

"Israel, at the water cooler." Perhaps the following questions have floated through your head?

Who 'owns' the land that is commonly known as Israel, Judea, Samaria, Golan Heights, Gaza?

Is the war between Israel and Hamas justified?

Is the IDF committing genocide?

Who has an accurate report of what is going on in Gaza?

Can we understand modern day Israel without considering biblical history?

1. God owns history because He is the creator of time, places and people.

Psa. 24:1 the earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof....

Genesis 13:14-18

Leviticus 25:23

2. God allowed other nations to occupy the land due to Israel's disobedience to Him.

Lev 26:14-17;31-33;38,39

3. God will bless those who bless those who bless Israel..

Gen 12:3

Numbers 24 Baalam's Oracle

God's future plan for Israel

Zechariah 14

Romans 11:25-12:2

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Is the war between Israel and Hamas justified? October 7, 2023

1. Hamas is a radical Islamic group that has governed Gaza since 2006 following the Jewish dismantlement from Gaza in 2005 by Ariel Sharon.

In 2005, Israel withdrew from Gaza, uprooting all communities and military installations within Gaza. This allowed the PA (Palestinian Authority) full control of the area and the Rafah land crossing to Egypt.

In January 2006, Hamas won the Palestinian Parliamentary election (although it did not win the presidential election in 2005).

Following the election, the International Quartet (United States, Russia, the United Nations, and the European Union) declared that **in order for the then Hamas-run Palestinian government to continue to receive foreign aid, it must recognize the State of Israel, end terrorist activities, and adhere to all previous agreements.** Hamas rejected these terms, and international aid was halted.

Over the years, Hamas has challenged the PLO and the Palestinian Authority, causing conflicts between the sides, culminating in **June 2007 with Hamas's violent takeover of the Gaza Strip** and the suppression of Fatah and the Palestinian Authority members. Ever since, the rift between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority has grown.

The Hamas terrorist organization and their leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, has ruled the Gaza Strip since 2007. It has both a political and a military organization. **Hamas refuses to recognize the State of Israel and vows to fight until Israel is destroyed. The Hamas charter calls for the death of all Jews.**

In June 2007, Hamas violently took power over the Gaza Strip. Within a few days, Hamas executed dozens of its opponents and went as far as pushing them out of building windows.

Hamas's fight against its enemy, Fatah, has **cost the lives of 600 Palestinians, killed 188 people in one week** in June 2007. Numerous Palestinians threatened with death, took refuge in Israel.

Hamas puts its political interests above those of the civilian population in the Gaza Strip, of which they are responsible. Hamas' actions deprive Gazans of their rights and basic needs.

Since then, the Hamas controls the Gaza Strip and imposes its totalitarian ideology. Hamas controls what Gazan civilians say, what their children learn, and spreads propaganda and hatred through TV, especially on children's programs. [Hamas Rise to Power: Short History of Hamas in Gaza | IDF](#)

2. On October 7th, 1200 Jews were murdered and 251 hostages were taken by Hamas terrorists. Hamas did not declare war, they murdered defenseless Jews in a surprise terrorist attack. Hamas's strategy is to imbed it's military into the Gazan society, including schools, mosques, hospitals and homes.
3. The Israeli government and military Defense Force (IDF) has declared war on Hamas, not Gaza. Their objective is two-fold for Hamas-
Return the hostages/ Surrender your arms.

Is the IDF committing genocide?

1. Etymology of the word 'genocide': Polish-Jewish lawyer Raphael Lemkin coined the term genocide between 1941 and 1943. Lemkin's coinage combined the Greek word γένος (genos, "race, people") with the Latin suffix -caedo ("act of killing").
2. The IDF is confronting an enemy (Hamas) that wants to commit genocide on the Jewish people.

Who is accurately reporting the events taking place in Israel?

1. TBN Israel (Yair Pinto) - youtube
2. The Israel Guys - youtube
3. ILTV Israel News – youtube
4. It's Noon in Israel – Amit Segal (daily blog) **It's Wednesday, July 30, and Israel is at a crossroads: does it begin annexing parts of the Gaza Strip, or end the war due to increasing international pressure?** While Jerusalem is seriously considering the former, it can't ignore what may soon become an international avalanche of countries recognizing a Palestinian state—not to mention the pressure to end the war once and for all. But perhaps there's a third path: a behind-the-scenes solution that will lead to the dismantling of Hamas. Yesterday, for the first time ever, the 22-country Arab League signed a declaration not just condemning the October 7 massacre and calling on Hamas to release the hostages, but asserting that "Hamas must end its rule in Gaza and hand over its weapons to the Palestinian Authority."

While the text is far from perfect (amongst other things, it accuses Israel of inflicting "siege and starvation" in Gaza), the entire Arab League—including Hamas' patrons in Doha—calling on the terror group to lay down its arms is unprecedented. And with Benjamin Netanyahu and Donald Trump exploring new options to uproot Hamas from Gaza, I wouldn't be shocked if this is part of a larger move to dismantle the terror group.

It's Thursday, July 31, and a majority of Israelis believe Israel should renew Jewish settlement in Gaza. That's according to a survey in *Israel Hayom*, which asked Israelis for their thoughts on the 2005 Gaza Disengagement, and how the October 7 massacre has changed their opinion of the withdrawal.

This week's events:

United Nation's Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution

Statement by the Co-Chairs of the Conference: the French Republic and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Co-Chairs of the Working groups: The Federative Republic of [Brazil](#), [Canada](#), The Arab Republic of [Egypt](#), The Republic of [Indonesia](#), [Ireland](#), The [Italian](#) Republic, [Japan](#), The Hashemite Kingdom of [Jordan](#), The United [Mexican](#) States, The Kingdom of [Norway](#), The State of [Qatar](#), The Republic of Senegal, The Kingdom of [Spain](#), The Republic of [Türkiye](#), The [United Kingdom](#) of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, The European Union and the [League of Arab States](#).

We, Leaders and Representatives, gathered at the United Nations in New York on 28–30 July 2025, at a historically critical moment for peace, security, and stability in the Middle East.