



Revelation-Now

THE JEWISH DIASPORA WILL “COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES”; AND “MANY OF THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND WILL AWAKE”

Much of Daniel’s prophecy is concealed until the end time (Daniel 12:9 *“He said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.”*) There is very similar prophetic language in Ezekiel 37 (Valley of the Dry Bones) and Daniel 12 (Sleep in the Dust) about seemingly dead Jewish bodies coming back to life. Most have viewed Ezekiel 37 as symbolic but see Daniel 12 as a literal resurrection. Both Bible texts most likely are describing the same events. These events are the return of the Jews to Israel from the diaspora and Operation Ezra and Nehemiah (Revelation 11-the Two Witnesses). These events all were fulfilled right after the Holocaust-(Daniel 12:1 *“a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time.”*)

1933	1945	1948	1951	1967
Hitler In Power	Holocaust	WW II Ends	Israel Restored	Operation Ezra & Nehemiah



THE VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES--EZEKIEL 37

EZEKIEL: THE LORD SAID "COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES"

Ezekiel 37: 1-6 (NASB)

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry. He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

And I answered, “O Lord God, You know.” Again He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’ Thus says the Lord God to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the Lord.’”

Ezekiel 37: 12-13 (NASB)

Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.”’



THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND--DANIEL 12

DANIEL: THE LORD SAID "THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND WILL AWAKE"

Daniel 12:1-4 (NASB)

"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

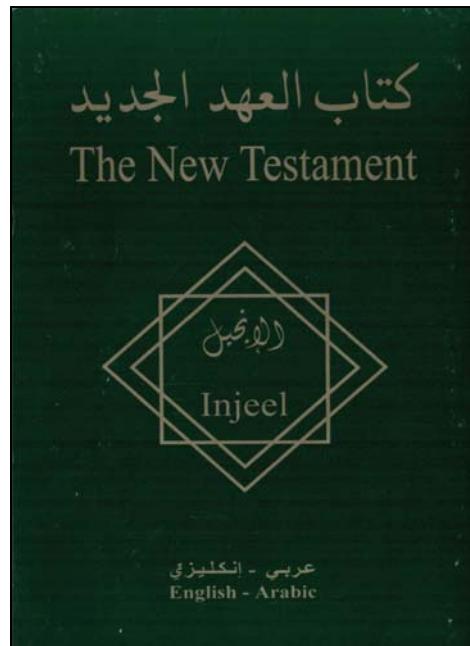
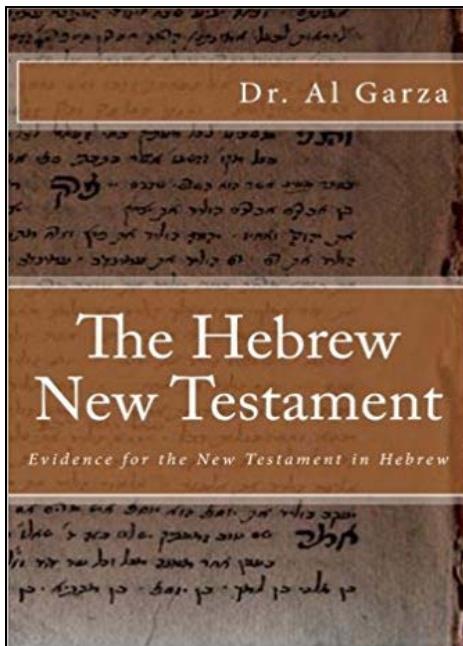
Some prophecy experts have contended that the thrust of Daniel's text is merely temporal, i.e., it is but a figurative reflection of Israel's deliverance from the seventy-year captivity period under the oppressive hand of pagan Babylon. Others suggest that perhaps the allusion is to a "resurrection" of the Jews from a state of apathy before the restoration of Israel in 1948. Some scholars have contended Daniel foretold a future, universal literal resurrection from the dead. The text is best understood when read in conjunction with Ezekiel 37 and Revelation 11. The text is telling about the return of the Jews to Israel in the last days.

The Bible text tells us that Archangel Michael will "arise" (? from the dead) before those that sleep in the dust will awake. Then they will be rescued from the "distress such as never occurred since there was a nation" (the Holocaust). The image of a "resurrection" has a symbolic thrust in the case of Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones. Just as in Ezekiel 37, Daniel's seemingly dead bodies return to Israel. There they have a chance to accept the Gospel. Those that accept the Gospel will "awake to everlasting life." Those that reject the Gospel will face "disgrace and everlasting contempt."

Consider the terms "disgrace and everlasting contempt." "Disgrace" and "contempt," as applied to those destined for punishment. "Disgrace" suggests that which is the object of "reproach." Here the term is plural, "reproaches," likely for emphasis sake. "Contempt" denotes that which is the focus of "aversion" or "abhorrence." Clearly these terms, combined with the modifier "everlasting," reveal the abiding conscious torment of those being punished for rejecting the Gospel after God miraculously returns them to Israel.

THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S ACTIONS IS TO HAVE MANKIND “KNOW I AM THE LORD”

The world would know that the Triune God is LORD as he punished the nation of Judah for their idolatry and would use foreign countries like Babylon to be his instrument of justice. The world would know that the Triune God is LORD as he orchestrates the rise and fall of nations all over the earth. And the world will know that the Triune God is LORD as he would graciously allow a remnant of Judah to return to Israel so that the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ could be fulfilled.



Ezekiel 33:28-29 (NASB)

“I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and the pride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate so that no one will pass through. Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed.”

Ezekiel 34:27-28 (NASB)

“Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid.”

Ezekiel 35:12-13,15 (NASB)

“Then you will know that I, the Lord, have heard all your reviling which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, ‘They are laid desolate; they are given to us for food.’ And you have spoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard it.” “You will be a desolation, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 36:8-11 (NASB)

“But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated and sown. I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited and the waste places will be rebuilt.

I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 37:13-14 (NASB)

“Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it, declares the Lord.”

Ezekiel 38:13-14 (NASB)

“I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains,” declares the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone. I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 39:6-8 (NASB)

“And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the Lord. “My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,” declares the Lord God. “That is the day of which I have spoken.”

Ezekiel 39:28-29 (NASB)

“Then they will know that I am the Lord their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them again to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer. I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,” declares the Lord God.

HOW WILL THEY KNOW THE LORD? WE MUST SPREAD THE GOSPEL

Being Jewish by ancestry will not save anyone. If Jewish DNA could save a person all the Pharisees in the time of Jesus would have been saved. But they were lost. God loves us and wants us to have a personal relationship with Him. The remnant of Isaac (and Ishmael) is being saved today as the Spirit is being poured out. Encourage your Jewish friend to read the New Testament. Most Jewish people have never read the New Testament and most Jews who have come to faith in Christ came as a result of reading the New Testament. After all, it is a very Jewish book!

Virtually all Jews are proud of their identity as Jews, but this does not in itself make a statement about what they believe about God. Even religious Jews may have varying beliefs about God. It is more important to find out what your friend believes about God and the Bible than to find out what kind of synagogue they attend. For many Jews, their Jewish identity is more cultural than it is religious. But this doesn't mean that their Jewishness is unimportant to them.

Most Jews also think that the opposite of Jewish is Christian and so for them to consider Jesus is problematic because it means considering losing their Jewish identity. Therefore in witnessing to Jewish people about Jesus it is important to stress that they do not need to give up their identity as Jews in order to embrace Jesus as Messiah.

Luke 7:48-50 (NASB)

Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this man who even forgives sins?” And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Eternal life actually begins here on earth. The word “belief” has become so widely used that the meaning has actually eroded. Many people believe intellectually that there is a God, and even go so far as to believe that Jesus Christ died and came back from the dead. But God asks for more.

How does a person get to know God? Through the exchange of your old life for his new one. Christ died so that our past – with all of our mistakes, failures, and sins – could be forgiven. But that's not all. Christ came back from the dead to prove that he had the power to work actively in our lives.

THE TWO WITNESSES-- REVELATION 11—JEWS TRAPPED IN MUSLIM COUNTRIES

Revelation 11 tells us of two people, or two groups of people, that will prophesy and spread the Word of God for 1,260 days (symbolically) or literally 1,260 years: Revelation 11: 3-6 (NIV).



REVELATION 11:3-6 (NIV)

And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.

They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Revelation 11 should be read in conjunction with Ezekiel 37 and Daniel 12. Both are describing many of the same events.

REVELATION 11:7-10 (NIV)

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

REVELATION 11:11-12 (NIV)

But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

Operation Ezra and Nehemiah ended at the beginning of 1952, leaving only about handful of Jews in Islamic countires. Most of the 2,500-year-old Jewish community immigrated to Israel during the three and one years between May 1948 and November 1951. The success of Operation Ezra and Nehemiah helped pave the way for future Israeli airlifts of Jews from the around the world who found themselves in dangerous conditions. Such missions include the airlift of Ethiopian Jews in Operations Joshua, Solomon and Moses.



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to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to
Heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.**

Revelation 11:12 (NIV)

The 1260 days/years begin as the Dome of the Rock is built in 687-691 and Gentiles are given the outer court, which is where it was constructed. Prior to the construction of the Islamic Dome of the Rock, both Jews and Gentiles could freely worship on the Temple Mount. In fact, Jerusalem was the home of the great Coptic Church. Only after the first Islamic Jihad of the 7th Century were Christians and Jews prevented from worshiping on the site.

GABRIEL AND MICHAEL ARE THE "TWO WITNESSES" IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

The prophecies of the two witnesses have an earthly (human) component and a spiritual (angelic) component simultaneously. Gabriel and Michael are the only two named angels in the Bible (other than Satan/Lucifer). Gabriel and Michael are the only two "archangels." The two witnesses are active at the time Israel was restored in 1948, and have an impact on earthly events during the three and one half years of Operation Ezra and Nehemiah (1948-1951), when Jews held in Islamic countries were miraculously airlifted to Israel after being trapped since 1948. Yet Zechariah (520 BC) saw the spiritual two witnesses as active even then in his vision. The two witnesses actions are coming from the angels Michael and Gabriel.

We must also examine the spiritual world aspect of the two witnesses. The way the Bible describes them, they cannot be human. If we understand they are two angels greatly favored by God, the prophecies of their actions are much easier to understand. The Bible verses describe them as clearly superhuman. Zechariah saw them in action already serving the Lord (Zechariah 4:14 "*These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth*") and Zechariah was written some 600 years before Revelation.

Revelation 11:4 (NIV)

They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”

Zechariah 4:11-14 (NIV)

Then I asked the angel, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?” Again I asked him, “What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?” He replied, “Do you not know what these are?” “No, my lord,” I said. So he said, “These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth.”

By the time Zechariah wrote this about 520 BC, Enoch, Moses and Elijah had already lived. In reality, there are no two humans that are so special that they could qualify to be spoken of as “the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth.”

Consider not only where these two stand, but the “anointing of God” (the Holy Spirit) flows through them. How many prophets in the Bible ever qualified for a “global ministry” and that could torment the whole earth with prophecy for 1260 days/years?

No human prophets ever had fire come out of their mouths. God could give these powers to anyone He chooses. But how many humans did God equip this way so far that we know of? There have been none.

Revelation 11:5-6 (NIV)

"If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want."

MICHAEL BATTLES SATAN AND PROTECTS ISRAEL

Michael has many battles with Satan and other demonic princes. Jude tells us Michael fought with Satan for the body of Moses. When Jude wrote "*But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses*", Jude was referring to the Testament of Moses, which is not canon Bible text, but Jude thought it as scripturally correct. In the spiritual realm Michael played a large role forcing Satan to be removed from heaven.

Jude 1:8-9 (NIV)

In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Revelation 12:7-9 (NIV)

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Michael stood with Gabriel to struggle against the demonic princes of Persia and Greece. These are kingdoms number four and five in the "Seven Heads" of the beast. They followed Baal of Babylon—the third head. Baal is the "prince who is to come" in Daniel 9:26-27. Baal was sent to Sheol—the Abyss. Baal was the both third and eighth head. Baal "comes out of the seven" and "has a fatal wound that is healed" (Revelation chapters 13-17).

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon >> Sheol >> Baal the Beast 8. Beast {Babylon demon Baal released from the Abyss}
4. Persia
5. Seleucid Greeks
6. Rome
7. Demonic King-rules only a short time {Abaddon from the Abyss}

Daniel 10:12-14 (NIV)

Then he continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”

Daniel 10:20-21 (NIV)

So he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.)

Daniel described the demise of the little horn king (Islamic caliph Umar the rider on the black horse in Revelation 6) in Daniel 11:36 with events running through Daniel 12:1. The 1260 days/years of prophecy are from 688 AD (the abominations on the Temple Mount--the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque set up by Umar) until Israel was restored in 1948. Michael arises (? arises from being dead) and delivers the Jews from the holocaust. This was a "time, times and half a time" from when the abomination was set up in 688.

Daniel 11:45 (NIV)

He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Daniel 12:1 (NIV)

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

Daniel 12:7 (NIV)

The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.”

In Revelation 11:3, the two witnesses prophesy for 1260 days/years, the same time frame as in Daniel 12:7. This again is from 688 AD to 1948 AD. The Holy City (Jerusalem) was trampled by Muslim control until 1967, which is 42 months from 688 (1278.4 years/days)

Revelation 11:1-4 (NIV)

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”

In Islam Baal slanders the true Gabriel. Islam believes it was the spirit "Gabriel" (really the demonic beast Baal) that appeared to Mohammad and gave him the Qur'an. The beast slanders "and those who live in heaven."

Revelation 13:6 (NIV)

It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

GABRIEL HERALDS THE MESSIAH, AND PROTECTS THE FOLLOWERS OF THE MESSIAH--THE CHURCH

Gabriel was sent to Zechariah, John the Baptist's father to tell of John the Baptist..

Luke 1:18-20 (NIV)

Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

Gabriel was sent to Mary to tell her about the Messiah, Jesus.

Luke 1:26-28 (NIV)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

THE TWO WITNESSES ARE KILLED BY THE BEAST FROM THE ABYSS

The two witnesses are killed by the beast from the Abyss. They lie in the square of the great city--which is Mecca. On earth, Jews were trapped in all Islamic countries, including Jerusalem. Mecca is home to the Kaaba and where the beast has this throne. This is the spiritual world. Michael and Gabriel had to fight the prince of Persia for 21 days, and then the prince of Greece.

The beast (Baal) is much stronger than the princes of Persia and Greece (Satan "gave the beast his power, and his throne and great authority"), so Baal could overpower Michael and Gabriel for three and one half years/days from 1948-1951. God had to intervene to bring Michael and Gabriel back to life. On earth, by 1951 Operation Ezra and Nehemiah was complete, and more than one million Jews trapped in Islamic countries (and Jerusalem "*where also their Lord was crucified*") made it out safely to Israel.

Revelation 13:2 (NIV)

The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

Revelation 11:7-12 (NIV)

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

JEWS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ISLAMIC COUNTRIES FACED GREAT DANGER

Historically, Jews and Jewish communities existed fairly peacefully in the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf region for more than 2,500 years, in such countries as Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Yemen and Aden. Fully 1,000 years before Satan created Islam in 610, Jews in substantial numbers resided in what are today Islamic countries.

Following the Muslim conquest of the region, for centuries under Islamic rule, Jews were permitted limited religious, educational, professional, and business opportunities. But when Israel became independent in 1948, things immediately turned much worse for them.

Today nearly 99% of Jews have left Islamic countries as compared to their 1948 populations. **The three and one half years between 1948 and 1951 witnessed the largest migration ever to reach modern Israel and doubled the Jewish population.** This influx began at a time when the state was in the throes of its greatest struggle for survival, the War of Independence, and continued throughout a period troubled by both security concerns and economic hardship. The immigrants of the country's first decade radically altered the demographic landscape of Israeli society as well as the balance between Israel and the Jewish diaspora.

Islamic Country or Territory	1948 Jewish population	1967 Jewish population	1948-1967 reduction	2015 Jewish population	1948-2015 reduction
Aden	8,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Afghanistan	5,000	500	-90%	0	-100%
Algeria	140,000	1,000	-99%	0	-100%
Bahrain	1,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Egypt	80,000	500	-99%	100	-100%
Iran	175,000	60,000	-66%	4,000	-98%
Iraq	180,000	500	-100%	50	-100%
Lebanon	20,000	2,000	-90%	1,000	-95%
Libya	44,000	50	-100%	50	-100%
Morocco	265,000	31,000	-88%	2,000	-99%
Pakistan	2,500	250	-90%	0	-100%
Palestine	10,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Sudan	1,500	0	-100%	0	-100%
Syria	30,000	4,000	-87%	100	-100%
Tunisia	102,000	8,000	-92%	800	-99%
Turkey	80,000	20,000	-75%	5,000	-94%
Yemen	61,000	500	-99%	40	-100%
Totals	1,205,000	128,300	-89%	13,140	-99%