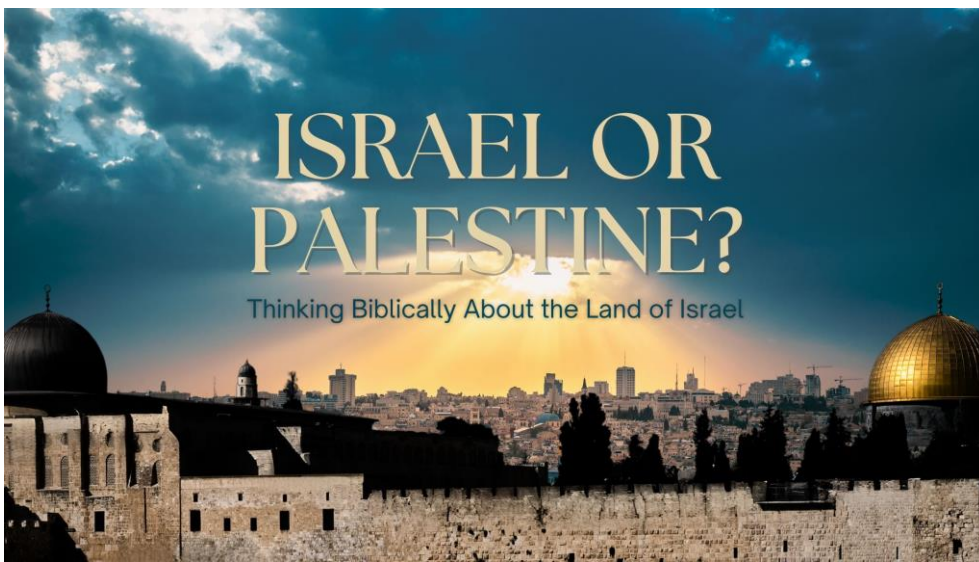


# ISRAEL OR PALESTINE?

Thinking Biblically About the Land of Israel



Is the conquest of the land under Joshua (15 century BC) or the modern Zionist movement (19-20th century AD) just another land grab? Colonialism? Imperialism? Apartheid?

## I. ISRAEL IN THE PAST.

If God promised the land to the Jewish people, why do they rarely dwell securely in the land? Why is there never any peace in the Middle East?

- 1) Reason #1: There is ancient spiritual animosity between Abraham's descendants over the promised land and who is the heir of the promise.
- 2) Reason #2: The land always belongs to the Jews, but disobedience brings exile from it.

So the observable and patternable divine program of God for Israel:

- a) Dispersion (Lev. 26:27-28; 26:33; Dt. 28:64-66) followed by...
- b) Preservation (Lev. 26:44; Dt. 30:1) followed by...
- c) Restoration (Lev. 26:42; Dt. 30:3) followed by...
- d) Reconciliation (Lev. 26:45; Dt. 30:5-6; Jer. 32:37-41).

### Purpose #1:

The conquest of the land was the j\_\_\_\_ j\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### Purpose #2:

The conquest of the land was an intentional e\_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

## Why Jerusalem?

### 2 Main Exiles:

1. Israel:
2. Judah:

### The Balfour Declaration:



### Genesis 17:8

*"I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."*