

Palestine: The Shocking Myth of a ‘Land with No People for a People with No Land!’

Want to Own Hyde Park, London? It’s Yours. In Perpetuity! Enjoy!

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Palestine – the shocking myth of a ‘land with no people for a people with no land!’ In fact, now a land occupied by 8m foreign migrants from Russia, France, America, North Africa, Iran & Yemen whilst 4m indigenous Muslim Arabs are trapped in their own country encircled by a 9m high wall built by the invaders and/or subject to a 15 year economic blockade.

The unproven story of the exodus of the inhabitants of a Hebrew settlement around Jerusalem possibly 3,500 years ago needs to be taken in context. At that time the Aboriginal tribes of Australia, for instance, had been in existence already for many thousands of years. They are now a small minority. The indigenous peoples of Florida lived in what is now known as the State of Florida for more than thousands of years before the time of first contact with Europeans. There are still wandering around Africa the various, so called ‘Lost Tribes of Israel’

There have been many ancient tribes and peoples, all with their own history, stories, myths, traditions and culture. But in only one instance, has one of these ancient tribes been successful in reclaiming their ancient land and ejecting and violently dispossessing those people who followed them – often many thousands of years subsequently.

How did they manage such an apparently outrageous act that denied natural justice and the rights of man? The answer is complex but lies within the historiography, stories and fables handed down from generation to generation and enhanced or corrupted with the passing of generations. 3,500 years ago, in Palestine, there were numerous peoples and tribes, each with their own beliefs, culture and ceremony by which they communicated with their various gods and/or idols. Each people tried to enhance their land holdings and assets by killing those of other tribes – all competing for advantage in a simple but violent world where land and food were the only criteria for prolonging life.

From 3,500 BCE to the time of the Christian era, there were many, many peoples who either invaded or lived in Palestine, they included among others: Nomads, Palestinians, Canaanites, Egyptians, Philistines, Israelites, Assyrians, Benjamites, Judeans, Hellenes, Babylonians, Persians, Byzantines, Maccabeans, Hasmoneans and, of course, the Romans – although not necessarily a complete list or in that chronological order. Palestine was a lawless, violent, bellicose land – each tribe, and each family, vying for superiority by war and internecine conflict. Murder and sexual violence were commonplace. It was not a place of moral behaviour or justice as we understand it – more a place and a time of the survival of the strongest. For most, it was a short, brutal life of perhaps four or five decades long, although some did survive to the biblical age of three score years and ten. But not many.

Food and sex, tribe, culture and family being the dominate forces of life. Violence, land and strength were everything. But all that gradually changed with the coming of the Christian Era, followed by the Muslim faith, seven centuries later. By this time, the various tribes of Judah had been dispersed. That was maybe over 2000 years ago. How then, was it possible for the claimed descendants of just one of those many itinerant people/tribes of Palestine, in the 20th Century, to suddenly decide they wanted to return to the land of their – and many other, ancestors, and to eject and dispossess the now existing indigenous people?

The answer seems to be that there is a claim that the land of Palestine was given to the tribe of Judah, to have and to hold in perpetuity. Such was a gift by a benevolent, biblical God. Why? Nobody knows! No one else was given a hunk of land in Palestine or indeed anywhere else. This seems to have been a one-off gift for reasons unknown. Of course, there is no proof whatsoever that God made any such gift. But it's a very convenient story if you have no title deeds.

Perhaps I could claim ownership of Hyde Park, in London, because it was given to me. The price? No price – it's a gift, in perpetuity. Enjoy! Mazeltov!

Prince Charles and the Royals? Oh, put them in Osbourne House, they'll like it there!

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