

## WILL THERE EVER BE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

2/15/20

- \* Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
  - \* Subject -- Will There Ever Be Peace in the Middle East?
  - \* FYI -- This material was given on 4/27/02 and 8/12/06
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### \* Why Is There Conflict in the Middle East?

- \* Family history
  - \* Territory Conflict
  - \* Religious Conflict
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\* Family history -- of Ishmael and Isaac

Gen. 12:2-3      God promised blessings through Abram's family  
                 4      Abram was 75

Gen. 15:2-3      Abram to God -- childless -- no offspring  
                 4-5      God promised blessings through Abram's family

Gen. 16:1-4      Sarai convinced Abram to have children with her  
                                 handmaiden, Hagar

                 11-12      prophecy about Ishmael

                 15-16      Abram was 86 when Ishmael was born

Gen. 17:1-14      Abram was 99 -- God promised blessings through  
                                 Abram's family

                 18      Abram asked if the blessings could come through  
                                 Ishmael

                 19      God promised a son named Isaac

                 20-21      God blessed Ishmael and his descendants, but God  
                                 promised a covenant through Isaac

Gen. 21:12-13      God reminded Abraham that He would make a great  
                                 nation through Ishmael

Gen. 22:11-18      God promised blessings through Isaac

### \* Territory Conflict

Judges 11:1      Jephthah was the son of a harlot

                 2      "you shall have no inheritance"

                 3      banded together -- raiding

                 4-11      they approached him to lead them against the  
                                 children of Ammon

                 12      Jephthah sent messengers -- why do you want to  
                                 start a war?

                 13      king of Ammon replied -- because Israel took away  
                                 our land

                 14-22 Jephthah gave the history

                 15      Israel did not take the lands of Moab or Ammon

                 16-19 Israel requested to pass through the lands

20 Sihon, king of the Amorites, attacked Israel  
21-22 God gave Israel the land of the Amorites  
26 for 300 year, Israelites have been living in this  
land -- if the land really belonged to you,  
why did you wait so long to retrieve it?

\* Religious Conflict

Judges 11:23 if the Lord God of Israel gives the land to  
Israel, are you going to possess it?  
24 if your god Chemosh gives you a land, do you keep  
it?

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\* How Will There Be Peace in the Middle East?  
\* Resolving Family Conflict  
\* Resolving Territory Conflict  
\* Resolving Religious Conflict

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\*Resolving family conflict between Ishmael and Isaac

Romans 8:14 led by the Spirit of God  
17 heirs of God -- joint heirs with Christ  
Romans 11:1 has God cast away His people (Israel)?  
13 I speak to you Gentiles  
16 if the root is holy, so are the branches  
17-20 branches broken off -- branches grafted in

\*Resolving territory conflict -- Initially through  
physical territorial rights and privileges --  
then, the Kingdom

Acts 3:19-21 the restitution of all things  
Acts 17:26 determined the bounds of their habitation

\*Resolving religious conflicts

Exod. 12:12 executed judgment against gods of Egypt  
Isaiah 40:18-26 who can compare to God?  
Isaiah 45:5-19 I am God -- there is none else  
Ezek. 37:1-14 open the graves -- they shall know  
1 Cor. 15:24-28 all must be in subjection to the Son -- the Son is  
in subjection to the Father