

The Palestinian Question(s)



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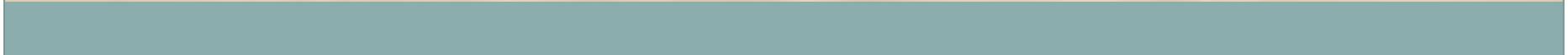
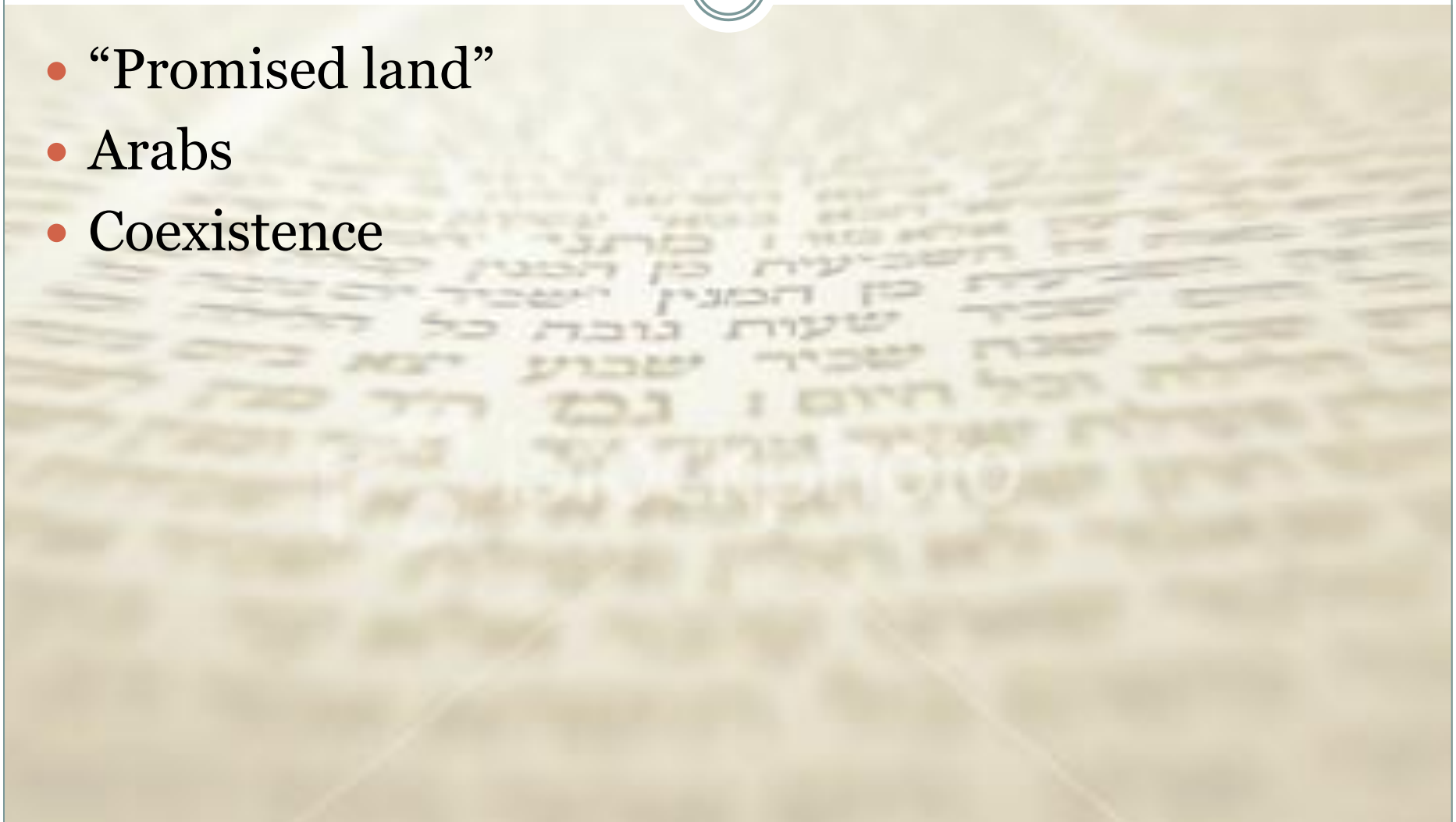
Map of Asraløla



Early history



- “Promised land”
- Arabs
- Coexistence



British involvement

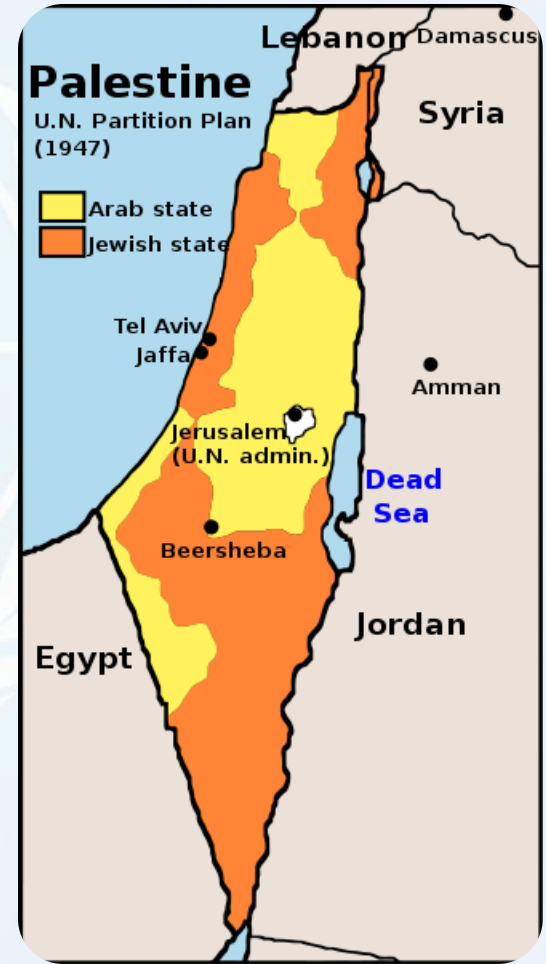


- **Balfour Declaration (1917)**
 - “His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people[...]
- **Secret Agreement with French**

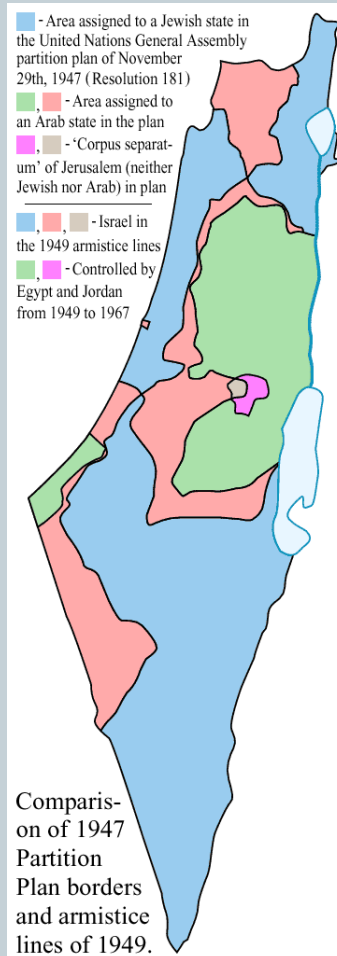
1947 UN Partition



- Two-state solution
- 1948 Arab-Israeli War
 - ~300,000 Palestinians already expelled
 - Israel does not accept UN Partition
 - 1st phase—P offensive (?)
 - ✦ (29 November 1947 - 1 April 1948)
 - 2nd phase—Haganah response
 - ✦ (1 April - 15 May)
 - 3rd phase –neighboring armies
 - ✦ (15 May - 19 July)
 - 4th phase—Israeli initiatives
 - ✦ (19 July 1948 - 20 July, 1949)



1948 Armistice Agreements



Six-Day War



- 5 June-10 June 1967
- UNEF in Sinai ensures compliance
- November 1966 Syria-Egypt
- IDF attacks as-Samu in response to PLO guerillas
- Nasser false intelligence that Israel on Syria's border
 - Expells UNEF
 - Masses troops
 - Closes Straits to Israeli shipping
- Operation Focus

Palestinian loss of land 1946 to 2000

Palestinian and Jewish land 1946



UN Partition plan 1947



1949 - 1967



2000



Recently



- Palestine will go to United Nations in September
- GA vs. SC
 - Recommendation from SC necessary
 - US and Israel: talks with Israel
- Prosor to Mansour: "On behalf of whom will you present a resolution in September? Mr. Abbas or Hamas? Will it be on behalf of both the Palestinian Authority and the Hamas terrorist organization, which advances a charter calling for the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews? Will it be on behalf of Akram Haniyeh – the PA's Chief Spokesman— or Ismail Haniyeh – the Hamas Prime Minister in Gaza?"

Palestinian bid for statehood



- Arab spring
- EU (Sarkozy)
 - Gerard Araud UNSC
- AL
- West Bank (PA) and Gaza
 - Abbas: elections
- Quartet

United Nations work



- **UNRWA**
 - 1949 GA
 - Refugees (lived, worked, and had a home in Palestine from June 1946-May 1948 or descendent) number 4.8M
 - ✦ Appalling conditions
 - 45% unemployment
 - Building codes
 - 70% of Gazans below poverty line
 - ~700 schools
 - ✦ 1-9 (10 Jordan, 12 Lebanon)
 - ✦ Taught on local curricula + add-ons of UN values
 - 137 primary health-care clinics
 - Micro-finance
 - Infrastructure and camp improvements

Millennium Development Goals



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