






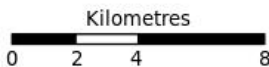
# THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR





# GAZA STRIP

-  Built-up area
-  Refugee Camp
-  Crossing Point



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

ISRAEL

EGYPT



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- Each side blames the other for occupying land they don't have a right to occupy.
- Whose "side" are Christians to be on in this conflict?
- What, if anything, does it have to do with Bible history and prophecy?
- What is the current conflict all about, anyway?

## KEEP IN MIND:

- *Perception is NOT necessarily REALITY!*
- *Perception is NOT necessarily TRUTH!*

# ISRAEL & THE LAND PROMISE

- **God made a promise to Abraham concerning the Land (Genesis 12:7; 15:18).**
- “The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.” (12:7)
- “On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:” (15:18)

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- **God fulfilled the promise He made**
- (Joshua 21:43-45; 1 Kings 4:21; Psalm 105:42-44)
- “So the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it. 44 And the LORD gave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and no one of all their enemies stood before them; the LORD gave all their enemies into their hand. 45 **Not one** of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel **failed; all came to pass.**” **Joshua 21:43 - 45**





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- *And the promise was re-fulfilled after the captivity, to give Israel “a hope” (Jeremiah 29:10-11; 16:14-15).*
- "For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. 11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you **a future and a hope.**'" (29)

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- **But God warned Israel that their disobedience would result in them being removed from the land, scattered over the face of the earth, and persecuted (Deuteronomy 28:58-68).**



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- **1 Peter 1:1-4** “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to **an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away**, reserved in heaven for you,”



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- *Pray for the innocent who are suffering.*
- *Pray “for all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life...” (1 Timothy 2:2).*
- *Pray for the souls of all men. “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved...” (1 Timothy 2:3-4).*