

Historical facts we should know about the "Palestinian cause" against Israel

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Here follows an adapted/edited excerpt from the article, stating the truth based on historical facts about the "Palestinian cause" against the re-establishment of the nation of Israel:

The statements below were made by Republican front-runner for next President of the United States, Newt Gingrich. Here is what he said in an interview with Jewish Television Network:

"Remember there was no Palestine as a state. It was part of the Ottoman Empire. I think that we've had an invented Palestinian people who are in fact Arabs and who were historically part of the Arab community. And they had a chance to go many places, and for a variety of political reasons we have sustained this war against Israel now since the 1940s, and it's tragic."¹

Gingrich's profound statements resulted of course in an immediate reaction of furious condemnation from the Arab world, but he refused to back down and stood his ground. Later in a debate in Iowa, he clarified:

"Is what I said factually true? Yes. Somebody ought to have the courage to tell the truth. These people are terrorists. It's fundamentally time for somebody to have the guts to stand up and say, 'Enough lying about the Middle East.' When the president keeps talking about a peace process while Hamas keeps firing missiles into Israel, if we had a country next to us firing missiles, how eager would we be to sit down and negotiate?"²

In another TV interview he stated that the term "Palestinian" did not become a common term until after 1977. "This is a propaganda war in which our side refuses to engage and we refuse to tell the truth when the other side lies."³

It says about the anti-messiah, "It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground." (Dan 8:12). As we have stated before, the final battle will primarily be a battle for truth. Here is a political leader who is daring to speak the politically incorrect truth in the face of worldwide opposition and condemnation including from many Jewish leaders. That certainly is worthy of our faithful support in prayer.

What Is the Truth?

Are the Palestinians an invented people as Gingrich says? We do not have to rely on Gingrich words. The best proof is to quote what the Palestinians and Arabs themselves have said. Here is a list of ten crystal clear proofs from their own people:

1. "Arab leader Auni Bey Abdul-Hadi told the British Peel Commission in 1937: 'There is no such country as Palestine. 'Palestine' is a term the Zionists invented. There is no Palestine in the Bible. Our country was for centuries part of Syria. 'Palestine' is alien to us. It is the Zionists who introduced it.'"⁴
2. "The first Congress of Muslim-Christian Associations in the area met in February 1919 to consider the future of the territory formerly ruled by the Ottoman Empire, which dissolved after World War I. The Congress declared: 'We consider Palestine as part of Arab Syria as it has never been separated from it at any time. We are connected with it by national, religious, linguistic, moral, economic, and geographical bonds.'"⁵
3. "The celebrated scholar Philip Hitti, testifying before the Anglo-American Committee in 1946, stated there was no such thing as Palestine in history, 'absolutely not.'"⁶
4. "Palestinian spokesperson Ahmad Shuqairi told the UN Security Council in 1956 that Palestine was nothing more than southern Syria."⁷
5. "I think there is an Arab nation. I do not think there is a Palestinian nation. I think it's a colonialist invention... When were there any Palestinians? ...until the 19th century Palestine was the south of greater Syria. – Azmi Bishara, 1994"⁸
6. The clearest declaration of all, however, comes straight from the head of the Military Operations Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Zuheir Muhsein, who declared on March 31, 1977, "The Palestinian people does not exist. The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel for our Arab unity...Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people, since Arab national interests demand that we posit the existence of a distinct Palestinian people to oppose Zionism. For tactical reasons, Jordan, which is a sovereign state with defined borders, cannot raise claims to Haifa and Jaffa, while as a Palestinian, I can undoubtedly demand Haifa, Jaffa, Beer-Sheva and Jerusalem."⁹
7. "The PLO, in its own Charter or amended Basic Law (article 1), states that Palestine is part of the Arab nation. That 'Arab nation' never included a state known as 'Palestine.'"¹⁰
8. Article 24 in the 1964 version of the PLO Charter excluded any claim by the Palestinians to the West Bank and Gaza, the very areas where they now want the world to recognize the historic rights of the Palestinians to their own state.
9. At the Arab League meeting in Amman in November 1987, Jordan's king Hussein said: "The appearance of the Palestinian national personality comes as an answer to Israel's claim that Palestine is Jewish."¹¹

10. "Throughout his authorized biography (Alan Hart, Arafat: terrorist or peace maker) Arafat asserts at least a dozen times: 'The Palestinian people have no national identity. I, Yasser Arafat, man of destiny, will give them that identity through conflict with Israel.'"¹²

Mr Arafat did a remarkable job. But it just shows, first of all, that the Palestinian national identity is a very recent invention. Secondly, the Palestinian identity is primarily based on the struggle to destroy another state rather than to build its own.

All of the ten statements above, made over a period of 75 years from 1919 to 1994 by Arab leaders and spokespeople themselves, show that the Palestinians national identity has no historical roots.

Seven important historic truths about Palestine

The San Remo Conference of 1920

Below are listed seven important factual historic truths about Palestine that you can easily verify:

1. "The first official naming of "Palestine" as a distinct, defined territorial area came with the decision of the League of Nations, dealing with areas of the former Ottoman Empire, to create a Mandate for Palestine."¹³
2. "Ironically, the name [Palestinian] was used not by Arabs but only by Jews in the area, as in The Palestinian (now the Jerusalem) Post, and the Palestine Symphony (now Israel Philharmonic) Orchestra. Only after the State of Israel was established in May 1948 did the term 'Palestinian' become exclusively used in referring to Arabs in the area."¹⁴
3. The San Remo Conference in 1920, where both Jews and Arabs were represented, gathered to decide the future of the Ottoman Empire after World War I. This conference "recognized the historic rights of the Jewish people to reconstitute their national home" in Palestine. This decision on behalf of the League of Nations made the Balfour Declaration binding under International Law.¹⁵ The San Remo Declaration, together with Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and Article 80 in the Charter of the United Nations, are still applicable today. Forcing Israel to go back to 1967 lines and dividing Jerusalem is therefore a serious breach of International Law.
4. "No independent Palestinian state has ever been established, nor was there a single administrative or cultural unit of Palestinians. Arabs in the area were not different in any way from other Arabs in the Middle East."¹⁶
5. "One can scour thousands of Arab books and newspapers written before 1964 and you will find no mention of an Arab/Muslim Palestinian state, or a reference to Arabs as Palestinians."¹⁷
6. There has never in all of human history, before the Jewish immigration began, been any Palestinian king, sultan or monarch, no Palestinian capitol in Jerusalem, no Palestinian poet, author or intellectual promoting a specific Palestinian culture.

7. The Jewish people did not take over the land from the Arabs (or Palestinians) but from the Turks. The Arabs did not own it, the Turks did.

Summary: There has never been any trace of Arab Palestinian national identity in history until the Jewish national aspirations began in the 20th century. Only after the creation of Israel in 1948 and specifically after the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 have the Palestinian Arabs with the help of media successfully invented the Palestinian narrative.

This is why Newt Gingrich said:

"The fact is, the Palestinian claim to a right of return is based on a historically false story. Somebody ought to have the courage to go all the way back to the 1921 League of Nations mandate for a Jewish homeland, point out the context in which Israel came into existence. 'Palestinian' did not become a common term until after 1977. This is a propaganda war in which our side refuses to engage. And we refuse to tell the truth when the other side lies. And you're not gonna win the long run if you're afraid to stand firm and stand for the truth."¹⁸

The propaganda war has, however, been successfully waged by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) since its creation by the KGB in 1964.

"In 1948, Palestine meant a homeland for Jews. In 2011, Palestine means an oppressed, occupied, homeless Arab refugee subgroup being subjugated by those same Jews. What a brilliant marketing ploy. And when you couple the brand with other powerful buzzwords like Apartheid, Nazi like, abuse, mistreat, persecute, conquer, etc., you create a powerful circumstance for undeserved compassion."¹⁹

Five often repeated lies about Palestine

If you base your story on lies you have to continue to build it on lies. Here are a few of the historical, geographical, religious and ethnical lies that the Palestinians officially promote in their charter, education and media in order to prove their identity.

1. "The Jewish people have no trace of history whatsoever in Palestine." This makes most of the Bible from cover to cover a complete lie, not to speak of a large part of universally, accepted historical, geographical and religious research.
2. "The Jewish people, the only people in the world that God specifically calls his own chosen people, is not a people. They therefore have no rights to a land of their own and specifically not in Palestine." This makes God a liar. Israel, referring both to a people as well as to a land, is mentioned about 2,300 times in the Bible. God's promise to give the people of Israel the land of Canaan as an everlasting inheritance is the most often repeated promise in the entire Bible!
3. "Yeshua, Jesus, the one who was born king of the Jews, was a Palestinian, born by Palestinian parents. Virgin Mary was a Palestinian and Jesus was the first Palestinian martyr."²⁰ This makes the gospel a complete lie. The Apostolic Writings (NT) begins with the words, "A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham" (Mt

1:1) and ends, "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star" (Rev 22:16). You cannot become more Jewish than being the son of David and Abraham. Paul, the apostle to the gentiles, wrote, "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my Gospel" (2 Tim 2:8).

4. "There has never been any Jewish Temples on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem." This means that, not only are both the Old and New Testament lying documents, it makes our Master and Savior a liar as well when he spoke about the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, calling it his Father's house. On top of that it makes the science of archeology a big lie. The area around the Temple Mount is the most excavated area in the entire world. All the professional archeologists who have excavated there for the past hundred years are deceived.

5. "The Palestinians are descendants of the ancient Philistines and the Jebusites as well as being a Semitic people as part of the Arab nation descending from Abraham through Ishmael." Yasser Arafat used to say that as an Arab and therefore a Semite he could by definition not be anti-Semitic. All of these contradictory claims make both the Bible and accepted historical and ethnological research a lie. The Jebusites as well as the Philistines, were non-Semitic peoples descending from Ham (Gen 10:14). Both disappeared from history long before the Common Era began.

These are just a few of the lies. There are countless of others. For the Palestinians anything goes if it robs the Jewish people of their heritage. And if you repeat the lies enough times, most people will eventually believe in them. The Nazis proved that point.

Despite centuries of persecution and exile, the Jewish people have continued as an identifiable people for three thousand five hundred years. Why? Only because they are founded on an eternal, unconditional covenant made by the Maker of heaven and earth with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (not Ishmael and not Esau!). There is no other explanation to this unique fact. And as a people they have always throughout their long history of dispersion regarded, what used to be called Palestine, as their homeland.

The lie that Yasser Arafat successfully sold to the world was this: Give Palestine to the Palestinians! On the surface, who can argue with such a self-given statement? The only problem is that before 1948 that statement mainly meant: Give Palestine to the Jews! The famous UN vote in 1947 was over dividing Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state, not a Jewish and a Palestinian state like it is today. When the Jews finally got their state they renamed it Israel²¹, more in line with their ancient heritage and the Bible²² (which is another reason why many people hate Israel, Jn 17:14). The Arabs eventually took over the name Palestine, made it their own and successfully sold their invented story to an ignorant world.

Lies have no future. They are built on sinking sand. Daniel Pipes has stated: "...the fact that this [Palestinian] identity is of such recent and expedient origins suggests that.... it could eventually come to an end, perhaps as quickly as it got started."²³ The fact is: you cannot accept the Palestinian myth and also believe in the Bible. The two are mutually exclusive.

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May God bless you as watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem!

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