

Is Trump the Modern Joshua? Why the Battle for Gaza Continues

The land of Israel has never been a place of peace for long. From the days of Joshua's conquest to the present struggle for security, the battle over the Promised Land continues. Today, President Donald Trump has proposed a shocking solution to one of the region's greatest challenges: relocating Palestinians out of Gaza.

It is a bold idea, one that has set the Middle East abuzz. As editor-in-chief of All Israel News, Joel Rosenberg reported from Egypt, "President Trump just shocked the Egyptian government and the Jordanian government by saying that it's time maybe to move all the Palestinians in Gaza out of Gaza to Egypt and Jordan." The proposal isn't official U.S. policy—yet—but it reflects an important truth.

The Biblical Parallel: A Command Unfulfilled

The Israelites were once given a divine command: drive out the pagan nations from the land God had promised them (Josh. 23:12-13). The consequences of their failure to do so were clear: "They shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land." And so it has been.

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The Philistines, ancient inhabitants of Gaza, waged war against Israel for generations. Today, their spiritual and ideological descendants, Hamas and other terror groups,

continue that fight. When Israel unilaterally withdrew from Gaza in 2005, it was an act of faith in peace that was met with terror. Rosenberg summed it up well: “What happened though after that wasn’t the Palestinians building a Palestine Paradise; they built a terror base camp.”

Israel handed Gaza over, and in return, it received rockets, tunnels, and bloodshed. The Oct. 7, attacks were just the latest chapter in a long, bitter history. And now, with Hamas on the verge of defeat, the question arises: What next?

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Trump’s Vision vs. The Reality of Gaza

Trump’s idea isn’t about ethnic cleansing, despite what critics claim. It’s about solving a problem that has plagued Israel for decades. He explained his reasoning simply: “Gaza is a disaster area right now ... a demolition zone ... there is so much destruction and there are so many ... weapons and all the bombs that are all still there. How do you clear all that safely and then start to rebuild?”

The obvious answer: You don’t. You remove the problem entirely. But, as Rosenberg reported, Arab nations are not eager to take in Gaza’s population. “Neither the Egyptian government nor the Jordanian government want what Trump is suggesting,” he noted. “They do not want 2.2 million Palestinians living on their territory.” Why? Because they fear what Israel has already experienced—terror, instability and radicalism spreading within their borders.

If Egypt and Jordan, two of the region’s most powerful Arab nations, won’t take the people of Gaza, why should Israel be expected to tolerate them? The world demands that Israel accept a permanent and growing enemy in its midst, even after centuries of history prove what happens when such enemies are left unchecked.

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The Biblical Solution for a Modern War

In ancient times, Israel was warned not to make peace with the nations that occupied the land. They were to be removed, completely. Failure to do so would lead to endless strife. Yet time and again, Israel made treaties, left pockets of resistance and allowed foreign influences to remain. The result? Conflict that has never truly ended.

Israel's battle today with Hamas is the same as it was then. This is a spiritual and ideological war as much as a physical one. Hamas is not interested in peaceful coexistence; they want total destruction. The world continues to push a "two-state solution" that has only led to more violence. But if history has taught us anything, it's that peace cannot be made with those who seek your destruction.

Trump's proposal may never come to fruition, but it raises a crucial point: Why does Israel continue to fight for land it already won? Rosenberg reminded us of the historical truth: "Biblically, Gaza is part of Judah, so yes, it's part of the land grant given to Israel in the Old Testament." It was theirs then, and it is theirs now. The real question is, how much longer will Israel be expected to fight for what was already promised to them?

The modern battle for Gaza is a mirror of the ancient one. The same enemies, the same land, the same struggle. The difference? This time, Israel has the power to finish the fight. But will it have the resolve?

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