

“From the River to the Sea...” – God’s Truth will set YOU free!

Introduction

The sudden and unexpected invasion by Hamas terrorists into the land of Israel, and attack on kibbutzim and a music festival on October 7th not only took the world by surprise but also the Israeli military intelligence. The shock and horror of the vicious and sustained barbaric killings against non-combatants – young party-goers, old



women and babies is still fresh in the minds and in the international news as more details emerge of the ferocity and hatred that was behind the attack. However, the world’s revulsion and repugnance has become greatly overshadowed by the Israeli response. Disproportionate, collective punishment, genocide are some of the words deliberately chosen by some to describe the Israeli Government’s military reaction in their destructive air bombardment and ground invasion of Gaza. Huge protests around the world, but especially in the west with nations with large Muslim populations have dominated the rolling daily news channels, as thousands of civilians have lost their lives as perceived terrorist targets are



bombed, and infrastructure obliterated, and thousands of others are forced to flee for their lives. The images of war once again flashing across the collective consciousness, the awful Russian- Ukraine no longer in the headlines. The protests show no sign of easing, instead are increasing, occupying train stations threatening to overshadow Remembrance Sunday today here in the UK.

An anti-Israeli sentiment and indeed even antisemitism has taken hold of many communities across the UK and Europe. It is not just a protest against the humanitarian disaster that is unfolding, but as the U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres publicly stated that the attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum, the protests are against the Israeli nation, the very existence of the state of Israel. The Pro-Palestinian marches display thousands of Palestinian flags, posters and banners but what has become common are flags and chants which have the slogan “Palestine will be free from the river to the sea”.



History of the slogan

These flags and these chants have been hugely divisive. The slogan has been around since the 1960's. It seems to mean different things to different people, for Palestinian Arabs, the

phrase has been a rallying call for decades, *Min al-nahr ila al-bahr... filastin hurra* signifying what they believe is their right to peacefully return to their ancestral lands in the now State of Israel, after 650,000 had to leave as a result of the war of the neighbouring Arab states against the newly fledged state of Israel in 1948 when they rejected the UN partition. To the descendants of these refugees the phrase *from the river to the sea* means the right to return to their ancestral lands, as there are 5 million of them

now, it means the complete reversal of the establishment of the state of Israel. As Palestinian refugees sought homes elsewhere, the phrase took root overseas and has become widely used in pro-Palestinian protests in the past five decades. It has since been taken up by Hamas, the oppressive terrorist regime which took over Gaza in 2007. “Hamas rejects any alternative to the full and complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea,” says the organisation’s 2017 constitution.

The home secretary, Suella Braverman, says that the slogan was “a staple of antisemitic discourse”. and was “widely understood as a demand for the destruction of Israel”. She added: “Attempts to pretend otherwise are disingenuous.” Baroness Pauline Neville Jones who served as security and counterterrorism minister from 2010 – 2011 said last Monday “We should be under no illusions- Hamas is calling for the destruction of Israel. That’s what ‘from the river to the sea’ *means*.”

In 1966, the Syrian leader Hafez al-Assad, the father of the country’s current dictator, said: “We shall only accept war and the restoration of the usurped land ... to oust you, aggressors, and throw you into the sea for good.”

Meanwhile Andy McDonald, a Labour MP, at a protest in London organised by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign at the weekend said *We won’t rest until we have justice, until all people, Israelis and Palestinians, between the river and the sea can live in peaceful liberty*. Three days later he was suspended from the party. Former U.S. diplomat Cécile Shea, who previously served as a political policy officer in Tel Aviv. “*When Hamas talks about a Palestinian state from the river to the sea, they’re talking about an Islamic state,*” “*They’re not talking about a secular Palestinian state.*” The vice president of the Jewish United Fund, Jay Tcath, “*.. many Palestinians, ... embrace the eliminationist interpretation of that phrase, which is: ‘From the river to the sea’ doesn’t mean one state for two people. It means a Palestine without any Jews left living there. And either it will be accomplished by expulsion or murder,*” “*We’ve learned what happens to Jews without a state,*”. “*That is the Holocaust*”. By way of contrast: The founding charter of

Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party meanwhile states: *"Between the sea and the Jordan there will only be Israeli sovereignty."*

The phrase the river to the sea is then a summary, a microcosm of the conflict in the Middle east, a fight for the same homeland. Every time there is an outbreak of hostilities, it is like a ratchet effect, increasing more hostility more generational hatred, and increased interference from the wider world. The consequences of this latest outbreak of violence is seen in the rhetoric coming from surrounding nations and the wider powers.

Both sides claim to have ancient ancestral rights to the land. Some Palestinians claim to be descendants of the Philistines, and others Canaanites, both groups of peoples spoken about in depth in the Bible, additionally of course saying they are the descendants of Ishmael the son of Abraham. The Jewish State claims the right to the land, as their ancestral land from thousands of years ago, and have lived there continuously ever since, that the land that was promised to their father Abraham, and the Isaac and Jacob, who had his named changed to Israel, hence the name, and that it was their homeland ever since.

Both claim Abraham as their great ancestor. As Christians living in a so-called Christian country we make no apologies for turning to the Bible, which is the very basis of our faith, and what is more, we are proud to use this as a definitive guide to life, as we have proof that it is, as it claims, the Inspired Word of God Himself. This same Bible the leader of Israel has stated: *The Bible is the basis for why we are here, why we have returned here, why we stay here.* Palestinians as Muslims, refer to the Torah as a Holy Book, from where of course the information about Abraham comes from. The Bible is the common ground for all sides in this conflict.

The phrase "From the river to the sea" is a Biblical phrase.

It is not a phrase that is owned by Palestinian protestors, nor that can be banned by any government. In fact, it is found in Ezekiel 47 in the description of the boundary and borders of a future Kingdom to be located

right there in the land known as Israel and the West Bank today. Of course, the protestors in the hate marches and the British Government or any other government for that matter including probably the Israeli, are not aware of this, or if they are, they give no credence, weight or authority to it, as the Bible has been delegated to the dustbin for most people and has no relevance. But it is the source of the dispute right now in the region, and it holds the solution. It is about time people started reading their Bibles once again.



Turning to the passage in question, it is in verse 19, we read: *And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And this is the south side southward.* What is all this about then? The context of the

passage is set by the previous verses. A series of borders are outlined, and this in verse 19, is the southern border, from the river – that is the brook of Egypt to the great sea, that is the Mediterranean Sea. Who was this land promised to? Again the context reveals: verse 13: *Thus saith the Lord God; This shall be the border, whereby you shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel:* The borders described in the chapter include all of Israel, from the river Jordan to the Sea, all of what is today called Gaza and the West Bank, Lebanon, and a large chunk of Syria. This is the same prophet Ezekiel revered in Islam as are all the Old Testament prophets. *“Oh well, that all relates to the past doesn’t it, the Jews used to live in the land, but it doesn’t mean it is always going to be their’s”* might be the reply.

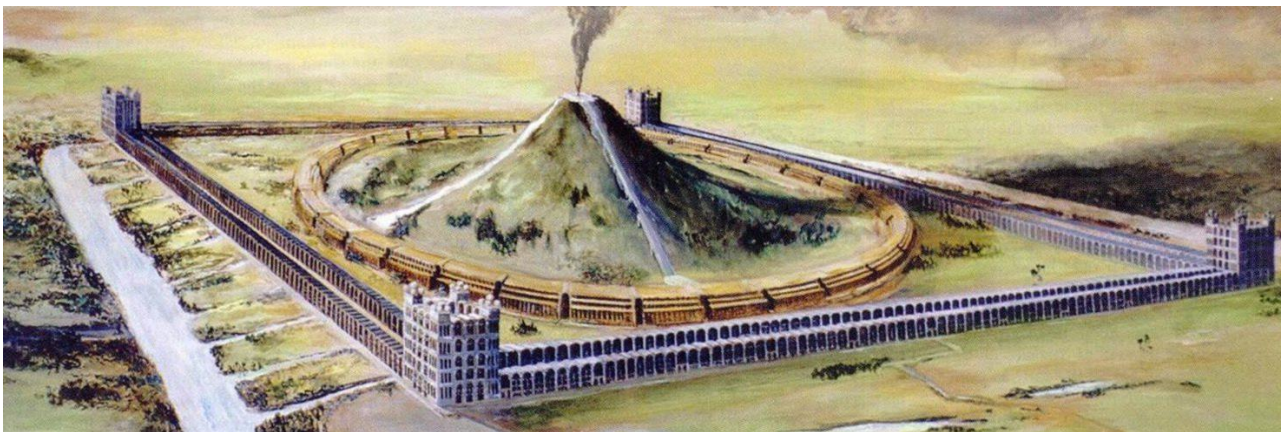
History of Israel in land up to today

But it doesn’t relate to the past, this prophecy has not been fulfilled. The prophet Ezekiel lived in Babylon a refugee in exile. The land of Judah had

been taken over by the Babylonians. The other tribes had already been taken into captivity 130 years before and had been scattered throughout the Assyrian empire. After Babylon, the land of Israel was overrun by the Persians, then the Greeks, then the Romans, the Byzantines, Jerusalem became part of a Muslim Caliphate, then the Seljuk Turks, the Crusaders, the Mamluks, the Ottomans Turks who then ruled over the whole region for 400 years, until the British were victorious over the Ottomans in the Middle East during World War I and victory in Palestine as it then became known was a step towards dismemberment of that Islamic empire. This prophet Ezekiel revered by Jew, Muslim and Christian – and where the phrase from the river to the sea has come from - predicted nearly 2600 years ago under inspiration of God, that the Jewish nation – the house of Israel would become a nation again, and would be restored to its former land. This is what we are reading about in chapter 47.

Further Prophecies

This is part of a series of prophecies and visions of a glorious future which he is told to tell his compatriots to cheer them up and encourage those who put their faith in God.



From chapter 40 to 47 he is shown a massive house of prayer for all nations, a huge edifice a mile square, built around a mountain located in Jerusalem. This building is described as a place of worship, but also a centre of administration for a new Kingdom. Those borders mentioned in this prophecy have not been fulfilled, nor of course a new temple built or a new

Kingdom. It has not happened. It is still yet future. But prior to these visions he is shown others. Take chapter 37 for example: In this chapter the prophet Ezekiel is given a vision of a valley full of dry bones.



He was shown in the vision how these all came together to form skeletons, and that sinews and flesh would come upon

them and then skin. 7-8 ... *as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: ... Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.*

For centuries the nation of Israel has been like this valley of dry bones. The nation as such was dead. Literally at times as seen in many grim photos of thousands of stacked corpses starved to death or gassed in the Holocaust during WW2.



37:11 *they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.* But the promise was as we have read: *Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.* There are scores of similar prophecies which have all been remarkably fulfilled. It has been the will of God. Between 1945-1970 some 585000 Jews migrated from war torn Europe. The war of Independence in 1948 led to some 750000 Arabs fleeing their homes to surrounding Arab nations who refused to integrate them, with Arab military leaders exhorting that the Jews would soon be pushed into the sea. Meanwhile Some 820,000 Jews were expelled from their homes in Arab countries and fled to the new Israeli state. Jews emigrated from Russia and the US. The population of Jews in the land rapidly expanded, and the nation has become very strong and powerful, rich, a regional military superpower and economic powerhouse, in the space of 75 years.

Returned in Unbelief

The prophecy of Ezekiel and countless other prophecies of the Old Testament about the restoration of the nation of Israel after centuries of being scattered around the world have been fulfilled. But wait! Not quite. Returning to Ezekiel 37: 13 *And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.* Well, the nation of Israel certainly has not the Spirit of God or godliness as we have been recently reminded, and today gives no credit to God, and the majority of the nation are secular and even resent the ultra-orthodox Jews in their midst. The Spirit of God is not yet in them. It was because of unbelief that that they rejected their Messiah and rejected the God of their Fathers. It is in unbelief that they have returned to their land. Romans 11:20 *Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear:* This is no occasion to judge them because of the dreadful calamities which have befallen them,

but if they believed that God was their Salvation, and that the example of their Messiah was correct why have they responded to their pain by violence to their neighbour? The Torah states Leviticus 19:18: *Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.* The so called right of defence is not scriptural. The Lord Jesus taught: Matthew 5:39: *But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.:*

If Israel truly were the people of God, if they were the sons of Abraham, they would not have reacted to fire with fire. They would not have responded to violence with even more violence. Imagine a week after October 7th, the Israeli Government ignored its War Cabinet and decided on a unique response to the wicked and heinous attack upon their vulnerable people, they could have after a suitable time of mourning offered to build new hospitals in Gaza, a new desalination plant, an electricity power station, and collaboration on better water supplies. They should have done this in the spirit of forgiveness and in the name of the God of Israel. How this would have made the world sit up, how this would have changed the dynamic of the conflict. How this would have undermined completely the arguments of the terrorist organisations and the Jew haters around the world. That would be the reaction *if true religion and undefiled* was the motivating drive of the nation. But Israel reacted as any other nation would, and that is to retaliate, so typical of human nature.

People say “Oh all wars are about religion, it is the Bible to blame!” It is not religion that is to blame for wars, nor the Bible. It is human beings that are to blame- and they use religion as an excuse. It is their selfish and biased interpretation of religion in order to grab power, land or rights and supremacy over other peoples. In fact, religion does not come into it. It is human nature at its brutal bestial craven and disgusting worst.

Promises

Both the Jews and the Arabs claim Abraham as their father as they argue about the little tract of land. But Jesus observed: John 8:39 *They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.*

Speaking of Abraham so revered by the so-called three great faiths Judaism, Islam and Christianity; as those who claim him as a prophet and a man of faith should know, God promised him when he lived in the land of Canaan, the ancient name for the land of Israel, Genesis 15:18 *In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:* Genesis 17:8 *And I will give unto you, and to your seed after you, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession.*

The land in question is not described as from the river to the sea, but from the river to the river, a much larger expanse!

Abraham had other sons, who also inherited promises. Genesis 17:20 *And as for Ishmael, I have heard*

thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will

multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. He was the great ancestor of the Arabs, as Islamic teaching acknowledges. Genesis 25 narrates how his descendants dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as you go toward Assyria:



But others were also promised part of the land, Lot, Abraham's nephew, travelled with him away from Chaldea, and he had two sons, Moab and Ammon. As the Old Testament attests, these became the fathers of other Arabic tribes who settled in areas to the East of Jordan. The brother of



Jacob, Esau also received an inheritance in this region. Known as the land of Edom, Mount Seir, later Idumea, the nation of Israel were not allowed to encroach upon this land, they were warned: Deuteronomy 2:4,5: *You are to pass through the coast of your brothers the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; ... Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given*

mount Seir unto Esau for a possession. Nevertheless the hostility of those early times persisted between the Arabic tribes and Israel, and they became bitter enemies.

The history of Israel as shown in the Old Testament, is intertwined with that of their cousin Arabs. Israel, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were given a law by God, through Moses. They were chosen by God to be an example of obedience to God, and by their behaviour teach other nations: Deuteronomy 7:6 *For you are an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen you to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.* Exodus 19:6 *And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.*

Israel failed dismally in this very quickly turning from that law, and corrupting themselves to be like the other nations. God used the Edomites, the Ammonites, and the Moabites, as well as other nations who had

become bitter enemies to punish Israel repeatedly, and these nations contributed to the gradual erosion of the Kingdom of Israel.

God promised Abraham, and Hagar, that Ishmael would become a great nation. However, for centuries the Arab tribes which descended from him were warring and hostile to one another, nomadic, and disjointed as a group of peoples. But true to God's Word, they did become a great nation. Revelation chapter 9 describes the rise of Islam from the region of Arabia, who God raised up to curb the apostate power of the Roman Catholic Church. This became a mighty empire which ruled over the region for centuries and Ishmael had the ascendancy over Israel until 1917, when the Ottoman Turks surrendered Jerusalem to the British in 1917.

How will the land be free?

God has not forgotten his promise to the seed of Jacob either, as we have already seen. But these promises do still not resolve the bitter hostility between Jew and Arab. They are still fighting over the same tract of land. The land does not look to be free from either of them any time soon.

But the time will come when the arrogance and over confidence of the Jewish State will be completely broken and humbled. Zechariah 13:8 -9: *And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.* But it won't just be Jews who will be greatly humiliated.

In Numbers chapter 24: 17-19: there is a very interesting prophecy by Balaam the son of Boer, who had struggled for mercenary and power reasons not to give a blessing on the nation of Israel. *I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir*

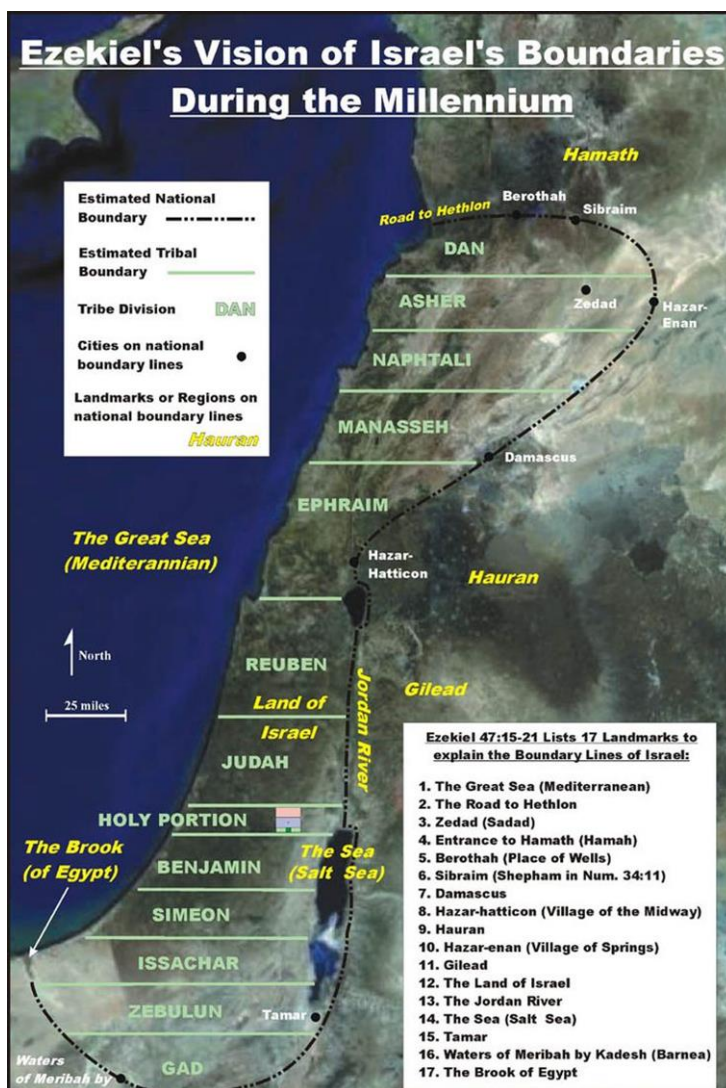
shall also be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion... . This is an unusual prophecy at the time, as God had not given the land of Seir or Moab as an inheritance to Israel as we have already seen. From this we can understand that a long time into the future there will be a great person to come out of Jacob (ie, Jesus Christ who will conquer Edom and Moab. History has shown that has not as yet happened. Furthermore Amos 9:9-15 *I will sift the house of Israel among all nations...in that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen...that they may possess the remnant of Edom...and I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel.* The possession of Edom will come at the end times when Israel is recovered from the nations.

Another prophecy relating to the end times: Obadiah:19-21: *And they ..shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath;(ie Lebanon) and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south. And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; (ie Syria and Jordan) and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.*

Lastly let's have a quick look at a prophecy of Daniel where he predicts a massive showdown between two powerful alliances fighting over the control of the Middle East, which describes a latter day invasion of Israel and the surrounding area: that will take place at the time of the return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection

Daniel 11:40- 12:2 *At the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind... and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land (ie, Israel), and many shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon....And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace (headquarters) between the seas in the glorious holy mountain (ie,*

Jerusalem); yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. And at that time shall Michael (ie, Jesus Christ) stand up, the great prince that stands for the children of thy people (ie, Israel): and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt”.



In all of these self-explanatory prophecies just placed before you, we are taken to our own modern times, showing that after the land suffers a great invasion, the Arabic territories of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Lebanon, Gaza as well as the area known as the West Bank will be absorbed into what will be known as the Kingdom of God.

They will all be unified to form a single state. From the River to the Sea, there will be One Government, and there will be peace. Not just this, but the same prophets show there will be big changes to the topography, and

terrain of the region.

Deserts in the Arabic regions will become fertile through an abundance of water – Isaiah 43:1 Rivers will run through the desert, Isaiah 41: 18,19 *I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will*

plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the olive tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: Isaiah 21 explains how water will be brought from the desert of Tema – a region to the west of Jordan, the villages of Kedar will rejoice, and will from *Kedar and Nebaioth* (again ancient names for Arabs) *come with acceptance to God's altar in Jerusalem*. This is telling us that the Arabs will be among the first to accept the Jewish Messiah. It is not surprising. They believe in one God, not three in one. They will not have so much apostasy to declutter their minds! At a stroke the controversy of Zion will be dismantled. Those in Gaza and West Bank will have far better ancestral Arabic lands to inhabit than they have now!

How the Truth will give Freedom

Now we are building to the very point of our talk. Between the river and sea, God's Truth will set you free. The land in that region will become the epicentre of a new World Order, a Central World Government based on godly, and righteous principles, and not hatred, violence and prejudice. This promise of such a Kingdom of God, was what was promised to Abraham and all the faithful all along, and what they were looking forward to. Belief in the resurrection to life, and the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth, with the capital in Jerusalem is central to the Gospel of God, preached by the Apostles, and preached by the Apostolic Ecclesia today. In fact, the Apostle describes those ancient promises as the Gospel:

Galatians 3:8: And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the nations through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. Through Abraham would come a seed, whereby all nations would be saved from their sin. The Apostle explains that in these promises there was the promise of one to come: *16: Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

The life of Jesus Christ – that long awaited promised seed, proved that harmony and peace with God is possible through obedience to his law, and through the forgiveness of sins. The Lord Jesus showed how love can triumph over hate. How to turn the other cheek. Even upon the cross He forgave those who crucified him. He taught his disciples to forgive. Mark 11:25 *forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.* But the blessing promised to Abraham was not just for the benefit of Jews, but all nations. Galatians 3:14 *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

In the same way that Abraham was faithful, and that he believed God, it was counted to him for righteousness, and so he was promised eternal life, so all those who are Gentiles, and not Jews will receive the New Covenant, through baptism, which signifies starting a new life in Jesus Christ, to inherit the promise of eternal life, by believing and having faith in the promised seed, Jesus Christ. The promise that God has given is that Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah of the Jews, will return from heaven, will establish the Kingdom of God on earth again. That Kingdom which Abraham was promised for ever, is not in the sky as Muslims believe, and as Catholics and Protestants believe. Abraham and the faithful from long ago, all believed the promises that God gave them, and he promised them a land, the land – His land, the Holy land for ever. It was not to be the Homeland for Jews, nor a two State Solution, nor to be the state for Palestinian Arabs. It will never be free just for Jews – as Judaism will be abolished – as will Islam and Catholicism, and every other false religion that has deceived people, and will be shown to be palpably untrue. Instead, it will be free from anger, from violence, from hatred, free from sin, and it is freely offered for YOU. This is the truth which Jesus speaks of, which the prophets predicted, which is the gospel message, that truth, Jesus speaks of in John 8: to the Jews who thought that being descendants of Abraham made them special. *If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham... And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not,* but to those who believe

in him he said: *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

This is the prophecy, the vision. Many of the prophecies are being fulfilled in our day, as the world moves toward it's self-destruction. But salvation for Jew, Arab, Palestinian, Israeli, Gentile, you and me is freely available, and now is the time to resolve our own conflict within OURSELVES, to repent, and turn to Jesus Christ, to learn to forgive to be forgiven, and be part of the wonderful and glorious future when as David the Psalmist of Israel predicts the Messiah will *have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.* (Psalm 72)

