

# Why There Is Strife in Israel and Palestine

## 1. Israel's Past

A. God's promise to Abraham to give him Palestine.

Gen. 15:7, 17:1,78

B. God's promise to Jacob. Gen. 26:3-4

C. God's promise to Moses and children of Israel to bless them.

Deut. 28:1-2

1. How those blessings would be lost. Deut. 28:15

2. Israel would also lose their land. Deut. 28:63-64

D. When it happened.

1. The Babylonian captivity. 606 B.C. and 588 B.C.

2. The Roman captivity. 70 A.D. prophesied by Christ.

Luke 21:20-24 and Daniel, Dan. 9:26

a) 1,100,000 Jews slain; the Temple destroyed; Jews were sold as slaves and dispersed all over the world.

3. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Roman captivity: The Jews tried to reestablish the Nation of Israel with plans to rebuild the Temple in 135 A.D. the Roman Army returned and killed 600,000 Jews and built a shrine to the Roman god Jupiter on the Temple Mount.

4. A group of Jews attempted to rebuild the Temple in 365 A.D., an earthquake destroyed all their material and equipment the night before.

E. God's promise to restore Israel.

Deut. 30:1-3, 5, Isa. 61:4, 26:4, Ezk. 36:24, 37:21

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## 2. Israel's Present

- A. Jews began returning back to Palestine around the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- B. Many Jews returned to Palestine following World War II and the Holocaust.
- C. Israel enjoys great prosperity today.

## 3. What Israel does not have:

- A. The Temple Mount. They want to rebuild their Temple.
  - 1. To bring back the presence of God.
  - 2. To bring the Messiah to Israel. (Remember they rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah.)
- B. The conflict today is mostly over the control of the Temple Mount and Jerusalem.

## 4. Where it's all going. Zech. 12:2-3, 9

- A. God will give the Jews the spirit of grace. Zech. 12:10 and they will understand that Jesus Christ was and is their Messiah.  
Isa. 52:6, Ezk. 39:7, 22, 25, 27-29