

Facts Pertaining to Israel, the Arabs and Jerusalem

God's promise to Abraham: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3).

1. Israel obeyed God and conquered the Promised Land under Joshua around 1400 B.C., more than two millennia before Islam became a religion [Muhammad lived in the 7th century A.D.].
2. Arab refugees from Israel began calling themselves "Palestinians" in 1967, two decades after (modern) Israeli statehood.
3. After conquering the land around 1400 B.C., Jews ruled it for a thousand years and maintained a continuous presence there for over 3000 years. The only Arab dominion came as the result of the Arab invasion and conquest in 635 A.D. lasted no more than 22 years.
4. For over 3000 years, Jerusalem was the Jewish capital. It was never the capital of any Arab or Muslim entity. Even under Jordanian rule, (east) Jerusalem was not made the capital, and no Arab leader came to visit it.
5. Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in the Bible, but not once is it mentioned in the Qur'an [Koran].
6. King David made Jerusalem his capital city around 1000 B.C. He ruled as king from his throne in Jerusalem, as did his numerous descendants. It was called "the city of David." Mohammed never set foot in Jerusalem.

7. Jews pray facing Jerusalem; Muslims face Mecca. If they are between the two cities, Muslims pray facing Mecca, with their backs to Jerusalem.

8. In 1854, according to a report in the *New York Tribune*, Jews constituted two-thirds of the population of that holy city. (The source: a journalist on assignment in the Middle East that year for the Tribune. His name was Karl Marx. Yes, that Karl Marx.)

9. A travel guide to Palestine and Syria was published in 1906 by Karl Baedeker. The book estimated the total population of Jerusalem at 60,000, two-thirds of which were Jews (40,000 Jews, 13,000 Christians, 7,000 Muslims).

10. Prior to the Second World War, Mojli Amin, a member of the Arab Defense Committee for Palestine, proposed the idea "that all the Arabs of Palestine will leave and be divided up amongst the neighboring Arab countries. In exchange for this, all the Jews living in Arab countries will leave and come to Palestine." He also stated, "I fear, in truth, that the Arabs will not agree.... But in spite of this, I take upon myself the task of convincing them."

11. In 1948, the Arab refugees were encouraged to leave Israel by Arab leaders promising to purge the land of Jews. Sixty-eight percent of them fled without ever setting eyes on an Israeli soldier. It was not the Jews who caused them to leave. The number of Arab refugees who left Israel in 1948 is claimed to be around 630,000 (where did they get this number?). Based on the population census, the more accurate estimate of Arabs who left Israel was around 460,000.

12. Virtually the entire Jewish population (about 850,000) found in Arab countries had to flee due to Arab brutality, persecution and pogroms [a *pogrom* is an organized massacre, especially of Jews].

13. In spite of the vast territories at their disposal, Arab refugees were deliberately prevented from assimilating into their host countries. Of 100 million refugees following World War 2, they are the only group to have never integrated with their coreligionists. Most of the Jewish refugees from Europe and Arab lands were settled in Israel, a country no larger than New Jersey.

14. Arab refugees INTENTIONALLY were not absorbed or integrated by the rich Arab oil states that control the overwhelming bulk of the Middle East landmass. They were kept as virtual prisoners by the Arab power brokers with misplaced hatred for Jews and Western democracy.

15. There are 60 Muslim countries, including 22 Arab countries, not counting Palestine. They have more than enough land to accommodate all Arabs. There is only one Jewish state. Arabs started all five wars against Israel, and lost every one of them. Israel was not the aggressor; they defended their land.

16. From 1948 till 1967 Arabs made no attempt to create a Palestinian state. Under Jordanian rule, Jewish holy sites were desecrated, 58 synagogues in Jerusalem were destroyed and the Jews and Christians were denied access to places of worship. Under Israeli rule, all Muslim and Christian sites have been preserved and made accessible to people of all faiths.

17. Arabs began identifying themselves as part of a Palestinian people in 1964 only, on the initiative of Egyptian-born Yasser Arafat. The idea became a popular Arab propaganda tool after Israel re-captured Judea, Samaria and Gaza in the defensive Six-Day War of 1967. When Israel won the Six Day War, Jerusalem became a united city under the complete control of the Jewish people for the first time in 2,000 years.

18. The PLO's charter still calls for the destruction of the State of Israel. The Hamas constitution calls for the same. Israel ceded most of the West Bank and all of Gaza to the Palestinian authority, and even provided it with arms.

19. Out of 175 United Nations Security Council resolutions up to 1990, 97 were against Israel; out of 690 General Assembly resolutions, 429 were against Israel.

20. The U.N. was silent when the Jordanians destroyed 58 synagogues in the old city of Jerusalem. It remained silent while Jordan systematically desecrated the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives, and it remained silent when Jordan enforced apartheid laws preventing Jews from accessing the Temple Mount and Western Wall.

21. On December 6, 2017, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. He stated that a sovereign country has every right to determine where its capital should be. [The world community has allowed every other country in the world to choose its own capital except Israel.] Some Jewish people are calling President Trump "Cyrus," because Cyrus was the Gentile/Persian King who greatly helped Israel and allowed them to return to their land to fortify and rebuild Jerusalem.