

Preface to the Preview

Just a song of Gomorrah, I wonder what they did there.

Robert Hunter, Jerry Garcia, **Gomorrah**

This first iteration of *Pathway to Peace for Israel and Palestine* is a preview to a greater work under development. Due to the rapidly developing situation in the land historically known as Palestine and the implications to the region and the world at large, it is important that this message be disseminated with haste. As the world faces the real possibility of an expanded conflict, with nuclear war being a distinct, potential outcome, the need for a *Pathway to Peace* has never been more pronounced.

With the exception of the extensive bibliography, this work differs from the ultimate product in terms of granularity of detail and citation. While this work will not be cited to the degree that the topics warrant, every claim of fact is well documented in existing literature. This work does not present any factor of historical and contemporary reality that has not already been established by other works. Any student of these matters must agree that the facts upon which this analysis and proposed solution are based are uncontested. Still, subsequent publications of this work will expand upon detail and be fully cited so as to assist the reluctant reader to overcome any cognitive dissidence in regards to any conclusions that he might find uncomfortable or inconvenient. With this preview form of this work, the author welcomes any arguments or criticism of inaccuracy or omissions that the reader believes impacts the conclusions reached. Furthermore, the author vows to include and correct himself upon receiving any meaningful and supported refutation of the premises, logic, or conclusions of this work.

Pathway to Peace for Israel and Palestine is structured into five parts.

Part 1 - What's Past is Prologue

The history summarized in these chapters is well reported and discussed in many great works on the topic. Our purpose here is not to provide the most comprehensive and detailed history set in and about the land known as Palestine. Nor do we intend to omit any relevant events or dynamics important to reaching fair conclusions on the topics and especially to finding viable and durable solutions for peace in this conflict that surely impacts the entire world community. When it comes to points where the historiography of which are disputed, we will be diligent in fairly summarizing the competing interpretations, performing due diligence in determining the most accurate view of events and their implications possible.

Part 2 - Taking Ethnicity off of the Table

The laws governing the modern State of Israel differentiate between citizens on the basis of purported ethnic origin. Discussion and debate surrounding the topic of the Israel-Palestine dilemma often includes ethnic origin as being a relevant factor in understanding the scenario, as

well as any potential solutions. We demonstrate in these chapters that not only is ethnic origin not a legitimate basis for distinction under a fair and just legal system, but that the presumed ethnic origin of the directly affected populations are, in fact, inaccurate. We thoroughly establish that even if ethnic origin should be considered in the evaluation of the problem or the formulation of a solution, the ethnic origin of the involved parties is not what is commonly asserted and claimed in Israeli law. We once and for all remove ethnic origin as a relevant factor in the discussion.

Part 3 - Taking Religion off of the Table

As with ethnic origin, religious affiliation is a differentiator in the structure and application of Israeli law. Religion is also presumed to be a factor in the history and current state of affairs relative to the Israel-Palestine question, as well as a factor to be considered in evaluating potential solutions. In these chapters, we thoroughly debunk these claims, using established scholarship and scripture from each of the affiliated religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) to prove unequivocally that the modern State of Israel is not the prophesied reestablishment of the Kingdom of Israel and that Zionism is, in fact, heresy in both Judaic and Christian theology. We thoroughly remove religion as a factor to be considered in the evaluation of the problems and potential solutions regarding what is fundamentally a humanitarian question.

Part 4 - Modern Geopolitics

Having considered the historical events that have led to the form assumed by the modern State of Israel, removing ethnic and religious distinctions as relevant factors to the ultimate question, we examine the geopolitical reality that has come into being, particularly since the formation of Israel, the attack by Hamas on 7 October 2023, and the responses by Israel and other political and military actors. We examine the geopolitical scenario that has developed out of these events and the various directions in which this situation might play-out. We find in these chapters that the subsequent actions of the world community will have a significant impact upon whether this situation evolves toward peace and security for the affected populations or if it will prove to lead to the escalation of the conflict, both regionally and globally.

Part 5 - Solutions for a Lasting Peace

In this final section, we review the evidence already presented that the apartheid government of Israel is unsustainable. It is unequivocal that the current form of government of the State of Israel will ultimately end. The question is whether its demise will lead to a period of reconciliation and healing or if it will lead to an increase of the suffering of all parties involved. We review the conventional One State and Two State solutions currently being discussed in the global discourse, and we introduce a third, new potential solution. A prediction is made that a Two State solution is the most likely option to be selected for the next step in this engagement. We also suggest that a Two State solution should and will be merely an intermediate step and that it too will not be indefinitely sustainable. The new Three State solution is proposed to be an ultimate solution to move all involved parties further down the *Pathway to Peace for Israel and Palestine*.