

A Palestinian Christian Story
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A Quiz
(to frame the stories)

1. The term “Semitic” refers to
 - a) ethnic Jews
 - b) ethnic Arabs
 - c) all of the above
 - d) none of the above

2. Before 1948, the land that is now called “Israel and the occupied territories” was governed by
 - a) the Ottoman Empire
 - b) the British Empire
 - c) all of the above
 - d) none of the above

3. In the first half of the 20th century, the Arabs who lived in the region called “Palestine” practiced
 - a) Islam
 - b) Christianity
 - c) Judaism
 - d) all of the above
 - e) none of the above

4. “Zionist” refers to
 - a) someone who subscribes(d) to a political movement, originating in 19th and 20th century Britain, that advocated for a “homeland” for European Jews in the region then known as Palestine
 - b) European Jewish militia-men who used terrorism to forcibly evict Arabs from their homes in Palestine in the years immediately before and after 1948
 - c) the belief that it is the right of Israel to maintain current and build more settlements in Palestinian territories illegally occupied by Israel
 - d) all of the above
 - e) none of the above

5. Israeli settlements in the West Bank today
 - a) are illegal
 - b) are equipped with utilities, services and infrastructure (ex: water, electricity, etc.) that surrounding Palestinian towns and villages don’t have access to
 - c) are peopled by Israeli Jews and protected by Israeli Defense Forces, both of whom regularly demean, belittle and attack Palestinians in surrounding areas
 - d) all of the above
 - e) none of the above

6. Christians in Palestine today
 - a) exist
 - b) have existed in Palestine since the time of Pentecost
 - c) live in Gaza, the West Bank, Jerusalem and Israel proper
 - d) are victims of Israeli discrimination and targeted violence
 - e) all of the above
 - f) none of the above

7. The current nation-state of Israel is
 - a) a modern-day continuation of the ancient Israel which we read about in the Old Testament
 - b) the beginnings of the fulfillment of prophecies made in the Biblical book of Revelation
 - c) the Israel to which we refer in the Book of Common Prayer (ex: *"We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people..."* BCP p. 368)
 - d) all of the above
 - e) none of the above

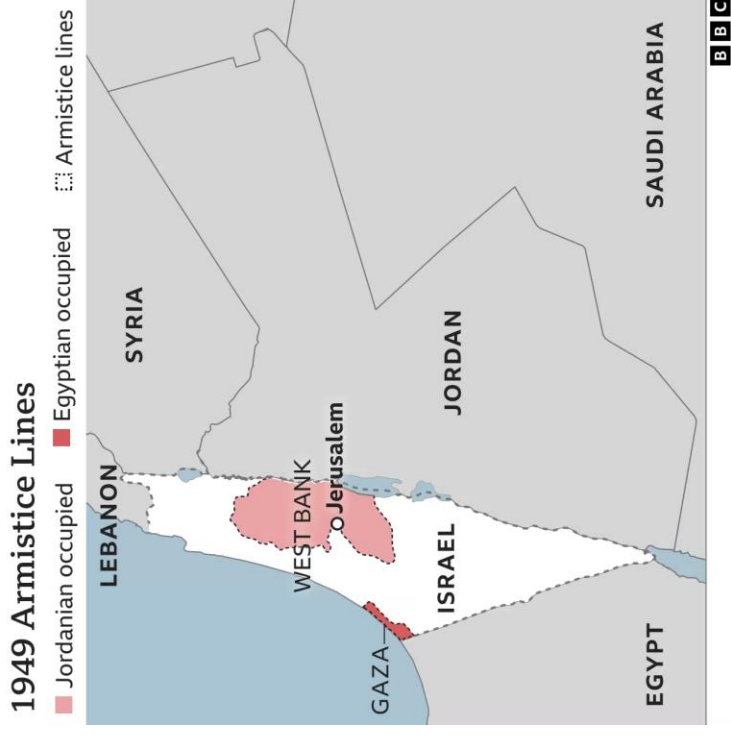
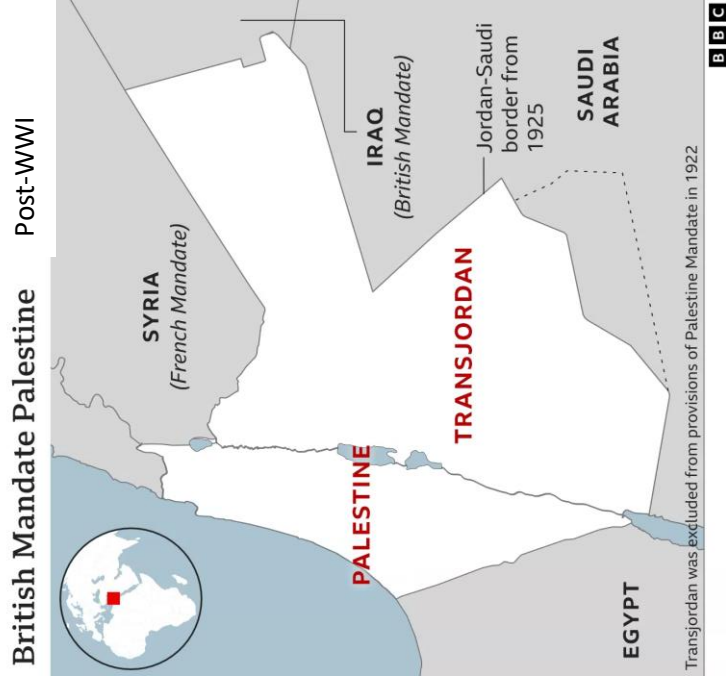
8. Anyone who speaks up for Palestinians and calls for a "free Palestine" today
 - a) must be Muslim
 - b) is a terrorist and/or a terrorist supporter
 - c) is anti-Semitic (meaning anti-Jewish)
 - d) wants the eradication of Israel
 - e) all of the above
 - f) none of the above

9. The following people were supporters of Palestinian rights
 - a) Nelson Mandela
 - b) Malcolm X
 - c) Albert Einstein
 - d) Mahatma Gandhi
 - e) Archbishop Desmond Tutu
 - f) all of the above
 - g) none of the above

10. The Episcopal Church
 - a) was among the first Churches in the West to condemn the slaughter of innocent civilians in Palestine in the weeks after Oct. 7 and to call for a ceasefire
 - b) like Pope Francis, has called Israel's actions in Palestine "terrorism."
 - c) has taken effective steps to educate our members about our Palestinian siblings in the Holy Land, both in recent months and throughout the past decades
 - d) all of the above
 - e) none of the above

Some maps to help tell the story...

- After WWI, mandate entrusted Britain with establishing in Palestine “a national home for the Jewish people,” so long as doing so did not prejudice the civil and religious rights of non-Jewish communities there
- Jewish leadership in Palestine declared the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, the moment the British mandate terminated, though without announcing its borders. Britain armed Israeli militias; approx. 750,000 Palestinians fled; May 15, 1948 Israel was invaded by five Arab armies, marking the start of Israel's War of Independence which ended in 1949; 150,000 Palestinians remained within Israel's borders; today that number is 1.6 million (20% of Israeli population)



- United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 adopted unanimously (including by US) calls for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied territories, acknowledges the claim of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the region.
- From 1960s Israeli settlers move into Palestinian lands and establish settlements; some hardline settlers are in Netanyahu's cabinet.

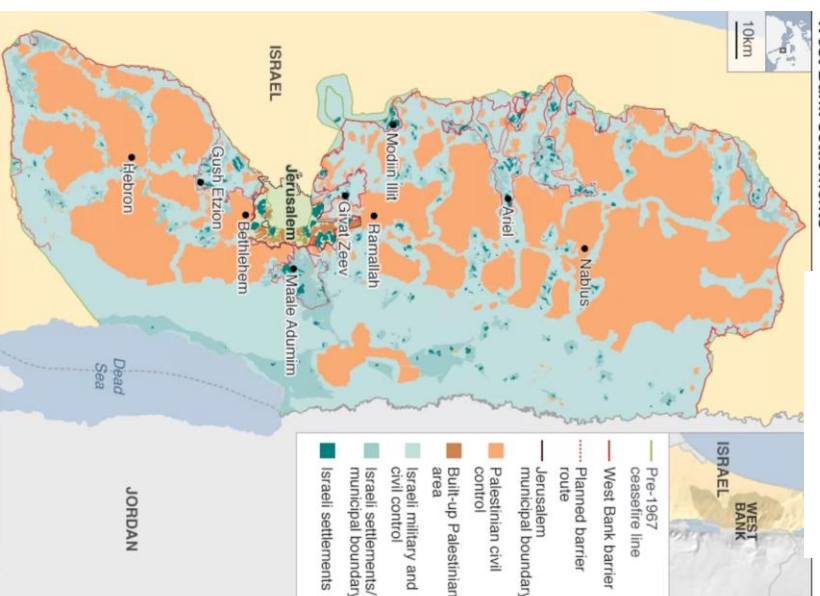
After the 1967 War

■ Land occupied by Israel in 1967



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