



REVELATION 11: LIBERATING TRAPPED JEWS IN ISLAMIC COUNTRIES 1948-1951 THE MIRACLES OF OPERATION EZRA AND NEHEMIAH, AND MAGIC CARPET

In Ezekiel 37:12-13 God promises to bring the living but trapped Jews “out of their graves” and back to Israel in the latter days. *“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.”*

God’s “two witnesses” are also described as dead in Revelation 11: 7. *Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.* The return of the seemingly dead Jews back to Israel is next explained in more detail in Revelation 11: 11-12. *But after the three and a half days the breath (spirit) 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.*



INTRODUCTION TO THE PROPHECY EVENTS DESCRIBED IN REVELATION 11

Revelation 11 begins by telling us the Gentiles (non-believers) are given the outer court, and this area is excluded from the true God. Revelation 11: 1-2 *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. 2 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.*

The Koran says Mohammad was taken to the Temple Mount in one night by Allah. Koran 17:1 **Glorified be Allah Who took His slave on a journey by night from the Mosque al-Haram [Mecca] to the Mosque -al-Aqsa [Temple Mount Outer Court], the neighborhood whereof We have blessed, in order that We might show him of Our signs. Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer."** On this spot, exactly in the outer court, is the Dome of the Rock. Islamic tradition says Mohammad traveled that night in the air on a white horse.



This same Mohammad (the false prophet) is the first rider on the white horse of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse described in Revelation 6: 1-2 *I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.*

The Bible tells us the first rider was given a crown, and out ranks the other riders. According to the Koran, Mohammad is the last and final prophet, thus he is more esteemed in Islam than those who followed him. The Bible says the first rider has a bow. Mohammad is a descendant of Ishmael, who the Bible says was an archer. (Genesis 21:20) Thus the bow links Mohammad to Ishmael.

This individual is also referred in Revelation as "the second beast of the earth" (Revelation 13:11-18), as well as the "False Prophet" with demonic messages and spirits from his mouth (Revelation 16:13). He is associated with the lamb in some way (Revelation 13:11). In both Revelation 19:20 and 20:10, John is told the False Prophet is thrown in the lake of fire at the time of Christ's return. He must deceive a lot of people to receive such special wrath from Jesus Christ!

Revelation says the False Prophet does five things:

1. The False Prophet will attempt to look like, claim to be connected to, or associated in some way to the lamb (Revelation 13:11)
2. The False Prophet deceives the world. (Revelation 13:14)
3. The False Prophet sets up an image of false worship to the false god. (Revelation 13:14-15)
4. The False Prophet creates a mark, or statement of faith, to the false god. (Revelation 13:16-18)
5. Demonic spirits and messages come out of the False Prophet mouth. (Revelation 16:13-14)

The Islamic Dome of the Rock was constructed in the outer court of the Temple Mount during 687-691. It was designed to keep any non-Islamic religious structures (Jewish or Christian) from being built on the Temple Mount-particularly the third Jewish Temple. As a further insult, the Dome was built to be taller than the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which is located nearby, and is the traditional site of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Islamic leaders wanted the Dome of the Rock to be taller and cast a shadow upon the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The Dome interior and exterior contain Islamic inscriptions which state: ***"God did not have a Son."*** The Dome was designed to blaspheme the deity of Jesus Christ 24 hours a day since 688. The Dome can be viewed as an abomination that makes desolate the Holy Place, the Temple Mount. It is sitting where it does not belong. (Matthew 24:15-16 and Mark 13:14)

Using the Dome of the Rock construction (687-691) as a marker in time in Revelation 11:1-2, gentiles trampled and controlled the Holy City until Jerusalem's liberation in 1967. The 42 months of trampling (1278.4 days/years) mentioned in Revelation 11 stretches precisely from the midpoint of the Dome construction until Israeli troops liberated Jerusalem on June 7, 1967.

Jews and Christians (the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth in Revelation 11:4) spoke the Word of God and prophesied exactly for 1260 days/years from 688 until 1948. In 1948 Jews were given back their rightful homeland God promised them when Israel declared independence on May 14, 1948.

Just one day later, on May 15, 1948 six Islamic Beast countries attacked Israel. ("Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them")

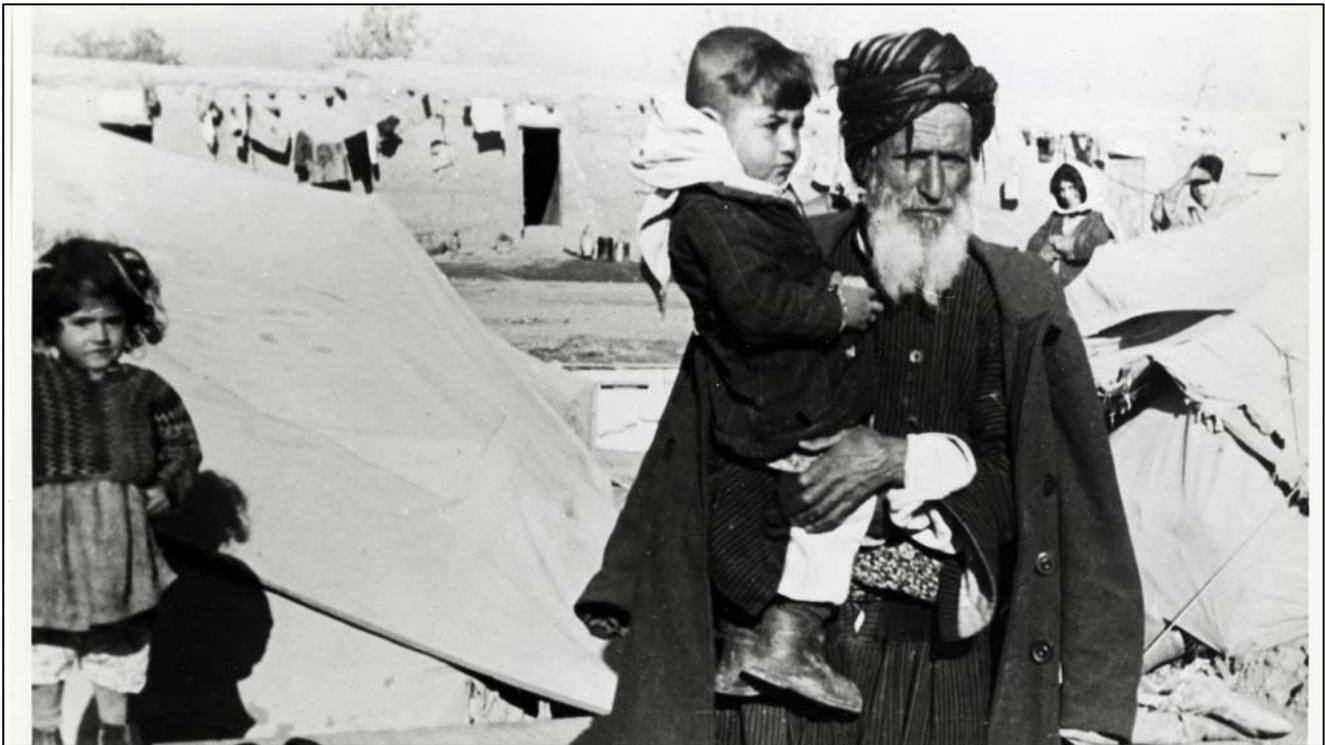
THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL TRAPS JEWS IN ISLAMIC COUNTRIES

The re-creation of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948 immediately placed all Jews in Islamic countries at great risk. During the next three years and one-half years over one million Jews were trapped. Their citizenship was revoked. Some Jews were killed and all were terrorized. Their property was stolen from them by many Islamic governments. In Iraq alone nearly \$100 billion, in today's dollars, was taken from them.

They left behind 2,000 square kilometers of land in Iraq. Islamic governments congratulated themselves and kept the wealth purportedly to reimburse Palestinians leaving Israel. But in most cases they kept the money and actually sent each other gifts. Iraq gave Iran \$450,000 of confiscated Jewish money in 1950.

In a fantastic series of miracles most of the Jews did indeed "rise up to their feet" and leave the Islamic countries despite overwhelming odds. In Yemen (Operation Magic Carpet) 60,000 escaped by air. In Iraq alone more than 180,000 Jews fled out of the country in 1950-1951. Thus, the Jews "went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on" just as Revelation said.

This escape of the Jews and the creation of Israel both stunned and caused dissension—a true "earthquake" in the Islamic world. Just at the peak of the Operation Ezra Iraqi exodus, King Abdullah I of Jordan was assassinated by an Islamic Jihadist on the Temple Mount in July 1951.



Kurdish Jewish grandfather and child in route to Israel in Tehran, Iran, 1950.

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STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinat Yisrael" (State of Israel) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the

same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Moslem armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a med-

iator but without taking any action on the Partition Resolution of November 29.

Yesterday the battle for the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine went through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.

For the Jewish population there was the anguish over the fate of the few hundred Hagannah men and women in the Kfar Etzion bloc of settlements near Hebron. Their surrender to a fully equipped superior foreign force desperately in need of a victory was a foregone conclusion. What could not be known, with no communications since Thursday morning, was whether and to what extent the Red Cross and the Truce Comsuls would secure civilized conditions for prisoners and wounded, and proper respect for the dead. Doubts on some of these anxious questions have now been resolved.

On Friday afternoon, from Tel Aviv, came the expected announcement of the Jewish State, and its official naming at birth, "Medinat Yisrael"—State of Israel, with the swearing in of the first Council of Government. The proclamation of the State was made at midnight, coinciding with the sailing from Haifa of Britain's last High Commissioner. Within the hour, President Truman announced in Washington that the Government of the United States had decided to give *de facto* recognition to the Jewish State, with

JEWS TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES

The Battle for Jerusalem, which began when the British forces withdrew on Friday morning, continued all day Friday and yesterday. The crackle of small-arms fire and explosion of mortar shells were still being heard in the early hours of this morning as the battle entered its third day.

Repeated efforts on Friday evening and again on Saturday to bring about a "cease fire" were brought to naught when the Arab representatives failed to agree within the specified time limit.

On Friday morning, Jewish forces entered the Russian Compound and Zone C to reoccupy the buildings requisitioned from Jews last year. This operation was almost bloodless, but beyond the western edge of Zone C, Arabs engaged the Jews in Jaffa Road. The Arabs were forced back and the Barclays Bank area was taken.

In other parts of the city fighting flared up. Jews overran one after another the areas evacuated by the British. By last night, the quarters and

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

Kol Israel, the Tel Aviv broadcasting station, reported at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon that Tel Aviv had been bombed three times in the previous evening and morning, and that one plane had been shot down and its Egyptian pilot taken prisoner.

In the first raid, four planes attacked from a height of 300 feet. Two dropped bombs, while the others strafed the city. Little damage was caused.

In the second attack two hours later, the airport to the north of the city was bombed, and an Air France plane parked there was damaged. The third raid was launched shortly before midday, but the planes were driven off without causing any damage.

Two settlements in the Negev had also been attacked from the air, the radio report said.

A country-wide blackout was ordered by Air Raid Precaution Headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Mr. David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister, broadcast from Tel Aviv to the people of America yesterday morning. As he spoke, Egyptian planes were bombing the city.

In the north, the settlements of Ein Gev and Shear Hagolan and Dan had been shelled, but no further details were available.

Kalanda airfield was taken by the Jewish army on Friday morning, shortly after the High Commissioner had left there by plane for Haifa. The field was evacuated, together with the neighbouring settlement of Ataroth, on Friday night. The settlement itself was burnt by Arabs yesterday.

2 Columns Cross Southern Border

By WALTER COLLINS, U.P. Correspondent. CAIRO, Saturday.—A com-

Etzion Settlers Taken P.O.W.

Fighting in the Kfar Etzion bloc continued throughout Friday, after Kfar Etzion it-

U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

—Ten minutes after the termination of the British Mandate on Friday, the White House released a formal statement by President Truman that the U.S. Government intended to recognize the Provisional Jewish Government as the *de facto* authority representing the Jewish State.

The U.S. is also considering lifting the arms embargo but it is not known whether to Palestine only or the entire Middle East, and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Jewish Provisional Government.

The White House press secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, told correspondents today that reaction so far to the recognition had been overwhelmingly favorable. He said this step had been discussed with Mr. Marshall and Mr. Lovett before action was taken, and it had their complete support.

Mr. Ross said that the President had decided several days ago to grant American recogni-

Proclamation by Head Of Government

The creation of "Medinat Yisrael", the State of Israel, was proclaimed at midnight on Friday by Mr. David Ben Gurion, until then Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and now head of the State's Provisional Council of Government.



David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by its head, was to abolish all legislation of the 1939 White Paper of the late Mandatory Power, particularly the Ordinance and Orders relating to immigration and land transfer.

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Special Assembly Adjourns

FLUSHING MEADOWS, Saturday.—The Special U.N. Assembly, called four weeks ago to discuss the U.S. propos-

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JEWS IN GRAVE DANGER IN ALL MOSLEM LANDS

By MALLORY BROWNE, Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 15.—For nearly four months, the United Nations has had before it an appeal for "immediate and urgent" consideration of the case of the Jewish populations in Arab and Moslem countries stretching from Morocco to India.

Even four months ago, it was the Zionist view that Jews residing in the Near and Middle East were in "extreme and imminent danger." Now that the end of the mandate has precipitated civil war or even worse developments in Palestine, it is feared that the repercussions of this in Moslem countries will put the Jewish populations in many of these states in mortal peril.

Reports from the Middle East make it clear that there is serious tension in all Arab countries. The Jewish populations there are gravely worried at the prospect that an Arab-Jewish war may break out suddenly at any moment.

Feeling Runs High

Already in some Moslem states such as Syria and Lebanon there is a tendency to regard all Jews as Zionist agents and "fifth columnists." There have been violent incidents with feeling running

Nine Hundred Thousand in Africa and Asia Face Wrath of Their Foes

This plea arose to some extent from statements, made by Arab spokesmen during the General Assembly session last autumn, to the effect that if the partition resolution was put into effect, they would not be able to guarantee the safety of the Jews in any Arab land.

The memorandum of the World Jewish Congress went into considerable detail on this danger. It cited the text of a law drafted by the Political Committee of the Arab League which was intended to govern the legal status of Jewish residents in all Arab League countries.

It provides that beginning on an unspecified date all Jews except citizens of non-Arab states, would be considered "members of the Jewish minority state of Palestine." Their bank accounts would be frozen and used to finance resistance to "Zionist ambitions in Palestine." Jews believed to be active Zionists would be interned and their assets confiscated.

The memorandum gave many

details of instances of persecution of Jewish individuals and whole communities. It listed the following tabulation of the Jewish residents in Arab countries:

French Morocco	190,000
Iraq	150,000
Algeria	120,000
Iran	90,000
Egypt	80,000
Tunisia	80,000
Turkey	75,000
Yemen	40,000
Libya	30,000
Spanish Morocco and Tangier	30,000
Syria	11,000
Lebanon	7,000
Aden (including refugees from Yemen)	8,000
Afghanistan (including refugees in India)	5,000
Other countries (Hadramuth, Sudan, Bahrein)	3,000
Total	899,000

Later information submitted to the Economic and Social Council was to the effect that:

In Syria a policy of economic discrimination is in effect against Jews. "Virtually all" Jewish civil

servants in the employ of the Syrian Government have been discharged. Freedom of movement has been "practically abolished." Special frontier posts have been established to control movements of Jews.

In Iraq no Jew is permitted to leave the country unless he deposits £5,000 (\$20,000) with the Government to guarantee his return. No foreign Jew is allowed to enter Iraq even in transit.

In Lebanon Jews have been forced to contribute financially to the fight against the United Nations partition resolution on Palestine. Acts of violence against Jews are openly admitted by the press, which accuses Jews of "poisoning wells," etc.

Danger Emphasized

Giving many other details of persecution, this report declares that "the very survival of the Jewish communities in certain Arab and Moslem countries is in serious danger unless preventative action is taken without delay."

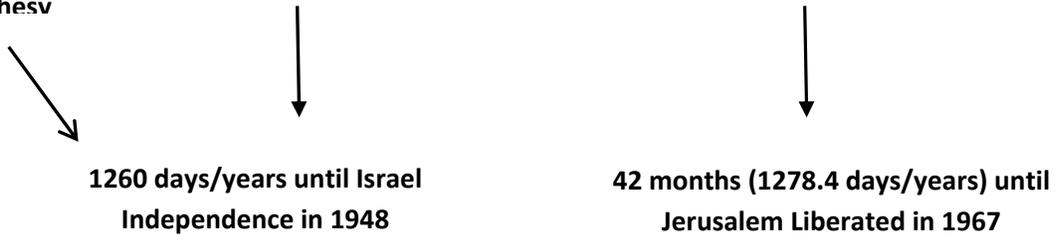
Today, with a Jewish State an established fact, Jewish spokesmen at Lake Success do not conceal their anxiety that this danger to the survival of the Jewish populations of the Arab countries is ever

REVELATION 11 PROPHECY FULFILLED



**Dome of the Rock
Constructed on Temple
Mount Outer Court
687-691**

**Jewish Remnant
Christians
"2 Lampstands"
"2 Olive Trees"
Prophecy**



**1260 days/years until Israel
Independence in 1948**

**42 months (1278.4 days/years) until
Jerusalem Liberated in 1967**

Israel Independence May 14, 1948

Islamic Beast Immediately Attacks Israel May 15, 1948

Jews Trapped in Islamic Countries 1948-1951

**7,000 Islamic Troops Killed
in the War**

**Jordan King Abdullah I
Murdered by Islamic
Jihadist July 1951
On Temple Mount**

**Operation Magic Carpet
Operation Ezra and Nehemiah**



WHAT DO THE TWO “LAMPSTANDS” AND “OLIVE TREES” REPRESENT IN REVELATION 11?



Revelation 11 tells us of two groups of people that will prophesy and spread the Word of God: Revelation 11: 3-6 (NIV)

3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” 5 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. 6 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.

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.

WHAT IS A “LAMPSTAND” AND ‘OLIVE TREE” IN THE BIBLE?

Early in Revelation John clearly tells us the symbolic lampstand is not a single person, but rather a collection of Christians, at least the size of a complete church. Revelation 1:19-21 (NIV)

19 “Write, therefore, what you have seen: both what is now and what will take place later. 20 The seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”

If seven lampstands in Revelation 1 are seven churches, then two lampstands in Revelation 11 are two churches. Thus it seems likely John in Revelation 11, when he refers to two lampstands and two olive trees, is

the Christian churches and the Jewish Remnant. Romans tells us the “Olive tree” both represents Christians and Jews, Romans 11:24 (NIV)

24 After all, if you (Gentiles) were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree (Jews), how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

WHO DO OTHERS SAY THE TWO WITNESSES ARE IN REVELATION 11?

Many experts who follow Bible prophecy believe the identity of the two witnesses prophesying for 1260 days in Revelation 11:3-12 are: 1) Moses and Elijah, 2) Enoch and Elijah, or 3) two unknown believers whom God calls to be His witnesses in the end times. They believe these are literally two future people, rather than symbolic. Yet a stronger case can be made they are symbolic, representing Christians and the Jewish Remnant for 1260 years from 688 (Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount) until 1948 (Israel independence). It is certainly possible the prophecy of Revelation 11 has a dual meaning with part still fulfilled in the future, but when Revelation is viewed through an Islamic lens, chapter 11 is well explained by Islamic history.

Moses and Elijah are seen as possibilities for the two witnesses due to the witnesses' power to turn water into blood (Revelation 11:6), which Moses is known for (Exodus chapter 7), and their power to destroy people with fire (Revelation 11:5), which Elijah is known for (2 Kings chapter 1). Also giving strength to this view is the fact that Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus at the transfiguration (Matthew 17:3-4).

JEWS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ISLAMIC COUNTRIES

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. [Israel's Independence Puts Jews in Islamic Countries in Grave Danger](#)

In a key address before the Political Committee of the U.N. General Assembly on November 14, 1947, just five days before that body voted on the partition plan for Palestine, Heykal Pasha, an Egyptian delegate, made the following key statement in connection with that plan:

“The United Nations should not lose sight of the fact that the proposed solution might endanger a million Jews living in the Muslim countries. Partition of Palestine might create in those countries anti-Semitism even more difficult to root out than the anti-Semitism which the Allies were trying to eradicate in Germany.

If the United Nations decides to partition Palestine, it will be responsible for the massacre of a large number of Jews.”

Particularly noteworthy is that while Heykal Pasha spoke at the United Nations, he continuously mentioned the Jews “in other Muslim countries” and “all the Islamic Arab states,” suggesting a level of coordination among the Islamic governments. Just four days after his statement, Iraq's Foreign Minister Fadil Jamali declared at the United Nations that “interreligious prejudice and hatred” would bring about a great deterioration in the Arab-Jewish relationship in Iraq and throughout the Islamic Arab world. In less than a generation almost all Jews were driven out of Islamic countries, where they had lived for some 2,500 years. Most were gone by late 1951.

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%



Since the Jews lost all of their possessions to the Islamic governments, they lived in tent cities as they moved into Israel.

The need for temporary housing coupled with the problems in the tent camps led to the establishment of the "ma'abara" or transit camp. Conceived in March 1950 by Levi Eshkol, the Treasurer and Head of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, the transit camp was intended to provide temporary housing and employment for new immigrants until they could be absorbed into Israeli society. Camps in which the residents would have to work were to be established throughout the country. The first such ma'abara was set up in May 1950 in Kesalon, in the Judean Hills. By mid-1951, 62 transit camps housed some 93,000 new immigrants.

1 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. **2** 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.

3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” **4** They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”

5 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. **6** 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.

7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. **8** 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.

9 For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. **10** 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.

11 But after the three and a half days the breath (spirit) of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. **12** 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.

13 At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

(Note that verse 8 implies the bodies (people) will be in at last three places.)

Operation Ezra and Nehemiah

Two Witnesses Prophecy Revelation 11 (NIV)

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Fulfilled	Event	When
But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles.	Revelation 11:2	Yes	Dome of the Rock constructed on Temple Mount outer court 687-691	687-691
They will trample on the holy city for 42 months	Revelation 11:2	Yes	42 months = 1278.4 days/years from 688-1967 Jerusalem liberation	688-1967
And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.	Revelation 11:3	Yes	1260 days/years from 688-1948 Israel rebirth	688-1948
They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth."	Revelation 11:4	Yes	Jewish remnant in the diaspora, and Christians speak about God and prophesy 688-1948	1948
If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies.	Revelation 11:5	Yes	They speak the Word of God and the Gospels	688-1948
This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die	Revelation 11:5	Yes	Anyone not believing the Word of God will lose their soul	688-1948
They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying	Revelation 11:6	Yes	Jesus only looks favorably upon the believers and salvation is only available to those that accept Christ	688-today
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 11:6	Yes	False doctrine of Islam pollutes the waters and salvation is only available to those that accept Christ	688-today
Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them	Revelation 11:7	Yes	Israel declared independence May 14, 1948 (end of 1260 days) the very next day Islamic countries (Beast) declare war on Israel May 15, 1948	1948
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	Revelation 11:8	Yes	One million Jews were trapped and threatened in Islamic countries (Iraq, Egypt and others) after Israel's independence	1948-1951
For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial	Revelation 11:9	Yes	The world, United States, the U.N. looked at the Jews trapped, but did nothing to help for three and a half years	1948-1951
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 11:10	Yes	Egypt physically held Jews hostage, Iraq confiscated \$100 billion in Jewish property, Iraq gave \$450,000 of Jewish money to Iran	1948-1951
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	Revelation 11:11	Yes	Jews stood on their feet immigrated safely into Israel. Operation Magic Carpet (Yemen), Operation Ezra and Nehemiah	1950-1951
Then they heard a loud voice from Heaven saying to them, "Come up here."	Revelation 11:12	Yes	O, Zion, flee, daughter of Babylon, Jews! Israel is calling you — come out of Babylon! Zionist Manifesto to Jews in Baghdad in 1951	1951
And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.	Revelation 11:12	Yes	Jews left Iraq and Yemen on airplanes	1951
At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed.	Revelation 11:13	Yes	In summer of 1951 as most Jews were flying out of Iraq, King Abdallah I of Jordan was assassinated on Temple Mount by Islamic Jihadist	1951
Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven	Revelation 11:13	Yes	The number of Islamic troops killed in 1948 war was 7,000. Jews in Israel gave thanks for liberation from Islamic countries	1948-1951

POST WORLD WAR ONE 1930-1948 IRAQI JEWISH HISTORY

The territory of the modern state of Iraq was defined in 1920 as Mandatory Iraq. It is centered on Lower Mesopotamia (corresponding to historical Babylonia), but also includes part of Upper Mesopotamia (Iraqi Kurdistan) and of the Syrian Desert and the Arabian Desert. Ottoman rule ended with World War I, and Iraq came to be administered by the British Empire as Mandatory Iraq until the establishment of the Kingdom of Iraq.

The British mandate over Iraq came to an end in June 1930, and in October 1932 the country became independent. The Iraqi government response to the demand of Assyrian autonomy (a Semitic tribe, affiliated to Nestorian church), turned into a bloody massacre by Iraqi army in August 1933. This event was the first sign to the Jewish community that minority rights were meaningless under Iraqi monarchy. King Faisal, known for his liberal policies, died in September 1933, and was succeeded by Ghazi, his nationalistic anti-British son.

Ghazi began promoting Islamic and Arab nationalist organizations, headed by Syrian and Palestinian exiles. With 1936–1939 Arab revolt in Palestine, they were joined by Islamic rebels, such as the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. The exiles preached pan-Arab Islamic ideology and fostered anti-Zionist propaganda.



The Islamic Grand Mufti of Jerusalem had close ties to Adolph Hitler during World War II.

Under Iraqi nationalists, the Nazi propaganda began to infiltrate the country as Nazi Germany was anxious to expand its influence in the Arab world. Dr. Fritz Grobba, who resided in Iraq since 1932, began vigorously and

systematically to disseminate hateful propaganda against Jews. Among other things, Arabic translation of Mein Kampf was published and Radio Berlin had begun broadcasting in Arabic language. Anti-Jewish policies had been implemented since 1934, and the confidence of Jews was further shaken by the growing crisis in Palestine in 1936. Between 1936 and 1939 ten Jews were murdered and on eight occasions bombs were thrown on Jewish locations.

In June 1941 a pro-Nazi regime was formed in Iraq, headed by Rashid Ali al-Galyani. Following a widespread propaganda campaign, an anti-Jewish pogrom erupted in the final days of the regime in Baghdad, leading to deaths of 180 Jews. The Farhud pogrom was a shocking event to Iraqi Jewish community, with much of Jewish property seized and as many as 180,000 Iraqi Jews affected. In 1945 Jews made up about 25% of the Baghdad population. Some displaced Iraqi Jews began fleeing for Israel reaching a rate of about 1,000 per year by 1949. About 10,000 Jews left Iraq in 1941–1948. But once Israel declared independence migration became almost impossible for the remaining 180,000 Jews in Iraq.



New York Times May 15, 1948 showing Israel’s independence and war from Islamic countries

JEWIS IN IRAQ ARE TRAPPED AFTER ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE ON MAY 14, 1948

After May 14, Israel's independence was a rough year for the Jews of Iraq:

In July 1948, the government passed a law making all Zionist activity punishable by execution, with a minimum sentence of seven years imprisonment.

On August 28, 1948, Jews were forbidden to engage in banking or foreign currency transactions.

In September 1948, Jews were dismissed from the railways, the post office, the telegraph department and the Finance Ministry on the ground that they were suspected of "sabotage and treason."

On October 8, 1948, the issuance of export and import licenses to Jewish merchants was forbidden.

On October 19, 1948, the discharge of all Jewish officials and workers from all governmental departments was ordered.

In October, the Egyptian paper, El-Ahram, estimated that as a result of arrests, trials and sequestration of property, the Iraqi treasury collected some 20 million dinars or the equivalent of \$80 million U.S. dollars in 1948.

On December 2, 1948, the Iraq government suggested to oil companies operating in Iraq that no Jewish employees be accepted.

On February 19, 1949, the Islamic Prime Minister of Iraq acknowledged the bad treatment that the Jews had been victims of in Iraq during the recent months. But he warned that unless Israel behaved itself, much worse events might take place concerning the Iraqi Jews.

The largest Iraqi contingent were the Baghdadi or Babylonian Jews, while Kurdish Jews were the smallest contingent of the mass expulsion after having resided more than 2,500 years in both the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities. Interestingly, the Babylonian Jews produced the great rabbinic commentaries in the Talmud and other works that are studied daily in Yeshivas in Israel and the Jewish Diaspora.

Immediately after May 14, 1948, following the declaration of the establishment of the State of Israel, many thousands of Iraqi Jews were arrested and imprisoned and the Zionist organizations were declared illegal. Jews in Iraq who requested to make Aliyah (the immigration of Jews from the diaspora to the Land of Israel) faced the death penalty. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem called on "all Muslims to kill Jews" on May 15, 1948. Various additional restrictions were imposed upon Iraqi Jews; among them the prohibition against moving from one location to another within Iraq, restrictions preventing attendance at schools and hospitals, and other harsh measures. The government of Israel, aware of the difficulties facing Iraqi Jews, looked for ways to bring them to Israel. One solution was the creation of a secret overland escape route. Despite the length and the dangers of the route, a handful of Jews managed to escape between December 1949 and February 1950.

A harsh change came in 1950, when the Iraqi government gave permission to the Jews to immigrate on condition that they renounce their Iraqi citizenship, relinquish their property, and forfeit the right to ever return in the future. The reasons behind this permission are not clear, but seem to have been a combination of the desire of the Iraqi authorities to stop monitoring the Zionist activities of the Jews and the government officials personal greed to appropriate Jewish property and wealth.

Legal exit also precluded the smuggling out of funds. The Islamic government was able to supervise the Jewish exodus and to greatly restrict the sums of money which could be taken out. Iraqi officials had no intention of allowing the Jews to take significant amounts of currency with them or to transfer assets.

In March, 1950, Salih Jabr, Iraqi Minister of the Interior, submitted a draft bill to Parliament. It was quickly approved by Parliament and by the Iraqi Senate. The law comprised several important clauses:

- The Council of Ministers is empowered to deprive any Iraqi Jew of Iraqi citizenship, who, of his own free will, chooses to leave Iraq for good, after he shall so signify in writing before an official designated by the Ministry of the Interior.
- Any Iraqi Jew who leaves Iraq or attempts to leave illegally will be deprived of Iraqi citizenship in accordance with the resolution of the Council of Ministers.
- Any Iraqi Jew who has already left Iraq illegally will be considered to have left for good, if he does not return within two months of this law coming into effect. He will be deprived of Iraqi citizenship on the day on which this extension lapses.
- The Minister of the Interior will order the expulsion from the country of all those deprived of Iraqi citizenship under articles a) and b), if he is not convinced – with sufficient reason – that there is a temporary need for him to remain in Iraq for legal or constitutional purposes or in order to safeguard the temporary rights of some other person.
- This law would remain in effect for one year (until March 1951) after its promulgation. It may be revoked at any time within this period by royal edict to be published in the official gazette.

Fearing another post-war holocaust type slaughter, Zionist spokesmen campaigned for “their quick transfer to the new Jewish state”, as the New York Times reported at the time. But the quick transfer required Jews to relinquish almost all their wealth and property rights.



In 1951 the Iraqi government submitted a new law “for the supervision and management of the property of Jews who have been deprived of their Iraqi nationality”, in other words, a law freezing (stealing) the property of stateless Jews. The draft law was ratified by both chambers and became in March 1951.

The 1951 law covered all assets – money and securities – held by Jews as property or in trust, whether in their direct possession or in the possession of others but owned by them. The right to transfer and manage assets was withdrawn from the owners and entrusted to a custodian appointed by the ministerial council. It was decided that the running costs of his office would be covered from the frozen assets.

Transgressors were liable to two years’ imprisonment or a fine of 4,000 dinars or both. According to the regulations, the custodian would release certain sums for the maintenance of the dependents of prospective emigrants who had been denaturalized and who had no source of livelihood while waiting to leave.



Operation Ezra and Nehemiah Poster 1951

To preclude financial deals in the period between the passing of the law and its publication in the official gazette, the Ministry of Finance closed the banks on that day and extended the closing for a further two days. Once the law came into effect, the police began to implement it. All shops under Jewish ownership were closed and sealed. Jews were arrested in the streets and their effects, suitcases or valuables were confiscated. Vehicles were seized and the police began to conduct searches in the homes of Jewish merchants and jewellers with the aim of confiscating merchandise and gold.

Altogether Iraq appropriated nearly \$100 billion (in current dollars) of Jewish property such as more than 2,000 square kilometers of land, farms, banks, businesses, homes, livestock, gold and currency. This was in theory to compensate Palestinians driven from Israel after 1948 independence and subsequent war. But the reality was the Iraqi government officials kept the money and gave each other bribe payments and gifts, and almost none went to the displaced Palestinians.

“INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH WILL GLOAT OVER THEM AND WILL CELEBRATE”

In terms of gifts, for example, in 1950 Iraqi officials gave Iranian officials \$450,000 of Jewish money. This payment was a first step and part of the deal for Iranian de facto recognition of Israel proposed by Iran. In return for this recognition, Iran was to receive \$450,000 dollars. The bulk of this sum was paid to the Iranian prime minister and the remainder to members of the cabinet and to the press in order to sway public opinion. Other money transfers were made to various officials in addition to this amount.

As a result of the special permission to leave Iraq, the State of Israel made preparations to undertake a rescue operation. The Iraqi Jews, who were obliged to renounce their Iraqi citizenship, were required to register and to wait for their turn to depart for Israel. At first only a small number of Jews registered due to fears that the purpose of the law was to expose Zionists amongst the Jewish community. However, after a time, once the Jews realized that the Iraqi government was truly willing to allow them to depart; ever-greater numbers began to renounce their citizenship (“rose to their feet”) and to register for the Aliyah.



Hungry and cold refugees waited to leave Iraq in 1951.

Each person was allowed to take no more than \$140 out of the country and could only carry 66 pounds of luggage; jewelry was also forbidden from being taken out of Iraq. The number of Jews becoming destitute while waiting grew rapidly in 1951 due to the loss of their assets. By this time after the passing of the two Islamic laws in 1950 and 1951 about 80% of Iraqi Jews were penniless and unable to cover the cost of their emigration. In Basra the situation was even worse. Most immigrants leaving on the aircraft were all poor, and many had sold their blankets in return for food.

In March 1951, the Israeli government organized an airlift operation. Waiting in Baghdad was a tense and difficult period. Some 50,000 Jews signed up in one month, and two months later there were 90,000 on the list. This mass movement stunned and amazed the Iraqi Government, which had not expected the number of immigrants to exceed 8,000, and feared that administrative institutions run by Jews might collapse.

JEWIS IN YEMEN BEFORE AND AFTER ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE ON MAY 14, 1948

In 1922, the government of Yemen, under Yahya Muhammad Hamid ed-Din (Imam Yahya) reintroduced an ancient Islamic law entitled the "orphans decree." The law dictated that, if Jewish boys or girls under the age of 12 were orphaned, they were to be forcibly converted to Islam, their connections to their families and communities were to be severed and they had to be handed over to Muslim foster families. The rule was based on the law that the prophet Mohammad is "the father of the orphans," and on the fact that the Jews in Yemen were considered “under protection” and the Islamic ruler was obligated to care for them.

In 1947, after the partition vote of the British Mandate of Palestine, Arab Muslim rioters, assisted by the local police force, engaged in a pogrom in Aden that killed 82 Jews and destroyed hundreds of Jewish homes.

Aden's Jewish community was economically paralyzed, as most of the Jewish stores and businesses were destroyed. Early in 1948, the unfounded rumor of the ritual murder of two girls led to looting. This increasingly perilous situation led to the emigration of virtually the entire Yemenite Jewish community between mid-1949 and early 1951 in Operation Magic Carpet. During this period, over 60,000 Jews immigrated to Israel from Yemen. The Yemen Jews flew out in the clouds "while their enemies looked on."
Despite being shot at and even bombed upon, the mission was accomplished – and without a single loss of life.

The saving of the Yemeni Jews (Cush lies on both sides of the Red Sea, in the Arabian Peninsula--Yemen) was predicted in Isaiah 43:3-7 (NIV)

3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' "Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

In the course of Operation Magic Carpet (1949–1951), nearly the entire community of Yemenite Jews (about 60,000) immigrated to Israel. Most of them had never seen an airplane before, but they believed in the Biblical prophecy that according to the Book of Isaiah (40:31), God promised to return the children of Israel to Zion on "wings". Isaiah 40:29-31 (NIV)

29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Operation Ezra and Nehemiah ended at the beginning of 1952, leaving only about 6,000 Jews in Iraq. 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.



Poster announcing a gathering on the occasion of the conclusion of the "Ezra and Nehemiah" operation.

On May 6, 2003, a former member of Saddam Hussein's secret police had received an extraordinary tip. Something quite surprising was concealed in the Baghdad headquarters of Hussein's intelligence service, or Mukhabarat, and he informed Iraqi opposition leader Ahmed Chalabi. Chalabi passed the tip on to Dr. Harold Rhode, a Pentagon advisor on Islamic Affairs, and New York Times reporter Judith Miller, who was embedded in an elite U.S. Military Unit assigned to looking for weapons of mass destruction.

When they arrived at the Mukhabarat, the tipster, who was head of the secret police's "Jewish unit," pointed to a side of the building and then fled. The Army unit went in first, because getting there was no easy feat. Not long before, a 2,000-pound unexploded bomb had slammed through the building destroying the water system and flooding the basement. Most of these documents were in Hebrew or Arabic. However some were in English and point to the preparations for operation Ezra and Nehemiah as shown on the following pages.

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The President of the
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Dear Sir,

Further to our letter dated 21st. March in reply to your 1326 dated 19th. March.

Since writing the above letter I have visited London and conferred with our London Office and I am now empowered to offer you the following terms :- Based on 40,000 in one year,

Basra to Lydda £14 per head
Baghdad to Lydda..... £12 per head

Above offer is based on operation by Dakota aircraft, 40 passengers each aircraft, subject ARB approval. The offer includes provision of aircraft, engines and spares full air and ground crews, air and ground crew accommodation, food, overseas allowances, petrol and oil, LANDING FEES, Air and Ground Crew Insurance, Passenger Liability Insurance, Third Party Freight Insurance, provision of three traffic officers and full booking and liaison staff as required, also FULL PASSENGER HANDLING at all points. We also agree to supervise transit camps as necessary.

It must be noted that the above price has been based on the aircraft flying BASRA or BAGHDAD to LYDDA and then on to CYPRUS for clearance returning to Basra or Baghdad as necessary. As appears possible, should the movement eventually develop into direct movement between Baghdad/Basra and Lydda then the price will be substantially reduced.

We have completed all the negotiations we were called upon to make and it now remains for you to assist us to obtain from the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior or the Prime Minister, a letter stating definitely that we shall be in order in carrying out this movement. Immediately we receive this letter we will lay on the aircraft provided that you agree our terms and that a substantial amount is deposited in the U.K. as a sign of good faith..

We are taking the matter up through the British Embassy, Baghdad but it is essential you press the Iraqi Prime Minister immediately,
Yours faithfully,
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The Head of the Jewish Community,
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Dear Sir,

We understand from the Daily Newspapers that a large number of people of the Jewish Faith may shortly leave Iraq with the full permission of the Iraq Government.

Should this be so we would like to draw your attention to the fact that we a specialised organisation fully equipped to handle large and small scale movement of personnel and freight. For instance we handle personnel and freight on behalf of the Oil Companies and the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

We therefore offer you our services in this connection and point out that we are in a position to organise any movement of personnel you may require to any part of the world.

Should you be interested we would be happy to furnish specific details and quotations in reply to any concrete movement offer you care to make.

Postcard

Yours faithfully,

T.A. Caton

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THE "GREAT EARTHQUAKE" WAS THE DEATH OF THE SUPREME MUSLIM COMMANDER

Revelation prophecy says there would be a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city would collapse. Jordan was one of the ten nation Islamic countries surrounding Israel. The "severe earthquake" or upheaval was the assignation of the supreme Islamic Arab commander of the 1948 Islamic invasion of Israel.

Just at the peak time ("at that very hour") as the Jews were emigrating from Islamic countries into Israel in July 1951, the King of Jordan, Abdullah I, was shot and killed on the Temple Mount by an Islamic jihadist who felt the king was secretly making a peace treaty with Israel.



Abdullah's role in the 1948 Arab attacking Israel war was substantial. He was the supreme commander of the Arab forces and persuaded the Arab League to appoint him to this position. Through his leadership, the Arabs fought the 1948 war to meet Abdullah's political goals. King Abdullah, despite being the supreme commander during the 1948 war, later desired peace with Israel. He planned to sign a separate peace agreement but for the Islamic Arab League's militant opposition. On account of this, and because of his dream for a Greater Syria comprising Jordan, Syria, and Iraq under the Hashemite dynasty, many Arab countries distrusted Abdullah.



On July 20, 1951, while visiting the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, King Abdullah was assassinated by a Palestinian jihadist afraid that the old king would make a separate peace with Israel. Thus the beast commander was struck down by God by the Al-Aqsa Mosque the abomination on the wing for attacking Israel. King Abdullah had the title Supreme Commander of the Arab Legion, the strongest Arab army involved in the war.



Al-Aqsa Mosque—Site of the Assassination

The “Severe Earthquake” could be interpreted to mean “upset and discord” in the Islamic world over the nation of Israel, and the unexpected number of Jews that made it safely in the country. Since Jordan is one of the Islamic countries in the future 10 nation Islamic confederacy from the revived Babylon Persian Empire, the phrase “and a tenth of the city collapsed” refers to the problems in one of these Confederacy nations.

“SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE EARTHQUAKE”

According to www.onwar.com, the number of Islamic soldiers killed in the 1948 war with Israel was 7,000.

Islamic State	Combat Forces	Losses
Egypt + Mecca	300,000	2,000
Jordan	60,000	1,000
Palestine	50,000	3,000
Syria	300,000	1,000
www.onwar.com	Totals	7,000

It is estimated Israel lost 6,373 people, about 1% of its population in the war. About 4,000 were soldiers and the rest were civilians. Around 2,000 of the dead were Holocaust survivors.

“THE SURVIVORS WERE TERRIFIED AND GAVE GLORY TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN”



Jews were terrified during the three and one half year after Israel’s independence while trapped in Islamic countries and thanked God for their deliverance.

SUMMARY

Jews were in grave danger after Israel's independence. After the initial emigration at the end of 1951, the number of Jews in Baghdad decreased from 100,000 to 5,000. Today fewer than 50 Jews remain. After the initial post World War II influx of European Jews in 1945-1948, the percentage of Jews entering Israel coming from Islamic countries increased considerably (1948 = 14.4%, 1949 = 47.3%, 1950 = 49.6%, 1951 = 71.0%).

During 1950 and 1951, the special operations that were undertaken to bring over Jewish communities perceived to be in serious danger: the Jews of Yemen and Aden (Operation Magic Carpet) and the Jewish community in Iraq (Operation Ezra and Nehemiah) were a miracle. During the same period, the vast majority of Libyan Jews came to the country. Considerable numbers of Jews immigrated from Turkey and Iran as well as from other North African countries (Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria).

God kept his promise and delivered the Jews from their Islamic enemies. These events were accurately foretold in Revelation 11 and Ezekiel 37.