

The **Future** of Judea & Samaria



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Judea & Samaria is Biblical Israel



- Where Joshua brought the Israelite Nation upon its exodus from Egypt
- Where the prophets preached and kings ruled
- Home to Shilo, Bethel, Hebron, Bethlehem and so many other Holy Sites
- A place of enormous religious significance to Jews and Christians
- To learn more, please watch *Route 60: The Biblical Highway* starring Mike Pompeo and David Friedman

Judea & Samaria is of Enormous Importance to Israel's Security



- Close to all of Israel's population centers
- If transferred to Palestinian control, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv will be within short distance of rocket fire
- A security threat that cannot be overstated — a Palestinian State is an existential threat to the State of Israel
- Efforts by past US governments to design security protections for Israel if it surrenders this territory have all failed

Judea & Samaria is at the Core of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict



- Home to approximately 2 million Palestinians
- Home to approximately 500,000 Israelis
- Some issues arising from the Six Day War resolved: Sinai returned to Egypt; Israel has asserted its sovereignty over Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. But Gaza is subject to a brutal war begun by Hamas and Judea and Samaria remain a political football.
- US policy is that Israelis have the right to live in Judea and Samaria (Pompeo Doctrine); most of the world disagrees

All Prior Attempts to Resolve Status Of Judea & Samaria Have Failed



- Two-state solution is a dead letter; Israel has no margin of error and Palestinian leadership has proven unreliable as a peace partner. Nonetheless, even after the October 7 assault, US Administration still pushing this outcome.
- One-state solution simply swaps an untenable military risk for an untenable demographic risk
- Need to find another solution that protects Israel's security, respects Biblical covenants and affords civil rights and human dignity to all

Legal Background



- Pompeo Doctrine reversed prior State Department policy and held that Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria does not violate international law. Biden Administration has not yet reversed this doctrine although it considers Jewish settlement illegitimate if not illegal.
- Judea and Samaria have never been under Palestinian Arab sovereignty. Going back 500 years, territory was held by Ottoman Empire, United Kingdom (in trust per British Mandate for Palestine) and Jordan. All have relinquished claims.
- Israel awarded Judea and Samaria per San Remo Declaration. Eugene Rostow, US negotiator of UNSC 242, says Israel has the best claim to the land. In 1967, Israel repatriated its own territory in capturing Judea and Samaria.

Key Facts On The Ground



- Palestinian Authority is corrupt, unpopular and unable to govern
- Abbas in 18th year of 4 year term
- Chaos likely after he passes; possible takeover by Hamas which enjoys enormous popularity among Arabs in Judea and Samaria
- Palestinians have low GDP per capita, as do their Arab neighbors. Israel's GDP per capita is more than 12x that of Palestinians
- Palestinians need Israeli assistance; they will never have peace, prosperity or security without accepting Israeli sovereignty
- Most Israelis are reticent about accepting responsibility for Palestinians – they see that as a major economic, security and social burden. They need an incentive to think outside the box.

The Choices Are Stark & Troubling



- Do nothing and watch the situation continue to deteriorate. Already, the world is moving decidedly and abruptly against Israel
- Continue with failed fantasies of a two-state solution which will never be actualized and which distract from realistic opportunities for improvement
- Allow Israel to complete its victory over Palestinian terrorists and then to bring dignity and prosperity to those willing to live peacefully within its sovereign territory

The Vision For The Future



- Tripartite agreement among Israel, USA and an expanded group of Abraham Accord Muslim countries.
- Israeli sovereignty over all of Judea and Samaria
- Marshall Plan for Palestinians funded largely by Gulf neighbors.
- Palestinian enclaves with maximum civilian autonomy subject to Israeli overriding security control.
- Palestinians afforded permanent residency and Israeli travel documents, but no voting in national elections. Arab-Israeli citizens unaffected.
- As conditions improve, Palestinian acceptance more likely.

Can the US Support A Solution Without Full Palestinian Equal Rights?



- Yes, this is not apartheid. In racist South Africa, blacks were taken from their homes and placed in “bantustans” in awful living conditions. Here, Palestinians are guaranteed that they will keep their homes with significant economic improvement and internal controls. Palestinians will receive full civil rights other than the right to destroy the world’s only Jewish state through demographic power.
- US holds territories that do not participate in national elections (e.g. Puerto Rico, Guam etc). Those arrangements are accepted because they provided significant reciprocal benefits.
- More than 40 nations have a national religion, including most of the Gulf states. Their laws are designed to protect their national faith. There is room in the world for a single Jewish State.

Initial Challenges



- Palestinians undoubtedly will oppose (as they have opposed every single proposal in the past)
- Israel may have to increase security restrictions in the short run as a leadership vacuum will emerge post-Abbas
- Through funding initiatives, facts on the ground will slowly emerge to establish hope and greater stability
- Identify and empower Palestinian leaders to deliver on this opportunity for the Palestinian people while continuing the war on terror

In Contrast to Prior Right-Wing Efforts Within Israel, This Vision is a Win-Win.



- Holistic solution to improve stability of the region.
- Addresses head on the realities on the ground, including the need to improve Palestinian quality of life
- Builds upon Abraham Accords breakthroughs
- Ensures that Judea and Samaria is sovereign territory of the State of Israel in accordance with Biblical prophecy and values, and guarantees that the most holy of sites to the Christian and Jewish faith remain preserved and accessible to all