



Straight Talk

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Roadmap for Peace

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Greetings, Gentle Reader,

Americans see many maps of the Middle East. Only then do we realize Israel is minute.

It's approximately 3/10 of 1 percent of the Middle East land mass. If the area were covered by a grid containing 100 equal squares, Israel would make up less than one-third of one square.

Yet, the primary imperative of every neighboring nation is the destruction of those who occupy 3/10 of 1 percent of that land.

Worse, if the "road map for peace" goes into effect, about half of that 3/10 will be given to Palestinians, whose oft and loudly stated goal is to drive the Jews into the sea. Such a loss would make it almost impossible for the Jews to defend themselves.

Why the animosity of those other nations, who are mostly fellow Semites?

Let's look at history.

Thomas J. Abercrombie, westerner and faithful Muslim, states that Allah commanded Mohammed to make war against nonbelievers.

Soon, Mohammed's army attacked a wealthy caravan near the Red Sea. During the battle, Mohammed shouted to his followers, "All who die today will enter paradise!"

In 630, two decades after Allah's commandment to subjugate or kill all unbelievers, Mohammed commanded an army of 10,000, all of which he had converted and recruited by the sword.

By 636, their army, now 25,000, defeated the Byzantines amid shouts of "Allah akbar (God is great)!"

The Muslims had just won the Holy Land and Syria, and under Muslim law, once a land is taken by Allah, it can never belong to any other. Therefore, in Muslim minds, Israel must always be under Muslim control.

Back to history.

Between 641 and 711, Muslims took Cairo, Alexandria, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Tripoli, Carthage and Tangier. In 711, Tariq ibn Ziyad and his 12,000-man army took Gibraltar.

Within six years, all Spain was Arab. The 1,500-year-old civilization of Persia fell, then Hindi India and Pakistan, followed by Turkistan, then Bukhara, Samarkand and

Tashkent, capital of the Uzbek.

The invaders, by now called Saracens, took all North Africa. Then the fierce Mongolian Turks came out of Asia and soon became Muslims.

In 1070, they took Jerusalem away from the Arabs and began preying on Christian pilgrims, raping, pillaging and murdering.

Seeing the Turkish threat to Europe, Pope Urban II called the first crusade in 1095. The wars between Islam and Christianity lasted for centuries.

In 1683, Muslim armies had reached as far as Vienna, where the Christian army commanded by the King of Poland, defeated them on Sept. 11.

Does that date look familiar? It does to Muslims.

Fast-forward to 1948.

Israel, occupied by Jews, Arabs, Christians, Armenians and others, was partitioned by the United Nations. The Jews were given part of it for a homeland.

Surrounding Arab nations immediately assaulted Israel and took much of it. They attacked repeatedly until 1967 (more than 100,000 episodes to be precise), at which time a coalition of Arab neighbors invaded and tried to impose their own "final solution" to the "Jewish problem." Unfortunately for them, Israel won and recovered the West Bank, the Golan Heights and Gaza.

Historically, land won in battle belongs to the victor, but Israel's recovered land is always referred to as "occupied territory" (though it wasn't labeled as such after the Arabs took it from Israel in 1948).

No mention is made of Israel's winning it in a war of intended extermination waged on them by neighbors.

The bottom line?

The Israel/Palestinian problem cannot be solved.

Seventy-five percent of Palestinians favor the intifada. They consider Israel Allah's possession.

Finally, they will continue to attack Israelis, because they are being paid very well to do so.