



The Legal Foundation for Establishing Israel

Discussion Questions

1. What evidence do Christians believe to be true in supporting Israel's right to a Jewish State and homeland?
2. In the last few decades there have been those who have challenged the Jewish people's right to Israel as their homeland. Even though the legality was established one hundred years ago by International Law, who increasingly questions Israeli's right to the land?
3. Does the Bible reference the land given to Abraham as Palestine?
4. When the Romans crushed a Jewish revolt in 136 AD, they did 3 things to the Jewish people. What were they?
5. Because the name of Israel was changed to Syria Palestina by the Romans, it became easy to assume there had never been a Jewish homeland to those who do not adhere to the truth of the Bible. In World War 1 Great Britain took over the land between the Jordan River and the Persian Gulf – "Palestine" and Iraq. What Declaration in 1917 became the foundation for the Jewish people to legally claim a Jewish State in "Palestine" as their homeland?

6. After the Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations unanimously adopted a resolution in 1922 called the San Remo Resolution. What is the significance of this resolution?

7. Not only did the International community agree to the Jewish people's right to begin to settle in "Palestine", who else affirmed the Jewish right to the land in 1919? Was this people group willing to share the land with the Jews?

8. The former Ottoman Empire was divided into 3 countries. Name them.

9. In 1921 a large portion of the land of Palestine was given to Abdullah to reward him for his war-time assistance. This land give away greatly reduced the land promised for the Jewish homeland. Who gave this land away?

10. In 1923, the Golan Heights was given away. Who did this? What country did this land eventually become a part of?

11. In 1947, UN Resolution 181 called for Palestine to be divided into 2 states. The Jewish people accepted the offer. Who refused?

12. On November 19, 1947 the UN General Assembly accepted the partition Resolution 181 and the Jewish state of Israel was born. On May 14, 1948, Israel declared its independence and the British military moved out. The next day, who attacked Israel? How long did the war last?