

**Q: How is it the Arab Muslims have control over the Temple Mount in the first place?** I am an outsider Christian, and not of Jewish decent but as a follower of the Messiah, YaHshua, I do not want to claim territory that is not mine.

**A:** The simple answer is – because Israel gave it to them for peace. We all know how that worked out. The next best answer is that the Secular Government of Israel is afraid of the Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox Jews. The last thing the political operators of the Government want is for the radical religious Jews to gain control – some of those religious people, and their religious leaders are as radical as their counterparts of Islam. By giving the Arabs/Moslems control of the mount the hope to keep the radical Jews in check, and at the same time appease the whining Muslims. Who is using who? If the radical, religious Jews were to gain control of the Temple Mount they would start up the sacrificial system and begin reconstruction of the Temple. Strange as it may sound, the original Jews of Israel, after WWII, did not return to the land to worship YaHWeH. No, if anything they saw the god of their forefathers as having abandoned them. They would rebuild Israel as a place for the Jew to escape from the lands of mistreatment and genocide to a country of their own, a land they have an historical connection. The rebuilding of the Temple and the establishment of the Mosaic system was never on their minds and those founders worked hard at keeping the government out of the final and complete control of the religious fanatics of Judaism.

Another reason is that first, the Jews disrespected the Temple Mount and YaHWeH Worship by the crucifixion of YaHshua/Messiah. The Temple worship was ripped from their culture and the Temple destroyed. The Christians had control for a time but disrespected the chosen of YaHWeH and sought to destroy the Jew and all things Jewish – big mistake. Because of their lack of respect they were displaced by the Muslims. The Muslims proved to be better care takers of the Temple Mount than either Jew or Christian. One or all of these answers are correct.

My understand about how the Palestinians came into being as a displaced people, does not have so much to do with Modern Israel taking back lands on the premise that these lands are historically theirs, as it does with the threat of attack from their Arab neighbors, and their failed attempts to crush the people of Israel and destroy them as a people.

The Palestinian people are the result of the surrounding Arab Nations trying eliminate Israel by conquest, and having lost that war, twice, those displaced Arabs became known as the Palestinians. They fled Israel to clear the way for their Arab brothers to annihilate all the people of Jews, leaving behind booty to be plundered and possessed by the returning Palestinians – But – it did not happen that way – Israel and the Palestinians are a people left in camps, outside of Israel, a displaced people. One would have thought that the surrounding Arab nations would have taken their Palestinian brothers in, but they would not. Today the Palestinians are more of a political treasure for the other Arabs and Muslims, as an international propaganda weapon against Israel, and it has been working very nicely, as the world has sympathy for the plight of the Palestinians but not for the Jews.

In the name of peace, Israel gives back most, nearly all, of the lands they were able to capture. And how has that bit of generosity worked out? Not so good. The Israelis have been reduced to making excuses and apologies for any Palestinian they kill, on purpose or by accident, as a result

of border clashes and other encouraged violence against Israel. The news media reports how the Jews are not fighting fair because of superior forces against the poor and unarmed Palestinians. Why this one sided view? It seems insane but for things even Western Nations cannot explain, the Jew is hated, either as much or more than the Islamic Terrorist.

The Palestinian problem, if we can call it that, was created by the flight of Arab people out of Israeli recognized territory, in the face of their Arab brothers attempted invasion of Modern Israel, in a quest to drive all Jews into the sea or worse. Of course, as history demonstrates, this did not happen, Israel survived, and against all odds, completely surrounded by the enemy, Israel defeated and humiliated the Arab forces in battle, not just once, but twice. This first invasion became known as the 6 days war of 1967. Not satisfied the Arab nations tried once again in 1973, the Yom Kipper War. These wars, launched by Egypt, Syria, Jordan and others led to the displacement of Arab peoples living and working within Israel.

I am old enough to remember the Palestinian camps of the lost along the borders of their Arab brothers, those who encourage them to flee so they could destroy all the Jew, were closed to them. The own blood turned their back on them and they became an Israeli problem. Now the poor Palestinian people are hounded and beaten down by both sides -- lied to, used, abused and a new generation that knows nothing else is being raise up to hate the only real friends they have, the Israelis.

Name one Arab nation that has offered sanctuary to the Palestinian people? The promise of conquest led the people who fled Israel on the promise of gaining all of what the people of Israel possessed upon their return. Of course the Arab nations attacking Israel were sure to win and the annihilation of the Jew sure, and this would lead to promised fortunes but ended up leading to their abandonment and poverty. The Palestinians, of today, have no one to blame but their own fathers and mothers who abandoned Israel in the hope their Arab brothers and sisters would destroy all the people of Israel, clearing the way for their return to possess what would be left behind by the annihilation of the people of Israel, the Jews.

### **I Remember**

I remember the desert camps, the poverty, the sadness, all because of a false impression that the Arab nations would run the Jews out, after all, the Jews were greatly out numbered. I remember the camps of people who would become known as the Palestinians, sitting in the dirt, and around makeshift tents with barely enough food to eat, and somehow, because the Israeli Jews refused to be beat, they blamed Israel for their misfortune, and continue to this day to be used by snakes with the faces of men. The only answer to this real problem is the return of our Messiah, YaHshua, to once and for all put down the arms of men, to end war, to bring peace.

It is totally apparent that men are not able to do this for themselves, bring peace, it will have to be a super-natural act to change what men cannot change. I am old enough to remember the camps, the camps of despair, the camps of the displaced and who is it that becomes their unwanted friends? The people of Israel, and their true enemy just happens to be their own people, their own religion – how has the religion of Islam ever helped the Palestinians? What of their Arab brothers, round about? Not a word, not an offer, only lies and false promises of the even-

tual conquest of Israel and the restoration of fortune. Blind and foolish, they are abused and battered and used by others of their own skin and for what? Maybe for a god that has abandoned them? Maybe that is where the blame lies? Maybe it is time to look for that one who will bring real, lasting peace, and restore what needs to be restored, to do what men are not capable of doing. We should all pray, come Lord Come. Aren't we all looking for a Messiah, then why not stop the struggle and await His return, and with Him, His reward? Peace, isn't that supposed to be the name of the City everyone is struggles over? The City of Peace?

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