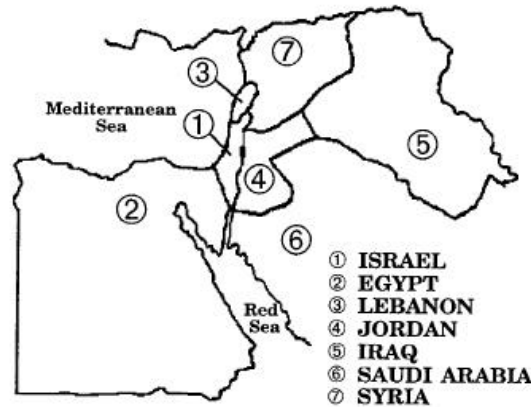
**Distances Between Israeli Population Centers and Pre-1967 Armistice Lines**



Arabic States

Jewish State

## THE LORD PROTECTED ISRAEL when all these nations attacked Israel in 1948



### Prophetic Promises Already Fulfilled

- #1: The Re-Establishment of State of Israel (Isaiah 11:12)
- #2: The Restoration of Hebrew – A “Pure Language” (Zephaniah 3:9)
- #3: Miraculous Defeat of Israel's Enemies in Four Major Wars (Isaiah 19:16-17)
- #4: Agricultural Miracles When Jews Return to the land of Israel (Isaiah 35:1)
- #5: Israel's Waste Cities Would be Rebuilt (Amos 9:14)
- #6: Jews would Return from the Land of the North (Jeremiah 16:14-15, 23: 7-8)

Not one Jew will be left in the Diaspora (Ezekiel 39:28)  
Jews from China (Sinim) will return to Israel (Isaiah 49:12)

Three seasons: (Jeremiah 16:16-18)  
Fisherman  
Hunters (Pharaoh, Hitler, Stalin, Haman, Man of Sin)  
Messiah

- ⇒ All nations will turn against Israel in last days (Zechariah 14:2)
- ⇒ 2/3 of the Jewish people will perish (Zechariah 13:8)
- ⇒ Messiah will fight for Israel when no hope is left (Zechariah 14:3)
- ⇒ The nation will repent (Zechariah 12:10)
- ⇒ The nation will be cleansed of sin (Zechariah 13:1)

### Ezekiel 36

- 1 And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD!
- 2 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,' "
- 3 therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people"—
- 4 therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around—
- 5 therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with whole-hearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country." "
- 6 Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations."
- 7 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.
- 8 But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.
- 9 For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.
- 10 I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.
- 11 I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.
- 12 Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of their children."
- 13 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they say to you, 'You devour men and bereave your nation of children,' "
- 14 therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nation anymore," says the Lord GOD.
- 15 Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the nations anymore, nor bear the reproach of the peoples anymore, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble anymore," says the Lord GOD.'
- 16 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:
- 17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me their way was like the uncleanness of a woman in her customary impurity.



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- 18 Therefore I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it.
- 19 So I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries; I judged them according to their ways and their deeds.
- 20 When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My holy name--when they said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and yet they have gone out of His land.'
- 21 But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went.
- 22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went."
- 23 And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.
- 24 For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.
- 25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.
- 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.
- 28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.
- 29 I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you.
- 30 And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.
- 31 Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.
- 32 Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"
- 33 Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. 34 The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.
- 35 So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'
- 36 Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it."
- 37 Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock.
- 38 Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.

**The Promise of the Land** [from the river of Egypt to the great River Euphrates]  
 Abraham, Isaac, Jacob: Genesis 13:17, Genesis 15:18, Genesis 17:18-19,  
 Genesis 28:3-4, Genesis 28:13  
 God's Promise: Genesis 15:8-9, 15:17

**Punishment** = Scattering Among the Nations, BUT the Promise was NEVER Revoked  
 Ezekiel 36:19-24 ; Leviticus 26:44-45 ; Romans 11:29 ; Jeremiah 31:35-37

**Regathering**  
 Ezekiel 11:17

**The Land is the LORD's**  
 Leviticus 25:23 ; Ezekiel 36:5 (My Land)

God has promised to resettle the Jews in the land: particularly in the Mountains of the LORD

**It is the LORD's intention that Israel should possess the Mountains of the LORD**  
 Ezekiel 36:8, 10-12, 22-23  
 Jeremiah 31:5  
 Zechariah 2:4

**The Promise of the LORD to the Mountains of Israel: [Ezekiel 36:8-12]**

**Israel will return  
 You will shoot forth branches and yield fruit  
 You will be tilled and sown  
 I will multiply the house of Israel on you  
 The cities will be inhabited  
 The ruins will be rebuilt  
 Israel will possess you**

