ISRAEL/HAMAS

Why study Israel? Because the Bible is a book about Israel.

The Bible records historically and prophetically about Israel.

The Savior of the World (Jesus) was born in Israel, lived in Israel, ministered in Israel, died in Israel, rose again in Israel and is coming again to Israel.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 - approximately 1500 Hamas terrorist penetrated the fence around Gaza and raided several villages along the border and murdered and kidnapped, with approximately 1200 casualties.

And now for the first tme in 50 years, since 1973, in the “Yom Kippur War” Israel has officially declared war in response to this attack.

When you look at proportions, it’s even more dramatic.

About 7.1 million Jews in Israel compared to population of the U. S., 330 million.

5 Questions to Answer

1 - Who is Hamas?

2 - Why is Hamas so intent on destroying Israel?

3 - What is the history of the Palestinians and the land of Israel?

4 - Why are so many youth and young adults supporting the Palestinians cause today?

5 - How does this fit into end time prophecy?

1. Who is and what is Hamas? Hamas is a terrorist organization made up of Sunni Muslims.

It translates from Arabic “The Islamic Resistance Movement” - “Hamas” means “zeal or strength.”

“Hamas” in Hebrew “CHMA” = translates violence.

Hamas charter adopted in 1988 says, “Israel will exist and continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.”

Article 7 says, “The Day of Judgement would not come until the Muslims fight and kill the Jews.”

They will kill and destroy anyone in their way.

Bottom line they will kill anyone or anything in the way of destroying the Jews and advance their agenda. It's evil and demonic.

History

1987 - Funded by a Palestinian Cleric in Gaza (Sheikh Ahmed Yassin) as an offshoot of Egyptian based Muslim Brotherhood.

1988 - Published it's Charter calling for the destruction of Israel and the establishment of the Islamic State.

1991 - It's military wing Izzedine Al-Qassam Brigades were established.

1993 - Hamas began suicide bombings in Israel, just prior to the Oslo Accords which were intended to bring peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

1997 - Hamas was designated a terrorist organization by the U. S. and dozens of other countries in response to the group's.

2000 - They started their deadly "uprising" of Palestinians against Israel.

2005 - Israel evacuated all their troops and settlers from Gaza for national security.

2006 - Hamas won a surprise victory in Palestinian Parliamentary Elections and then seized full control of Gaza over throwing forces loyal to the Palestinian authority.

Oct 7, 2023 - Hamas attacked and 1500 terrorist entered and murdered and abducted Jews in worse mass murder since the Holocaust.

Hamas is responsible for the war and the poor conditions going on.

These protesters holding up signs saying Free Palestine should say free Palestine from Hamas.

In 2006, when Hamas came to power instead of taking finances that had accumulated to help build infrastructure and humanitarian aid and factories. They built tunnels, hundreds of them, and amassed ammunition to target Israel.

2 - Why is Hamas so intent on destroying Israel and the Jewish people?

Now there are: Ideological answers
Political answers
Religious answers

I want to give you Spiritual answers.

So why are they intent on destroying Israel?

You can trace it all the way back to the book of Genesis.

Abraham got impatient and in his flesh slept with a slave woman Hagar, and because of that had a son with her, Ishmael. Arabs are descendents of Ishmael.

The Jewish people are from Isaac and there has been animosity since the book of Genesis.

It's basically over jealousy of the promise!

But to be more specific the anger and hatred by them and others is simply I believe motivated by Satan and Demons.

Why? Revelation 12:4

Dragon = Satan

Woman = Israel

Child = Jesus

Dragon has always stood against the redemptive plan of God.

God chose to reveal and implement His redemptive plan and work through Israel and because of that, Satan hates Israel.

Satan hates the redemptive plan for the world and it was birthed and came through Israel.

Israel is where He was born, lived, ministered, died, rose and is coming again.

Satan is doing everything he can do to bring every bit of evil he can against 7.5 million people living in 8130 square miles in the Middle East.

Why? The people represent the Covenant Redemptive Plan of God and he has tried through every empire he can to destroy them.

We are not merely seeing a physical war but we are seeing a spiritual war.

So to me, that is the answer.

The populist answer is that they say it's because Israel is occupying their land.

3 - What is the history of Palestinians and land of Israel?

***** Let me be clear . . . Jews are not the occupiers.

The Jews are the indigenous people of the land and God gave it to them.

They were living in this land 2100 years before anyone was even called a Palestinian.

In fact, they were living there 2000 years before Islam was even a religion.

There is an Egyptian (slab) with markings from the 13th century B.C. that speaks of Israel by name.

There is a Canaanite (slab) from 9th century B.C. that refers by name to King David as king of the land of Israel.

But here's what happened . . .

In 586 B. C. from Babylonian invasion until 1948 roughly 2500 years, the Jews were dispersed and killed and massacred and oppressed.

You can see how everyone started saying that it was their land.

Where did Palestinians get involved?

AD 135 - Roman Emperor Hadrian in order to squash a Jewish Revolt, dispersed the Jews from Jerusalem and renamed the entire region in Latin “Palestina”.

It’s the Latin term for the “Philistines”.

Why? Because the Philistines were a perineal enemy of the Jews and it was a way for him to dishonor them.

From 135 A. D. to 1948, Jews got it back but from 135 - 1948 it was called “Palestina”, because of Hadrian.

So the Arabs living in Palestina became known as “Palestinians”

BUT so were the Jews!

If you were a Jew born before 1947 and lived in that land your birth certificate said Palestinian.

There are Jews alive today with a birth certificate that says Palestinian.

BUT GOD GAVE THEM THE LAND IN GENESIS 15:18!!!

Supposed to have 300,000, ended up with 8130 miles.

4 - Why are so many Americans and Youth supporting Palestian cause today?

I want to do 2 things:

1) Encourage you!

2) School you!

This generation is very concerned about Humanitarian causes.

They are concerned about the underdog, disadvantaged or those without a voice.

That's commendable. Don't ever stop caring about people who are disadvantaged.

Compassion is needed.

Know why you're part of the cause and get your facts straight.

I’m discovering most people have no clue what all this is about or the history.

Stop saying Israelis are the bullies . . . there are 22 Arab states, 52 Muslim states and 1 Jewish state . . . so who is the bully?

I’m not defending everything the Jewish people do or have done. It’s messy and there have been wars since 1948 and war is messy.

The Israelis return was messy and Palestinians were displaced and it’s not easy.

But this narrative that it belongs to the Palestinians is simply wrong.

Many today are caught up in “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism”.

In 2005 a Harvard Doctor who is now at Notre Dame, “Christian Smith” coined that term cause so many are making a god out of humanitarian causes.

It makes them feel good and makes a god out of the cause.

The cause itself becomes their God.

Moralistic = Do Good

Therapeutic = Feel Good

Deism = Make a god out of it

5 - How does it fit with Bible prophecy?

Ezekiel 38

Ezekiel 38:1-6

Gog = Title or Prince

Here is a list of nations that form a confederation against Israel.

Gog and Magog = Prince of this region

Magog = Russia - ancient Skidians
according to "Tacitus" and "Josephus"

Skiddians = North of Black Sea - it’s Russia

Persia = Iran was called Persia until 1935

Here me, there is a Russian Iranian confederation unfolding before our eyes and Ezekiel said it 1000’s of years ago.

So I don’t think this what we're seeing is Ezekiel 38, but you can strongly see alliances forming.

But let me just say, I believe that between 38 and 39 . . .
Rapture of the church.

All that to say “BE READY”!!!