

Netanyahu Seeking to Implement the Greater Israel?

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The so-called "Agreement of the Century" signed by Israel, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates and sponsored by Donald Trump staged the de facto recognition [by the US] of Israeli sovereignty over much of the Jewish colonies in the West Bank (including the Jordan Valley, the Golan Heights and virtually the entire holy city of Jerusalem with the exception of two eastern suburbs) and demands that the Palestinian community renounce completely its historical claims and the right to which it is entitled under international law in exchange for a promise of an injection of \$50 billion within 10 years. This would in practice result in the loss of Israeli citizenship for 300,000 Arabs and make it impossible to have a Palestinian state.

Such a doctrine would clash with the vision of Theodor Herzl, considered the father of the present-day State of Israel and founder of Zionism in promoting the creation of the WSO (World Zionist Organization), who in his book "The Jewish State: Testing a Modern Solution to the Jewish Question", proposed the creation of an independent and sovereign Jewish State for all the Jews in the world.

In his work "The Old New Earth" (1902), he lays the foundations of the present-day Jewish state as a utopian modern, democratic and prosperous nation, in which the Jewish people were projected into the context of the search for rights for the stateless national minorities of the time, such as the Armenians and the Arabs.

Later, in 1938, the visionary Einstein warned of the dangers of an exclusionary Zionism by stating:

"I would like to see a reasonable settlement with the Arabs on the basis of peaceful life in common, which I believe would be preferable to the creation of a Jewish state".

Towards the Greater Israel

The Greater Israel (Eretz Israel) is an entity that would try to unite the antithetical concepts of atavism. This doctrine had as its chief advocate Isaac Shamir, who argued that "Judea and Samaria (biblical terms of the present-day West Bank) are an integral part of the land of Israel. They have not been captured and will not be returned to anyone" and it is the basis for the postulates of the Likud party led by Netanyahu who aspires to make Jerusalem the "indivisible capital of the new Israel", after the invasion of its eastern part after the Six-Day War (1967) that had its international backstop when the Trump Administration moved the US Embassy to Jerusalem.



Thus, the Netanyahu government would be speeding up the deadlines to implement the endemism of Greater Israel (Eretz Israel), which would drink from the sources of Genesis 15:18, which notes that "4,000 years ago, the title to all land between the Nile River in Egypt and the Euphrates River was bequeathed to the Hebrew patriarch Abraham and subsequently transferred to his descendants".



This would involve the restoration of the Balfour Declaration (1917), which drew a vast State of Israel with an area of nearly 46,000 square miles and which extended from the Mediterranean to the east of the Euphrates encompassing Syria, Lebanon, northern part of Iraq, northern part of Saudi Arabia, the coastal strip of the Red Sea and the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt as well as Jordan, which would be renamed Palesjordan after being forced to host all the Palestinian population of the present West Bank and Gaza forced into a massive diaspora (new nakba).

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