

Who Holds The Title To The Land of Israel

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“O G-d, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O G-d, be not still. See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. ‘Come,’ they say, ‘let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.’ With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against You—” (Psalm 83:1-5)

While the plots against Israel seem to come from a variety of sources, Satan himself is at the root of every evil, lying scheme. Each contrivance of the enemy has the same goal in mind—the destruction of Israel whether in the early days of Israel or today. The enemies of Israel continue to covet the land that G-d gave to Israel by covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to defy G-d Himself. A story from the Book of 1st Kings illustrates today's situation in the Middle East.

In the days of the Kings of Israel, Israel was divided into the Northern Kingdom (called Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (called Judah). The Northern Kingdom turned away from true worship in the Temple of G-d and followed after paganism.

When Ahab was the king of Israel, he decided that he needed an alliance with a neighboring nation for added protection against his enemies. So he made a treaty with its king by marrying his daughter, Jezebel. Ahab, under Jezebel's influence, built a pagan temple to Baal, and allowed idols into the Northern Kingdom. Baal was considered to be the god of the land. He owned it, they said.

Ahab wanted a specific plot of land that belonged to Naboth and his family (1 Kings 21). Naboth refused Ahab's offers because the land was their inheritance from the L-rd. Therefore, Jezebel plotted to steal the land from Naboth for her husband. She plotted and schemed, paying witnesses to lie about Naboth. Finally, Naboth was executed and Ahab took the land he coveted, but the situation proved fatal to both Ahab and Jezebel in the end.

“Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.” Micah 2:1

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G-d warned the Israelites that they were not to be joined to pagans by intermarriage or by treaty. Ahab did both and brought the eventual destruction against which Elijah warned. Today, the situation is no different. The Israelis continue to try to form alliances with other nations, believing that they will be safe and protected just as Ahab thought when he made his alliance with Jezebel's father, Ethbaal. Meanwhile, the nations of the earth continue to make alliances with each other against Israel for the specific plot of land that they want for their lovers, the Palestinians. No other land will suffice.

The so-called Palestinians lie and plot and scheme to take possession of the land of Israel. The nations lie and plot and scheme as well to divvy up G-d's land between Israel and the Palestinians. No peace plan nor treaty will ever override G-d's unconditional covenant with Israel. G-d will never allow the land to be given to any other. Since it is G-d that has given Israel the land, it is with G-d that the Arabs, the UN the EU and all others have their complaint, not with Israel.

"I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are on the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed proper to Me." - Jeremiah 27:5

"Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" - Exodus 32:13

In Genesis 17:17-21 G-d makes a covenant for the land of Israel with Abraham and his descendants. He then confirms this covenant nine chapters later with Isaac in Genesis 26:3; And again yet nine chapters later, G-d confirms the covenant of the land with Jacob in Genesis 35:9-12. There can be no question that G-d gave the land to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the progenitors of the inhabitants of the current Land of Israel.

No alliance against Israel will succeed, not even when all the nations are gathered against Jerusalem.

"And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it." (Zechariah 12:3)

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"Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them... the L-RD has a controversy with the nations; He will plead His case with all flesh." (NKJ, Jer. 25:30-31)

G-d has declared that the people of Israel will be His agents to destroy G-d's enemies. Satan, cannot prevent G-d from having the victory.

"In that day, I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples...the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David and the house of David shall be like G-d...It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem..." (Zechariah 12:6, 8, 9)

G-d's victory has been declared from the beginning.

"I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land." (NKJ Joel 3:2)

"Why do the nations rage and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the L-rd and against His Anointed, saying 'Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.' He who sits in the heavens shall laugh...." (Psalm 1:1-4a)