

Gaza Conflict - Still, Waiting For Peace In The Middle East Region

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Fatal mistakes of Britain and Super Power America

Palestinians and Jews should have stayed together. Britain should have initiated a two-state solution before the 1920s.

Jews and Palestinians have the same biblical forefather Abraham.

The British Empire should have mediated in the 1920s between the Jews and Palestinians before the creation of Israel, but failed to do so, and therefore conflicts arose ever since then.

Britain seized control of Palestine from the Ottoman Empire during World War I. Formalized as the

Mandatory Palestine in 1920 and later a League of Nations Mandate, Britain governed the region while implementing its Balfour Declaration pledge to support a Jewish national home, lasting until Israel's creation in 1948.

Because of the British Empire's weakness it could never mediate between different parties.

This was so on the Indian Sub-Continent, in South Africa's Apartheid policy, and in Australia and its indigenous people.

(BTW, I lived for some time as a missionary in those 3 continents. I worked in the Middle East for almost 8 years)

And after the creation of Israel in May 1948, America didn't do much better than Great Britain. Due to the UN partition plan and the US siding only with the new Jewish State and paying no attention to the stranded Palestinians, conflicts became almost inevitable.

The ancient conflict happened already at the time of Abraham's family, between his 2 sons Ishmael (Islam) and Isaac (Judaism). The Bible tells us they are half-brothers.

Both religions, Islam and Judaism derive from the same forefather Abraham. They are both monotheistic religions. This "ancient family conflict" is fought bloodily in the Middle East Region between Israel and Palestine until today.

Since 1948 America helped Israel and has spent huge amounts of money for defence, boosted Israel's economy and at the same time neglected the Palestinian. Palestinians are treated as second-class citizens by Israel and America to this day.

Ever since this made the situation complex until today, almost 80 years later.

Every year, May 15, marks the Palestinian "catastrophe" (Al-Nakba in Arabic). It reminds us of the 1948 displacement of some 750,000 Palestinians, the destruction of over 500 villages, and the loss of their homeland during the creation of the State of Israel. Driving the Palestinians out of "their homeland" was the beginning of the still unsolved conflict.

Where was America's foreign policy to help and mediate?

What is needed today: Israel and Palestine both need to be winners! Only then is true peace possible in the Middle East.

Regarding the religious dimension and Father Moon's teaching: Abel must serve Cain.

Abel was arrogant and egocentric toward his brother, and eventually Cain killed Abel.

Israel and Palestinians must both emerge as winners in any peace process and settlement.

Israel is the Abel in the Middle East and can do better.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, spoke frequently about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the lens of interfaith reconciliation, promoting Jerusalem as an international peace zone, and organizing peace marches with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders. He emphasized the spiritual root causes and the need of mutual forgiveness rather than political force.

Let's all pray for reconciliation between the two brothers believing in the same God!

PS

In some FB groups they called me an anti-Semite or even a Nazi, which is totally false.

I condemn the October 2023 military incursion into Israel by Hamas, killing more than 1200 Israelis.

Likewise, the daily killing of children and elderly by the IDF is also unacceptable. It must stop immediately!

Official sources like the UN and Amnesty International report on more than 72,000 Palestinians having been killed.

I criticize the Netanyahu government for human rights violations and atrocities committed against the Palestinian people. The nearly 80 years of Israeli policies against the Palestinians created terror groups like Hamas and Hezbollah.

Let that sink in!