

Palestine in Prophecy

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The Palestinians have been fighting the Israelis for many years and have a deep hatred for them. This animosity between the two peoples, is this prophesied in the Bible? What will be the judgment against the Palestinians, and their ultimate fate?

Bible Origins

So what are the origins of the Palestinians? Are they identified in the Bible? Truly there are two groups, the Palestinians in the West Bank in the East, and the Palestinians in the Gaza strip to the West; The two, although with the name Palestinian, *they are two separate races.*

As we have proven in our booklet *Turkey in Prophecy*, through Jeremiah, that the Edomite's remnant after the fall of the Ottoman empire remained in Jordan and Syria and became the Palestinians in the East. Jeremiah says, "...his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not...*Leave thy fatherless children*, I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy widows trust in me." (49:10-11).

The Bible in Basic English translates the latter end of verse 10 as, "and there is no help from his neighbours."

Gill identifies his neighbors as, "... his brethren, the Ammonites and Moabites; and his neighbours, the Philistines; or as many as were with him, and belonged unto him" Modern-day Jordan, Syria, and Palestine were all possessions of the Ottoman Empire.

Gill continues to say that, "*So Kimchi and Ben Melech say this phrase is in connection with the Jer 49:11.*" (ibid). And that his neighbors and brethren "*say to him [Esau] what follows: 'leave thy fatherless children'*" (ibid). *His friends the Syrians and the people of Jordan say to Edom that they would take care of who is left of the Ottoman Turks in their lands.* The Palestinians in the East, who were under Jordanian control in Palestine, are the remnants of those Ottoman Turks.

Isaiah 11:14 shows Edom in the east side of Palestine with Ammon and Moab.

At the end of Obadiah the lands of Edom in Palestine are taken and given to Israel. The inhabitants of Esau are dwelling, "And *they of the south* 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; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which *is* in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south" (Obadiah 19-20).

This identification of the Palestinians becomes clearer from a careful reading of Obadiah 19. It is speaking of territories—that those who control particular territories in the Holy Land will come to possess additional territories there. In context, we can see that Israelites in this verse are retaking areas that the Edomites have stolen. ***Fascinatingly, the areas listed as doing the taking here are areas that are today populated by Jews. The areas being taken back are now populated by Palestinians—thus apparently identifying the Palestinians as Edomites, at least***

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in large measure. Notice: “The South [the Negev, now held by the Israelis] shall possess the mountains of Esau [southern Jordan and perhaps the area of Hebron, the southern West Bank now populated by Palestinians], and the Lowland [the Shephelah, or lower hills between the central hill country to the east and the coastal plain to the west, now populated by Jews] shall possess Philistia [most of which is now the Gaza Strip, territory now held by Palestinians]. They [the Jewish Shephelah inhabitants] shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria [the northern West Bank, now occupied by Palestinians]. Benjamin [the area around Jerusalem, presently held by the Israelis] shall possess Gilead [northern Jordan].” *The Palestinians in the Gaza strip are of the Philistines, but in the east, those Palestinians are of the remnants of the Ottoman Turks.*

What of the Palestinians in Gaza?

One of the tribes of Mizraim were the “Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim” (Gen 10:14). The Philistines have always been an enemy of Israel. The Philistines were known to the Assyrians as the *Palashtu*, and to the Greeks as ‘*he Palaistine*’ - hence the later name of Palestine. They came from Crete, originally Caphtor. They migrated into Canaan and fought many wars against Israel. After the Assyrian conquest of the 8th Century BC, however, the Philistines effectively disappear as a coherent nation. Afterwards “...by the Arabians (b), the country of Palestine, or the Philistines, is called Keritha; and by the Syrians Creth; and, by the Hebrews the inhabitants thereof are called Cherethites,” (Gill’s Commentary).

Josephus in his day (1st century A.D.) said, “Now all the children of Mesraim, being eight in number, possessed the country from *Gaza to Egypt*, though it retained the name of one only, the Philistim; for the *Greeks call part of that country Palestine*” (Works, Book 1, Ch. 6, emphasis added). The Palestinians were there in the first century in the time of Christ in Gaza.

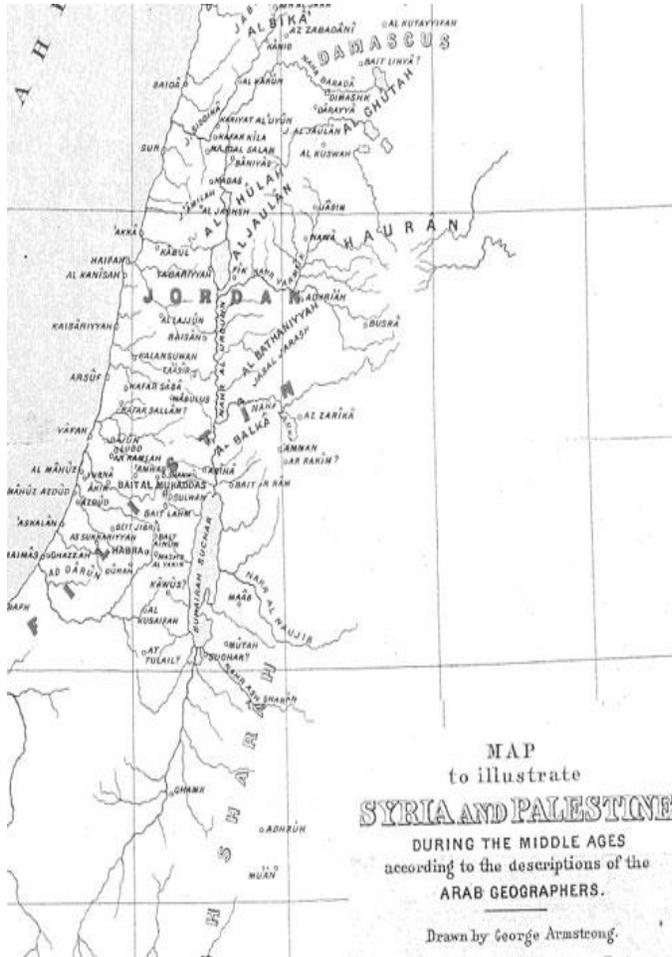
The Arabic word *Filastin* has been used to refer to the southern region of Palestine since the time of the earliest medieval Arab geographers. It appears to have been used as an Arabic adjectival noun in the region since as early as the 7th century CE. (Kish, George. *A Source Book in Geography*, p.200). In Fact most of the Palestinians in the Gaza strip according to Genetic analysis and historical accounts suggest that the Muslims of Palestine are largely descendants of Christians and Jews from the southern Levant who converted to Islam during the Arab conquest of the 7th century A.D. These were Philistines during that time that were either Jewish or Christian by religion because of the two dominant religions during that time before the Arabs came, and now are Muslims.

In an end time prophecy of Judah migrating to Israel, God says, “Woe unto the inhabitants of the *sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites!* the word of the LORD is against you; *O Canaan, the land of the Philistines,* I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.” (Zephaniah 2:5). “Cherethites-the Cretans, a name applied to the Philistines as sprung from Crete (Deut 2:23; Jer 47:4; Amos 9:7). *Philistine* means ‘an emigrant.’”(JFB Commentary).

At the second coming of Christ, the Bible shows that the Philistines dwell in the west side of Palestine as the above prophecy suggests along the sea coast, “But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines *toward the west*” (Isaiah 11:14). JFB Commentary says, “This

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expresses an attack made unexpectedly on one *from behind*. The image is the more apt, as the *Hebrew* for ‘shoulders’ in Num 34:11 is used also of a maritime coast (‘side of the sea’: *Hebrew*, ‘shoulder of the sea,’ *Margin*). They shall make a sudden victorious descent *upon their borders* southwest of Judea.”



Map of Palestine during the Middle Ages according to the description of the Arab geographers, drawn by Geo. Armstrong, from Palestine Under the Muslims: A Description of Syria and the Holy Land from AD 650 to 1500, by Guy Le Strange, London 189

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So what is coming upon the Palestinians of Gaza? (*For the Palestinians of the West Bank refer to Turkey in Prophecy*)

First, the hatred that the Palestinians have for the Israelis is noted in the biblical prophecies. Ezekiel says, “Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the Philistines have *dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy it for the old hatred.*” (Ezekiel 25:15). What a perfect description of today’s situation. The Jewish nation started on the sea coast of Palestine. Zephaniah’s prophecy describes the making of the modern Jewish nation, “Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD *is* against you; *O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.*”

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“And the sea coast shall be dwellings *and* cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

“***And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah;*** they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them, and ***turn away their captivity***” (Zeph 2:5-7). Zephaniah chapter two begins with statements clearly indicating it is a “latter day” prophecy. Verse two sets the time-frame of this chapter as being just “before the day of the Lord’s anger,” and verse three reiterates that this prophecy applies to the time just prior to “the Day of the Lord.” Verses 4 - 5 pronounce “woe” upon the cities and inhabitants “of the seacoast,” and it’s clear that the “seacoast” of Palestine is being discussed due to the mention of the cities of Gaza, Ashdod, and Ekron.

This prophecy clearly states that God will give the historic land of the Philistines (Palestine) to “Judah” just prior to the “Day of the Lord.” It furthermore indicates that God was not going to “turn away [Judah’s] captivity” until just prior to the Day of the Lord. The phrase “turn away their captivity” is a bit clumsy; it simply means “end their captivity.” In 1948, the Jewish nation called Israel was born in the “seacoast” region of old Palestine, fulfilling this prophecy. Indeed, the 1988 Edition of the *Encyclopedia Americana* notes this about Israel’s population: “About 70% of it is concentrated in the Mediterranean coastal strip...” This is exactly what Zephaniah 2 prophesied would occur to Judah in the latter days.

Because the Jews had been a stateless people scattered among the nations for centuries (even millennia), the prophecy’s language that their captivity would be “turned away” (i.e. “ended”) is very descriptive of the fate of the Jews, a people who had not had their own nation for a very long time. Also this event of the Jews returning to Palestine happened after their captivity under Nazi Germany in World War Two.

Zephaniah 2:6 also prophesies that agricultural pursuits were to prosper when the “house of Judah” re-established a nation in Palestine, and much has been written documenting that the Israelis have “made the desert bloom” with their innovative, high-tech agricultural efforts.

This is the hatred the Palestinians have for the Israelis. They feel the Land was stolen from them and want revenge, “***and have taken vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy it for the old hatred.***” God also says in another end time prophecy that, “...I will cut off the pride of the Philistines....And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth:” (Zachariah 9:6-7). Gill writes, “...the meaning may be, that they shall no more thirst after blood, nor drink it; nor breathe out threatenings and slaughter against the saints, or persecute the people of God...”

God continues in Ezekiel, “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and ***destroy the remnant of the sea coast.***”

“And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.” (25:16-17). They will drink the cup of the Lord’s anger. They are listed as one of the nations that will drink of the Lord’s cup in Jeremiah 25:20. In verse 13 God says, “And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied *against all the nations*” (Jer. 25). In the book of Jeremiah there are specific prophecies for certain

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nations. The Palestinians are among these nations listed. But prophecies are not just limited to the book of Jeremiah, but Isaiah, Ezekiel and Zachariah as well.

So what will lead up to God pouring his wrath upon the Palestinians? Certain events are prophesied to happen before the complete destruction of this nation.

Isaiah's Prophecy

Isaiah 14 is an amazing prophecy of a future invasion of Palestine from the NORTH!

“Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina [Philistines Strong’s #6429], **because the rod of him that smote thee is broken**: for out of the serpent’s root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent.

“And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

“Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, **art dissolved**: for **there shall come from the north a smoke**, and none *shall be* alone in his appointed times.

“What shall *one* then answer the **messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.**” (vv.29-32). The word Palestina is “pelesheth” (Strong’s #6429) meaning “Philistia” and used as Philistia in other scriptures see Psalm 60:8, 87:4; 108:9.

First God tells the Palestinians in Gaza *not* to “rejoice” Why? “because the rod of him that smote thee is broken” Judah is that “beautiful rod.” The “rod” is a symbol of rulership. “The staff, the sceptre, is the emblem of authority; cf. Eze 19:11-12, Eze 19:14, and Psalm 110:2.” (K&D Commentary). Judah’s has no more authority and power over Gaza. They have retreated from the Gaza strip. But God says do not rejoice over this for God will see to it that Israel will possess the lands given to them by God. Something else is coming in the future a “viper” that will slay the remnant of Palestine. (Examined below).

Notice however that Judah is “broken.” The Israelis are not ruling over Gaza. Since then Israel has been under attack constantly by Hamas. Will these wars eventually take its toll on Judah, and Judah is so broken and spent it cannot defend country by itself any longer and needs outside help? The prophecies strongly suggest this in Daniel 11:45 and the verses below.

Verses 31-32 the prophecy continues of a coming future invasion from the North! “Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, **art dissolved**: *for there shall come from the north a smoke...*” This scripture matches the scripture in Isaiah 19:16-17 that says when Egypt is weak and feeble by its own internal struggle, an army in land of Judah will be a terror to them. So the Palestinians are *dissolved* when they see the great army from the North coming into Israel. We must understand that the Philistines is a part of the great family of Mizriam, (Egypt) that includes the Philistines so the two prophecies of Isaiah 14 and 19 are for the same time frame and peoples.

The smoke is, “a numerous army, raising a dust like smoke as they move along, and coming with great ‘swiftness’” (Gill’s Commentary). The latter end of that verse Ferrar Fenton translates, “not

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alone but in Masses” The Palestinians are “dissolved” “literally, *art melted; i.e.* "faintest through fear" (comp. Josh 2:9; Jer 49:23)” (Pulpit Commentary).

The Palestinians then send “messengers” in verse 32 to the invaders. The Ferrar Fenton Translates this “And what should be said to the National Leader?” The invaders say, “That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.” Does this sound like enemies of Israel? No! Why do they come to Israel? Well Judah is “broken.” The Israelis finally need help to protect their country from the Islamic groups they are surrounded by—from Media [ISIS], Iran, Hamas etc...So who is this invader from the north?

In Daniel 11:45 the King of the North occupies Israel “between the Seas [Negev Desert] in the glorious holy Mountain [Jerusalem].” In our booklet Middle East in Prophecy we prove that this king of the North is the Potter’s Clay and Iron Phase, which is NATO led by the USA and Britain. America occupies Israel to save Israel because of “tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him:” (Daniel 11:44). Troubles from Persia and Media will threaten Israel and the West. Who else has invested billions of dollars and is a faithful ally of Israel?

This is why we read in Isaiah’s prophecy, “That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.” The west believes as do the Jews that God gave the Jews the land of Israel, and have every right to it. So what we are reading in this prophecy is the NATO Alliance from the north occupying Israel, and the Palestinians send messengers to them asking them why they are there. Barnes comments, “The design of this verse is obvious. *It is to show that Judea would be safe from the invasions of the Philistines...* That he is its original founder, and that he has now shown his regard for it *by protecting it from the Philistines.* It would be safe from their attacks...” Many terrorist groups continue to attack Israel from its borders as it always has. Of course the Palestinians are in league with Iran, and the Iranians sponsor the current government of Palestine and its terrorist groups in the Gaza strip, so Daniel’s prophecy rings true.

Jeremiah 47 published the same prophecy “against the Philistines” (v.1), “Thus saith the LORD; Behold, ***waters rise up out of the north***, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: *then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl [Palestinians howl because they hate the fact that the USA will come and save the Jews their sworn enemy].*

“At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, *and at the rumbling of his wheels*, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness [same as Isaiah 14:31]of hands;” (vv.2-3). A flood of armies are coming into the land from the “north.” These are the occupying forces of NATO to save Israel from her enemies. These events are going to happen to complete the Judgment of God on all nations, as the latter end of these scriptures show us.

The Palestinians and the Beast Power

The NATO Alliance [The Potter’s Clay phase of Daniel chapter 2] will “come to his end” as Daniel 11:45 predicts, and then the “miry clay” and the “Iron” will form the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire as it is prophesied in Revelation 17.

During this time, the great tribulation will happen, the time of “Jacobs Trouble” (Jer 30:7), the

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time when the USA, Britain and the Commonwealth, North Western Europe and the Jews will go into slavery and captivity. It is in this time setting in Joel the third chapter that God is angry with the Palestinians and the Lebanese. God says to them, “I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.” (v.2). Clearly Israel and Judah [the Jews] and scattered among the nations in slavery and captivity (see Joel 3:3 & Ezekiel 39:25-29 for confirmation). The land also is divided among the heathen that have overrun the land that God gave them; clearly this is Jacob’s trouble God is referring to.

God then says, “Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, [Lebanon] and all the coasts [Gaza strip] of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;” (Joel 3:4).

“and what have ye to do with me” God says. Muslims claim Islam, Christianity and Judaism all worship the same God, but God says “and what have ye to do with me”? The Jamieson Fausset and Brown commentary says of this verse, “Ye have no connection with Me (that is, with My people: God identifying Himself with Israel);”

Gill’s Commentary writes, “to be called by my name, or accounted my people? I know you not, nor will I have any fellowship with you:” They claim they are God’s people via Islam, and some false connection with Ishmael, which is a total myth. God says there is no connection between him and them.

The latter end of that scripture says, “will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head” Gill’s commentary perfectly illustrates what God is saying, “**will ye render me a recompence?** for turning you out of your land, and putting my people into it? do you think to retaliate this?”

“**and if ye recompense me;** by doing an injury to my people:

“**swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;** bring swift and sudden destruction upon you.” (Emphasis his). They want to seek vengeance on the Jews for taking over their lands as they claim even though God promised those lands to Israel.

God says that by injuring Israel you are injuring me and your revenge is against me, God says. If your revenge is against me, he will bring swift and immediate destruction on them (see below).

The prophecy continues, “Because ye have taken *my silver and my gold*, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:” (Joel 3:5). The gold and silver of God is the gold and silver of the coming temple that will be built in Jerusalem. It will be destroyed and the gold and silver will be put into their temples [mosques & Dome of the rock]. This is one of the reasons why God will take vengeance on them due to their hatred towards him and his people.

Joel continues, “The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem *have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.*” (v.6). Is this not what is taught in

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the schools in the Gaza strip? To drive Israel into the sea and take over their lands and Jerusalem? Well they will eventually succeed. Notice that the Jews are “sold” as slaves to the “Grecians.” Obviously this is Europe. The coming beast power will put them into slavery and captivity and the Palestinians will help the beast to do so *because they are part of that “Miry clay” alliance* (Read our booklet the “Middle East in Prophecy for details).

Then God says, “Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:” In Isaiah the eleventh chapter the prophecy says that Judah and Israel will return to the promised land from all parts of the world including the European nations like Assyria which is modern day Germany. When they do return the Palestinians and the Lebanese will have God’s vengeance upon them as it is described in the next verse, “And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it.*” (v.8). What they did to the Jews is exactly what is going to happen to them. God says “and I will judge thee according to *thy ways*, and will recompense thee for *all thine* abominations.” (Ezekiel 7:8).

Jeremiah 47:4-7 reveals the same scenario as the scriptures above.

The Second Coming & the Palestinians

The latter end of the above scriptures reveals even *more judgments* from God on the Palestinians. God will take vengeance on them due to their hatred of Israel and Judah.

“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, ***I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines***, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

“And ***I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes***; and they shall know that *I am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.” (Ezekiel 25:16-17). During the time of the tribulation the Palestinians will give the Americans and the British and the Jews over to the enemy to be led into captivity, see Obadiah 14; Amos 1:6.

For this and many other transgressions against the people of God. God will execute his vengeance on them, “And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

“And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should ***smite the nations***: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: ***and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.***” (Rev 19:13, 15). Those that actually try to *fight* Christ, Jesus will put them to death.

Back in Isaiah 14 a “fiery serpent” is revealed, it says, “Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, [Philistia] because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent’s root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent.” Who is the “serpents root” and who is the cockatrice or “viper”? (See Strong’s #6848).

To understand this we must look into biblical history, and we find that it was the “House of David” that smote the Philistines and kept them under submission from the time of David to Uzziah, see 2 Chronicles 26:6. But then, “the rod of him that smote thee is broken.” This

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happened in the days of Ahaz, see Isaiah 14:28; 2 Chronicles 28. The Syro-Ephraimite war was taking its toll on Judah, Israel took many Jews captive, see 2 Chron 28:5-8, it weakened Judah, and so many nations rebelled against them including the Philistines, see 2 Chron 28:18.

God however is telling them “not” to “Rejoice” because “out of the serpent’s root shall come forth a cockatrice” this viper, “A basilisk, or adder, a serpent of most venomous nature” (Barnes Notes) would rise and conquer them again. This was fulfilled by Hezekiah in 2 Kings 18:8. But notice the latter end of the verse, it says, “his *fruit shall be* a fiery flying serpent.” His “fruit” means one of his descendants. The “fruit of the womb” Luke 1:43; Gen 30:2. This fiery serpent of Hezekiah is Jesus Christ! When the “fiery serpents” bit the Israelites in the wilderness many of them died because they sinned, it was a symbol of God’s wrath.

Then Moses made a “fiery serpent,” “and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live” (Numbers 21:8). Those that repented were saved.

Jesus compared himself to that fiery serpent, “And as *Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

“That whosoever believeth in him should not perish [from the wrath of God], but have eternal life.” (John 3:14-15). This is interesting, because this comes into play in Zachariah’s prophecy later.

But notice back in Isaiah 14, after the “fiery serpent” is revealed verse 30 says, “And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety:” These are the Israelites in the kingdom of God saved by God; see Zephaniah 3:8-13. But the latter end of the verse fails not so well with the Palestinians, “and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.” Jesus, “with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.” (Isa 11:4), will slay in his wrath the wicked who have fought against him and his people with vengeance and hatred, *just like the fiery serpents in the days of Moses bit those who were wicked in God's sight.*

But in the end of it all there is hope for the Palestinians that *repent*. In the kingdom, Israel will take over Gaza and dwell there. It says, “But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west” (Isaiah 11:14). This means, “The construction is, therefore, ‘they shall make a rapid descent on the borders of the Philistines,’” (Barnes Notes). The “spoil” of the Philistines will Israel take, meaning their land, and cultivate it and they shall live there in their inheritance. As for the Palestinians, the Bible says that those who will look to the “fiery serpent” for forgiveness and repentance shall be saved and live among the Israelites in the land.

Zechariah 9 explains, “...when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the LORD....and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. “And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. “And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: *but he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite*” (v.1, 5-7). The nation of the Palestinians will not exist anymore, as the above prophecies say over and over, “*I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the [latter day] remnant of the sea coast.*” Those who will not repent but *did not fight* Christ will be sold

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into slavery as Joel said as their punishment for selling Judah into slavery.

But, those that look to Jesus and repent will be “On the conversion of the Philistine prince, he shall have the same dignity ‘in Judah as a governor’; there shall be no distinction [Henderson]. The Philistine princes with their respective states shall equally *belong to the Jews’ communion, as if* they were among the ‘governors’ of states ‘in Judah’ [Maurer]” (JFB Commentary). Barnes says, “Literally, ‘a captain of a thousand,’ merged in Judah as in a larger whole, as each tribe was divided into its ‘thousands,’ yet intimately blended, in no inferior position, with the people of God, as each converted nation became an integral yet unseparated whole in the people of God.” As the Bible says to those who are converted in Christ, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

“And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Gal 3:28-29). He will be an equal and part of the Israelite community. This is what is coming upon the Palestinians in the Future.