A HISTORICAL SURVEY OF THE ISRAELI OPPRESSIONS IN PALESTINE: AN ISLAMIC PANACEA

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Abstract

The creation of the Zionist State of Israel has posed a series of cases of man's inhumanity to man in a mission to architect a Great Jewish Land that will encompass the majority of Arab Countries in the Middle-East. People in Palestine have, since 1948 and even before, forgotten peaceful days and serene nights. A discerning audience of this more-than-six- decade oppressions may discover that the Israeli occupation of Palestine and its merciless torture of the Palestinians are not limited to the Arab Muslims only. Palestinian Christians also suffer a great deal from the heartless treatment of the Zionist forces operating in that robbed land that is hitherto held in high esteem in a region regarded as the earliest human settlement. Ironically, many Christians especially in Nigeria seem to be oblivious of this fact, hence register their support to Israel and its cruelty. This paper attempts to survey around some of the instances of inhuman subjugations of the Israel against the Palestinians with a view to making a case that Christians also are not spared. It also proposes an Islamic panacea which, if followed accordingly, will bring the Jewish oppressions in Palestine to a halt. The paper relies on the library method of research whereby books as well as magazines were used. Its main findings reveal that to the possible surprise of many Nigerian Christians, Arab Christians in Palestine are not exempted in any inhuman scheme of Israeli's violence against the Palestinians. It concludes that unless Islamic therapy is employed and applied appropriately, Palestine will remain a victim of Israeli oppressions.

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Introduction

Since the creation of the Zionist state of Israel in 1948 by the hitherto self-appointed imperial powers, a large number of Middle-Eastern countries were visited by wanton disregard of human dignity. The Palestinian peoples who are mostly Arabs by ethnicity and Muslims by religion, have been suffering sporadic and heavy inhumane attacks by the conspiracy-born Israel. Many external audiences of this more-than fifty year old conflict assume that the only victims of the Zionists oppressions of Palestine are Muslims. They therefore, base their comments of approval or disapproval on the brand of faith they are inclined to. Apt and apposite examples is the way some Christians in Nigeria unreasonably or reasonably, present themselves as natural fanatics to the state of Israel and its incessant dastardly actions. This does not disprove the fact that there are considerably numerous outside watchers of the crisis who pass their value judgment critically and objectively without the slightest regard to the faith identity of the oppressor or the oppressed.

This paper attempts to survey the concatenations of crisis that have been erupting since the formation of Israel, Arab countries' role in halting the crisis, efforts by the international communities in designing peace accords that at all times proved futile and other issues related to the crisis. Meanwhile, extra efforts shall be made to expose those who are really the recipients of the Israeli terror for these dark decades. In other words, the paper chooses to provoke answers to an unusually asked question: are Muslims only the victims of the West-sponsored ravages of Palestine by Israel? It hence, provides the Islamic panacea for the problem.

Jews at a Glance

The origin of the Jewish race dates back to Judah, the son of Prophet Ya'qub (Jacob), the son of Prophet Ishaq (Isaac) who was the son of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham). Though most of the Jews claim that Prophet Ibrahim (AS) was a Jew, historical accounts will never favour or shelter such claim. After all, the religion of the Jews – Judaism was named after their patriarch Judah. As pointed out by Rochel Chein, "the term "Jew" is derived from the name of Jacob's forth son, Judah-*Yehudah,* in the Hebrew-and may have originally applied only to Judah's descendent who comprised one of the twelve tribes of Israel."[1]

Likewise the Glorious Qur'an[2] which unfolds many acts of Jews and their prejudice debunks that Jewish false assertion. Allah says:

> O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Why do you dispute about Ibrahim (Abraham), while the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)were not revealed till after him? Have you then no sense? Verily, you are those who have disputed about that which you have knowledge. Why do you then dispute concerning that which you have no knowledge? It is Allah Who knows, and you know not. Ibrahim (Abraham) was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a true Muslim *Hanifa*, (Islamic Monotheism– to worship none but Allah Alone) and he was not of *Al-Mushrikun* (Q 3: 65-67).

The verse affirms that Prophet Ibrahim (AS) was never, by virtue of race or religion a Jew. The start of Jewish community as a race emanated from Judah, the son of Ya'qub .He was one of the twelve children of Israel that later transformed into tribal communities. The Jewish religion is called Judaism. It is said to have been derived from Judah.[3]

Several Prophets were sent among the descendant of Ya^{c}qub (AS).Historians say that all prophets and messengers of Allah who came after Prophet Ya^{c}qub were his offspring, with the exception of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) who descended from the Ismaili line and who eventually became the greatest of all the other messengers. As Deedat affirms, "the children of Isaac are the brethren of the Ismaelites. In like manner Muhammad is from among the brethren of the Israelites because he was a descendent of Ismael the son of Abraham"[4]This claim has been testified and substantiated by not only Muslims but

also their non-Muslim counterparts. The Encyclopedia Britannica vouches that "Muhammad was the most successful of religious personalities".[3] Also John William Draper stresses that "four years after the death of Justinian, A.D. 569, was born at Makkah, in Arabia the man who, of all men exercised the greatest influence upon the human race . . . Muhammad . . ."[5] In his "The 100", Michael H. Heart chose Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as his top man in the list, being the greatest achiever in all respects and spheres of the history of humanity.[6]

The Jewish communities have, since the time of their patriarchs, been nurturing an incurable disease of enmity, envy and animosity towards the Arabs, their half-brothers. Their hatred is not limited even to other races but also their fellow blood brothers. This could be seen in how the paternal brothers of Prophet Yusuf (A.S) jointly orchestrated plots with an apparent advice from Judah – the Jew's patriarch, in order to distance him from the sight of his father Ya'qub who was divinely given extra amity and fondness towards the little Yusuf.[7] Coming down to subsequent prophets, the Jews, despite being generation with divine favour of kings, prophets and messengers chose to recklessly hold them in either contempt of rejection or subject them to the more sinister consequences of torture, murder, etc.[8] The more Allah bestowed His magnanimity upon them, the more they engaged in defiance and objection of laid down legislation carried and conveyed to them by His messengers.

Prophet Musa (A.S) upon whose teaching of *at-Taurah* (Torah), the foundations of Judaism was erected, though later distorted largely, suffered a great deal of sabotage from his Jewish followers. Some samples of the Jewish tyranny towards their messengers may be seen in the deep and lengthy but clear depiction of them by Allah in the Glorious Qur'an.

Despite being fully aware that Prophet Musa (A.S) was sent in order to deliver them from the brutality of Fir'awn, and that at the time the symbols of success were all visible, and that Allah never would break his promise as they were told by Prophet Musa,[9] they replied in a very ungrateful manner and faith-shaky tone.[10] Little after they were saved and emancipated from the cruelty and slavery of Fir'awn, and were miraculously assisted to cross River Nile, and had their chief oppressor drowned, they all forgot Allah's mercy and were fascinated by some idol-worshiping folks to the point of requesting Prophet Musa (AS) to appoint to them an idol equal to that of the street pagans.[11] Because of their already expressed lust to defy Allah's command during the journey of Prophet Musa (AS) to the appointment of his Lord, the Jews, under the co-ordination of one devilish idol priest called Samiry,[12] took a golden calf manufactured by this Samiry as an object of worship.[13]

Furthermore, Allah ordered them, after being saved from Fir'awn, to enter the holy city of Jerusalem.[14] But they argued and took Prophet Musa as object of risibility. They reasoned that they were not ready to enter the city as long as the mighty people inhabiting

it were there. This they maintained and even concluded that Prophet Musa should go ahead with his Lord to enter the city and fight its gigantic habitants.[15]

The defiance and rejection of the Jews did not die with the demise of Prophet Musa (AS), but kept on growing at the time of subsequent prophets up to the time of Prophet Isa (AS). Prophet Isa suffered in no small measure at the hands of the Jews. During his infancy, they accused his mother Mary of committing adultery, and likewise they held his declaration as a messenger a treasonable act. As such they converged on killing him, which they could not but killed one of his disciples whose facial feature was removed divinely and replaced with that of Isa.[16]

The case was not different when Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) came as a messenger and later migrated to Medina. The acrimony of the Jews was fuelled by the fact that the Last Prophet was not among their Jewish lineage. They betrayed the Prophet (SAW) on a number of occasions. Their three major clans; *Banu Quraidhah, Banu al-Nadheer* and *Banu Qainuqa'* all cheated by turning off the switch of treaty torched by the Prophet (SAW) for peaceful co-existence between the Muslims in Madina and the societies surrounding them. They set up plans to assassinate the Prophet (SAW) either by physically killing him or by poisoning or by whatever means possible. Some scholars hold the view that Prophet Muhammad's demise had link with a poisoned mutton he tasted which was presented to him by a Jewish woman at Khaibar.[17]

Palestinians at a Glance

Historical sources are almost unanimous about the existence of communities in the land of Palestine since 600,000 years B.C (Stone Age) before the birth and migration of Prophet Abraham from Babylon in Iraq passing through Egypt and making Palestine a destination. Palestine was inhabited by some different ethnic communities as Hittites, Amorites and some Canaanites. They were the major tribal groups who predated every society in the land of Palestine. Some historians hold the view that the Hittites were of the same lineage of the Jebusites. The Jebusites were the branch of Arabs who wandered through the Arabian Peninsula and eventually settled in the Palestinian regions. This is in addition to the Arabs who later inhabited it during several Muslim conquests. The civilization that was most common and shared by habitants of the region was that of the Canaanites. Meanwhile as societal co-existence and social interaction developed through sharing of cultural values including intermarriages, language-borrowing and other factors, the Canaanites became fully Arabicised to the extent, that it would later be difficult to separate or distinguish a purely Arab and non-Arab institution in the land of Palestine.[18]

Creation of the State of Israel

Prior to the implementation of the Zionist project of 1948 of creation of the State of Israel, the British had been in Palestine as colonial power for some years. This was as a result of mandate instrument that was resolved by the League of Nations in 1922 which empowered Britain to take charge of affairs of some territories of the Ottoman Empire.

That is what today is Palestine and Jordan. The seed of intention of the creation of the State of Israel began germinating in the 19th century.[19] At that time, the Jewish people were scattered across various countries in Europe, Africa and Asia.[20]

With the help and mentorship of the Leagues of Nations, fund was raised in the name of Jewish National Fund and was used to buy lands in Palestine for the settlement of the Jewish community. This was done with care and concern, but could not hide from the conscience of shrewd Palestinian Arabs. The agenda behind this was to completely dispossess and rob the Palestinians of their land and thus pave way for the creation of a wholly Jewish nation. Much land was even taken by force. This continued under the watch of the League of Nations through the British officers bearing the mandate to govern and administer Palestine.[21]

Close to the mid of the 20th century when the wind of nationalism was blowing across most of African and Asian countries under occupation of colonial masters, the Britain decided to step aside from Palestine. It was a machinated attempt to introduce Israel as a state to be governed by the migrated Jews instead of extending rope of independence to the Palestine, the people who were served the bitter plate of colonial situation of the British officers. On leaving, the British government announced and surrendered its mandate to the UN which would decide the fate of Palestine. The former then announced the creation of the State of Israel in 1948.[22]

The Question of Promised Land

The Jewish occupation of Palestine is usually corroborated by the fact that God has made the promised land to be their "final abode", and that they alone are "entitled" to reap the harvest of that divine promise as descendants of Prophet Abraham. Undoubtedly, Qur'anic and Biblical prophecies confirm that descendants of Abraham would be the heirs of the Promised Land. Allah says:

> And We said to the Children of Israel after him: "Dwell in the land, then, the final and the last promise comes near [i.e. the Day of Resurrection or the descent of Christ ['Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary) on the earth]. We shall bring you altogether as mixed crowd (gathered out of various nations) (Q. 17: 104).

While the Biblical promise goes thus, "To your offspring I will give this land", "The whole land of Canaan ..... I will give to you and your descendants after you. (Genesis 12:07). The scope of the Promised Land is explained in Genesis 15:18, "On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abraham, saying: to your descendants I have given this land, from the River of Egypt to the Great River, the River Euphrates". The river Euphrates is in Iraq.

The question now is: are the Jews only the descendants of Abraham? Certainly they are not. Arabs are also his descendants through his first born male child, Prophet Ismail. Many Jews accept that Ismail was a legitimate son of Abraham, but they will never

subscribe to him being the first born. Ironically, their book is clearly categorical about Ismail being the first son of Ibrahim. The book of Genesis 16:16 says: "Abraham was eighty-six year old when Hagar bore him Ishmael". While concerning the birth of Prophet Ishaq (AS), the book of Genesis 21:5 says: "Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him". The Jewish law of birth-right called *primogeniture* otherwise known as the law of ascendancy acknowledges that the principal heir of man's property shall be his first-born male child. In the book of Genesis 49:8 it is said: "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might and the beginning of my strength. The excellence of dignity and the excellence of power". Therefore, to attempt to label Palestinians as alien to the promises of God in respect of the Promised Land and then justify their destruction is a fact that obviously conflicts with the dictates of the Torah.

Terrorism in Implementing Zionism

The creation of the State of Israel was coordinated by Zionism – a Jewish terrorist movement shouldered with the responsibility of devising military, strategic and intellectual plan of implementing the project of Jewish domination of the world through whatever possible means. Theodore Hertzl- the founder of the modern movement said; "everybody is to be killed. So it is better to hasten in killing those who interfere with our affairs".[23] He adds that "when we become sovereign, we will not tolerate any religion other than ourselves. We are the chosen people and our fate decides the fate of others. So we must acquire sovereignty over all nations.[24]

Hertzl was succeeded by Trotsky who did his best to promote the former's terrorist theories. The latter was once heard saying: "every old, deformed, impaired and helpless man must be exterminated the way we exterminate harmful insects and animals".[25]Among prominent figures that championed in catapulting this theory was the former Israeli Prime Minister- Menachem Begin whose statements include: "Zionists had brought terrorism both to the Middle-East and to the world at large", "So everywhere we will attack and smite the enemy. God, God! You have chosen us for conquest".[26] Meanwhile, the laboratory for the Zionist experiment of this pronounced terrorism is Palestine, by trying to delete the existence of the Arab country and stamping Israel on it.

Sub-organizations were formed to subordinate the project. They are like the Stern Organization otherwise known as the warrior for Israel's freedom; Haganah Organization, the Mossads, etc. were formed to carry out the duties of killing and horrifying Arabs to surrender to the Zionisation of their territories. Israel's lust to maintain a purely Jewish ethnical state though of foreign origin galvanized their forces to continue subverting the very rights of the Palestinians thereby pressing them to be refugees and prohibiting them from returning to their homes while those within Israel are subjected to all forms of discrimination. Palestinian borders are controlled by the Israel forces. People are beaten; women in labour are denied access to hospitals resulting to death. Many at times, supply of food and medicine is blocked from entering Gaza. The Jewish forces always carry out raids in the Palestinian homes, injuring, raping, kidnapping and killing unarmed residents. There was a time Israel soldiers abducted one

teenager whom they coerced to drink fuel and then they set fire on him to burn inside out.[27]

All these cruel and ungodly acts are mere translation of statements made by prominent Zionists like Yuri Librani who said; "we will reduce the Arab population to a lot of manual laborers and waiters".[28] Ship Al-Dawud said: "it is either great Israel or great Ishmael".[29] While conducting their checks and searches, the brutal forces of Israel usually gather hundreds of Palestinians and dump them in prisons that are no more than waste collectors. The Palestinian Monitor reported that every year since 1987 the Israel security agency has been torturing at least 750 Palestinians locked in Israel's prison because of resisting a violently stolen 90% of their land and expelled to wretched detention camps in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon. According to Miftah Factsheet:

> Throughout the decades of this persisting conflict, Israel has illegally detained Palestinian men, women and children through an extensive and systematic set of regulations that control every aspect of Palestinian life, which restrict or deny their basic human rights. Moreover, the conditions of the prisons and treatment of prisoners are horrendous, violating numerous international as well as Israeli laws. The Israeli military, which governs the occupied territories, constantly changes or issues new military orders, which are often unknown to local populations until implemented. Palestinian prisoners are then subject to Israeli military tribunals, which rarely follow required international standards of fair trial. Thus, Palestinians not only live under an illegal occupation, but also under an unstable and unjust system of law and order.[30]

Below are some forms of treatment suffered by the Palestinians in the hands of their oppressors, the Israelis:

1. Tying up detainees in painful postures for hours.
2. Prolonged beating.
3. Enclosing prisoners head in a sack full of urine and excreta.
4. Sexual abuse.
5. Choking and pulling out prisoners' hair and being forced to swallow it.
6. Painful tightening of handcuffs.
7. Putting prisoners head in toilets' bowls
8. Hanging by wrists for days.
9. Attacking with dogs.
10. Beating on soles of feet.
11. Blindfolding prisoners, exposing them to public football field, been jeered and booed at.
12. Forcing inmates to sit hand over head for days.

13. Laying them on the floor while guards jump on their bodies.
14. Hanging them by rope around neck.
15. Crushing them with bulldozers.
16. Pulling their teeth out with pliers.
17. Breaking their bones, ribs and teeth deliberately.[31]

Peace Accords

Several peace treaties were inked in an attempt to bring to a halt the incessant massacres of the Palestinians. However, most of the talks on peace were supervised and sponsored by the earlier creators of the state of Israel, hence bent over backwards to ensure that the colour with which to paint those accords are tailored to tally with the interest of Israel. Meanwhile, even if the outcome and resolution of peace agreement signed by both parties appears to contain some elements of justice, Israel would go ahead to breach every bit of it.

Arab Countries' Response

In order to mouth with just tongue, it is good to mention here that some Arab countries especially the Middle-Eastern ones have, at the earlier phase of the crisis, risen to the Israel's brutalities. Some countries fought militarily with combined Arab forces, some contributed with effective and workable intelligence, while some even released dogs of political censure and some did not ceasefire with prayers. This, however cannot absolve other countries who chose to remain taciturn, perhaps looking at political or economic benefit they share with the mother of Israel, the West.

The Arab countries engaged Israeli soldiers in wars for years, notably in 1948- 1956, 1967, 1973 and 1982. The countries that rose to meet Israel include Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. Meanwhile, the Israel Government on waking up to realize that Arab regimes continued to nurse grudge against it and rallied around the weak and oppressed, it moved heaven and earth to ruin the threatening unity. Strategies were put in place to set these countries against one another, while those that did not engage were scared and distanced away from attempting to wield weapon or brandish accusing fingers. No doubt, Israel whose prejudice is policed by the world power, had to resort to the West before achieving this.[32]

Brutality Sparing No Christian

The recent symbolic rise by the international community to revive the long-debated question of the Palestinian independence stirred up the minds of some Christians especially in Nigeria to contemplate why the modern world would worry because of the sufferings of some distant Arab Muslims testing raw terror in the hands of the Jews. They, therefore, endorsed their support to the countries (Nigeria inclusive) that in their capacities blocked the attainment of the anxious goal of the Palestinians. In fact, many Christians do not seem to know that there are many Christians in Palestine. That is why Mazrui laments that: "logic is often forgotten. Some Nigerian Christians sometimes

forget that there are many more Christians among Palestinians than among Israelis. To use Israel as the banner of the cross is to forget that simple fact.[33]

Perhaps they drew inspiration from some Christian Zionist organizations set up by subsequent Pro-Zionist regimes in the West. Surprisingly, the Jewish bloodthirsty forces never give damn to that Judeo-Christian heritage by skipping the Christians, their places of worship or any of their sacred symbols while launching their terrorist attacks on Palestine.

Below are just a few instances in which Christians were not exempted by the ruthless execution of Jewish terror;

1. Bomb explosion planted by visible Jewish solders in the town of BeitJala (a predominantly Christian area) near Bethlehem, resulting to the death of many Christians and hundreds of casualties in 1952.
2. Conducting raids in refugee camps in Gaza in which Israeli soldiers shot dozen of unarmed refugees inside their tents, some of whom were Christians. That was in 1955.
3. In 1956, Jews attacked the village of Husan on the Jordanian borders slaying dozen of Arabs some of whom were Christians.
4. In Kufr Qasim, 1956, after Jewish soldiers issued a curfew order just 15 minutes before it was supposed to take effect. Jewish leader Mishnah Shadmy ordered that all peasants returning homes at 5pm should be shot. And so they were.
5. In 1963 thugs of the Hever Peelei Hamahane Hetorati, the society of activists of the Torah camp, both combined Jewish terrorist forces attacked churches and the Christian missions in Jaffa, Jerusalem and Haifa.
6. After the Arab-Israeli war of 1967, destruction of churches multiplied to the extent that no denomination was safe.
7. In 1982 the Jews set Jerusalem's famous Baptist church ablaze. All efforts to rebuild the collapsed church was impeded so much so that when the church authority resorted to court which procrastinated the case up to 1985, the court ordered the Baptist to leave all the area.
8. Sporadic attacks did not cease throughout the 1990s taking different shapes and dimensions.
9. In 2007, Jewish students had to seize all the copies of New Testament being distributed by Messianic Jews and set them in bonfire watched by all and sundry near synagogue. The students' action remains unremarked by the Israeli authorities.
10. Up to this time the Israeli leadership denies Christian worshippers an access to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher while security forces are used against them during Holy Saturday celebrations.
11. Ultra-orthodox Jews curse Christian clergy in the streets of Old City reaching a proportion that stops some priests from visiting some parts of the Old City.

12. In Jerusalem, a graffiti was installed on the door of the domination Abbey, the death place of Maryam (A.S) which reads: "Christians are monkeys". While another graffiti greets visitors with an insult of Isa (A.S) and his Mother (A.S).
13. The Jewish legal authorities have decreed a law imposing five years' imprisonment for attempting to coax and win Jews to convert to Christianity and three years' imprisonment for any Jew who dares to convert.[34]

However, the Israelis are so cunning enough to conceal these facts from non-discerning audience of this ruthless treatment to Palestinians by allowing foreign Christian visitors uninterrupted access to historic and holy sites.

Islamic Solutions to the Israeli Oppressions in Palestine

Since the many moves from all the quarters that have been rising to the rescue of the Palestinians have been failing strategically, what then will liberate them? In an attempt to provide an answer to this nagging question, Adamu[35]asserts that:

> it is clear that only Islam will liberate Palestine; but it is an Islam grounded in knowledge and based on justice that can and defeat Zionism and its Western allies and establish a unified Palestinian State in which Jews, Christians and Muslims will live peacefully as equal citizens just as they have been doing for more than a thousand years before the arrival of the Zionists.[36]

This assertion, therefore, when broken down, implies that bringing forth all mechanisms of relief when in distress; all mechanisms of success when in trial; all mechanisms of comfort when in unrest; all mechanisms of peace when in crisis; all mechanisms of liberation when under oppression; all mechanisms of unity when perspectives are scattered in different directions; all mechanisms of feeling of 'somebodiness' when that of 'nothingness 'is stereotyped; all mechanisms of cautiousness when in bewilderment, which are laid down by Islam are to be applied for Palestinians to be autonomous.

The Glorious Qur'an as well as Prophetic traditions are laden with guidance and instruction on such matters. At the height of all our affairs, we as Muslims must to the best of our ability, obey God and His Messenger and remain united as the Almighty says: "And obey Allah and His Messenger; and do not dispute (with one another) lest you lose courage and your strength depart, and be patient..."(Q 8:46). He also says: "And hold fast,all of you together,to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves ...."(Q 3:103).

The points the writer is trying to make here is that, once Muslims all over the world are united, having one global leadership, it would not have been easier for predators to toy with the lives of people who are killed on daily basis without sound censure. This entails that the *Ummah* needs to be united at all cost. After all, the world powers were not able to take the lead of the world except after having some sort of unity which helps them to not

only protect their interests, but also meddle in the affairs of other countries. In this regard, Allah enjoins the Muslims to emulate the non-Muslims by uniting themselves. He says:

> And those who disbelieveare allies to one another, (and) if you (Muslims of the whole world collectively) do not do so (i.e. become allies, as one united block with one Khalifah – chief Muslim ruler for the whole Muslim world to make victorious Allah's religion of Islamic Monotheism), there will be Fitnah (wars, battles, polytheism, etc.) and oppression on earth, and a great mischief and corruption (appearance of polytheism) (Q 8: 73).

Many non-Arab Muslims think that Palestinian suffering is peculiar to them (the Palestinians), and that in case they must solicit outside intervention, that would be the responsibility of their fellow Arab tribesmen. This mentality contradicts the Prophetic guidance symbolizing that Muslims in general are like body organs; when any organ is in pain; all other organs feel painful too.[37]

Similarly, the few Muslim nations that house the sympathy of the oppressed Muslims shall be encouraged to convince their counterparts in other Muslim nations to without compromise, put pressure for the world community (including the United Nations) to rise in the plight of the Palestinians and justice at large. A strong coalition of the major Muslim leaders together with religious organizations complemented with legal luminaries of international standard, effective plan to rescue all Muslims oppressed in the world could be mapped out. While Islam propagates peaceful coexistence between Muslims and non-Muslims, it does not condone the attitude of "turning-the-other-cheek" where its adherents are oppressed. The Almighty Allah enjoins the Muslim community to be prepared to defend all its citizens against the tyranny and oppression of all internal and external enemies. Allah says:

> And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war (tanks, planes, missiles, artillery, etc.) to threaten the enemy of Allah and your enemy, and others besides whom, you may not know but whom Allah does know. And whatever you shall spend in the Cause of Allah shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly (Q.8: 60).

Right from the onset, the Prophet (SAW) had foretold that world powers would attempt to gather and unite against the Muslims by trying to take control of significant aspects of their life. The Prophet further pointed out that the huge population of the Muslims would not save them from this lowliness and weakness because of the strong attachment they would have with the world.[38]

Therefore, it can be discerned from the foregoing that the solutions to the Palestinian sufferings in the hands of the Zionists should first originate from within the Muslim circles before they prove workable at the external scene. Meanwhile at individual and collective levels, the Muslim populace shall set against the oppressors of their fellow brothers their spiritual weapons of endless prayers.

Conclusion

For times without number, internal and external attempts were made to project a durable and lasting peace process in the troubled Palestinian nation. Given that the major architects of such peace structures are themselves the creators of the turmoil, and always carry with them their interests to any peace discussion in which the Palestinian case is a subject, heralds of workable solution are not in the offing. In other words, as long as the fate of Palestine is expected to remain in the hands of the West, which though in most cases pretends to sympathize with the oppressed but at the same time ensures that Israel's war is fought to her even if by proxy, any rise to emancipate the poor Palestine is merely symbolic. This is evidenced in the failure of the Palestinian leadership's resolution to end Israel's occupation through negotiations with some countries to scale through the United Nations Security Council in December 2014.Despite having confirmation of 9 votes out of 15, which were the requirement of the passage of the bill, the Palestinians ended up garnering only 8 votes. While the United States and Australia voted against the bill, 5 other countries including Nigeria abstained. Matters became clear later that before the Security Council convened, the US Secretary John Kerry made 13 phone calls to different countries asking them to suspend their support to Palestine.

This paper spent its whole career revealing the inherited nature of Jewish defiance and rebelliousness towards established laws of peaceful life and constituted authorities mirrored in their treatments of their Prophets up to their current temerity of occupying Palestinian land. The paper also traced the origin of the Jews which ends with Judah the son of Prophet Ya^{c}qub (AS). It is thought that by taking these historic steps the root of the Jewish prejudice, hatred and apartheid which lead to their inhuman treatment of the Palestinians in order to achieve their goal of Greater Israel will manifest. This was, including the endorsements of the so-called world leaders who pretend in many occasions to serve as just mediators while taking side with the oppressor, explained in a bit detail. The main goal of the paper has been to awaken some Christians who appear to find affinity with the treatment of Israel to Palestinians, thinking that it is centred against the Muslims only, and to propose Islamic panacea to the plight of the Palestinians. After all, Islam indicates that Christians are closer to Muslims in terms of love, amity and camaraderie than the Jews.[39]

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6. *ibid,* 106.
7. For details of the story read the whole Q. 12.
8. Allah narrates to this fact by saying "...Is it that whenever there comes to you a Messenger with what you yourselves desired not, you grew arrogant? Some, you disbelieved and some, you killed (Q. 2:87).
9. Allah narrates the speech of Prophet Musa to them, thus "Musa (Moses) said to his people: "Seek help in Allah and be patient. Verily, the earth is Allah's. He gives it as a heritage to whom He wills of His slaves, and the (blessed) end is for the *Muttaqun* (pious) (Q.7: 128).
10. They said: "We (Children of Israel) had suffered troubles before you came to us, and since you have come to us". He said: "It may be that your Lord will destroy your enemy and make you successors on the earth, so that He may see how you act? (Q. 7: 129).
11. Allah narrates "We brought the Children of Israel [with safety] across the sea, and they came upon a people devoted to some of their idols (in worship). They said: "O Musa (Moses!) Make for us an ilahan (a god) as they have aliha (gods)." He said: "verily, you are a people who know not (the Majesty and Greatness of Allah and what is obligatory upon you, i.e. to worship none but Allah Alone, the One and the Only God of all that exists) (Q.7:138).
12. Samiry was said to belong to Sumerians who used to worship cows. He pretended to have embraced Judaism while his ultimate goal was to corrupt the monotheistic faith of the Jews. That was why when he utilized the opportunity of the absence of Prophet Musa to manufacture an idol in the image of a calf and invited the Jews to worship it. For details, see Al-Shaukani, Muhammad bin Ali (d.1250 A.H) Read *Fath al-Qadeer*, (Bierut Darel Fikr, 1992) 543, vol. 3.
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14. The Qur'an chronicles the Prophet Musa saying, "O my People! Enter the holy land (Palestine) which Allah has assigned to you, and turn not back (in fight) for then you will be returned as losers" (Q. 5 :21).
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