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Psalm 122:6

“Pray For The Peace Of Jerusalem: They Shall Prosper That Love Thee.”

(Only The Good Lord Can Integrate These Two Texts)

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathered her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.” - Mt. 23:37-38 “There shall not be here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.” - Mt. 24:2

This prophecy was literally fulfilled in grisly detail when the Titus the Roman destroyed the temple in A.D. 70 sending the Jewish survivors into worldwide exile for almost 2,000 years.

A Brief Historical Prospective:

Jerusalem was the first capital of Israel under King David. It has never been the capital of any other country – including the fictional Palestine. Don't place your trust in the ever-changing (PC) Wikipedia. Our only trust worthy source is the Scripture. Israel was a swamp-infested wasteland that no one, including the Arabs really care about. And while the Jews were out of the land it suffered neglect. It was only after the Jews returned back and made the land prosperous again and developed a strong democratic nation, that the fictitious Palestinian history was developed.

A Scholarly Secular Prospective:

Mark Twain visited Israel in 1867, and published his impressions in *Innocents Abroad*. He described a desolate country – devoid of both vegetation and human population: “... A **desolate** country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds... hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. (“**Your house is left unto you desolate.**”) Even the olive tree and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country.” Mark Twain was amazed by the smallness of the city of Jerusalem: “A fast walker could go outside the walls of Jerusalem and walk around the city in an hour. I do not know how else to make one understand how small it is.” Jerusalem in David's time measured 15 acres. But when David added the Temple Mount and all the adjacent area, it increased to 37 acres. Today, Israel is 8,019 square miles with approximately 9 million people. Israel's land area could fit into the state of Florida's 65,755 square miles just over 8 times.

A Religious Prospective:

Theodore Herzl (1860-1904) is commonly acknowledged to be the visionary founder of modern political Zionism that led to the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine. A secular Jew educated in the high culture of Vienna, Austria, having received a doctorate in law in 1884. Herzl's confrontation with European anti-Semitism led to the eventual conclusion that the only solution was the establishment of a distinct nation for this distinctive people.

Theodore Herzl's Historical Audience With Pope Pius X:

"Yesterday I was with the Pope (Pius X) ... I arrived ten minutes ahead of time, and without having to wait I was led through a number of small reception rooms to the Pope. He received me standing and held out his hand, which I did not kiss. Lippay had me I had to do it, but I didn't. ("Lippay" was Count Lippay a papal portraitist) I believe this spoiled my chances with him, for everyone who visits him kneels and kisses his hand. Some desired to be allowed to kiss the Holy Father's foot. Until he dismissed us Lippay spent some time kneeling before him and couldn't seem to get his fill of kissing his hand. Then I realized that the Pope liked this sort of thing."

Herzl's Request: Recognition Of Israel As The Homeland Of The Jews:

"I briefly placed my request before him. He however, possibly annoyed by my refusal to kiss his hand, answered sternly and resolutely: "We cannot give approval to this movement. We cannot prevent the Jews from going to Jerusalem – but we could not ever sanction it. The soil of Jerusalem, it was not always sacred, has been sanctified by the life of Jesus Christ. As the head of the Church I cannot tell you anything different. The Jews have not recognized our Lord, therefore we cannot recognize the Jewish people." At this the Pope made me a long face, for I hadn't even kissed his hand. But on departing, too, all I did was to give him a warm hand-squeeze and a low bow."

Facts & Fiction:

Fiction: Jerusalem is the homeland of the Palestinians.

Fact: Jerusalem was first capital of Israel under King David. It has never been the capital of any other country – including fictitious Palestine.

Fiction: Palestinians and the land Palestine go together.

Fact: The name Palestine was assigned by the Romans in the mid-first century in an effort to rid Judea of its Jewishness and embarrass them. The name came from the ancient Philistines (who have no connection to present day Arabs. The Philistines were wiped out in 1200 BCE). Before Israel was rebirthed in 1948, any people who lived in that region were considered Palestinian: Arab or Jew. The Jewish newspaper was called the Palestine Post.

Fiction: Muhammad ascended to heaven from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Fact: Muhammad never set foot in Jerusalem. Jerusalem is not once named in the Koran. Israel gave up the Gaza Strip for peace and what did they get in return? WAR/MISSILES!

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