

# WHAT IS BDS?

## A Christian Response

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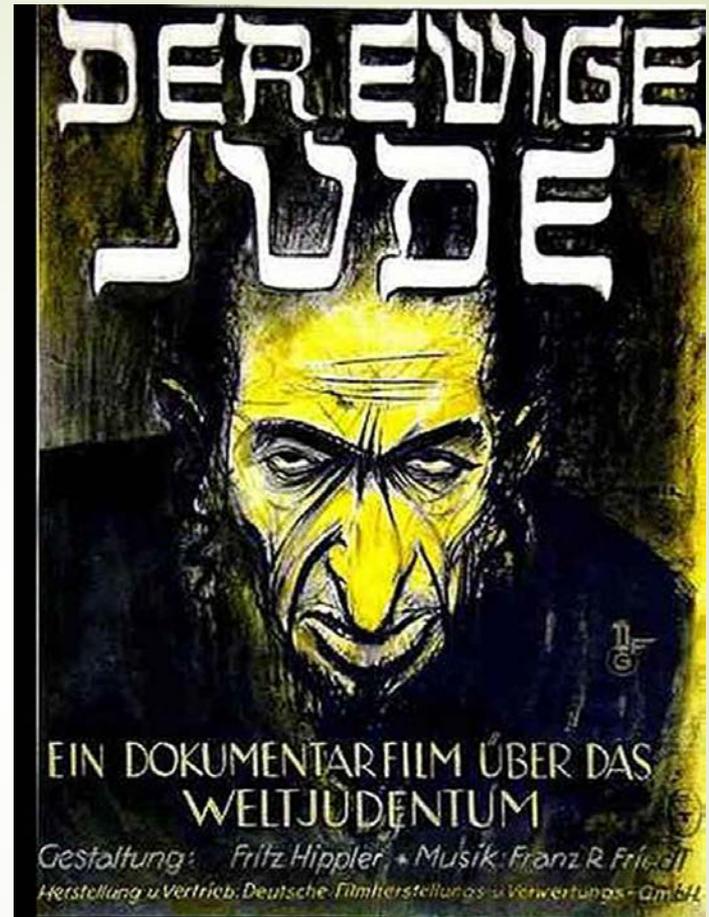
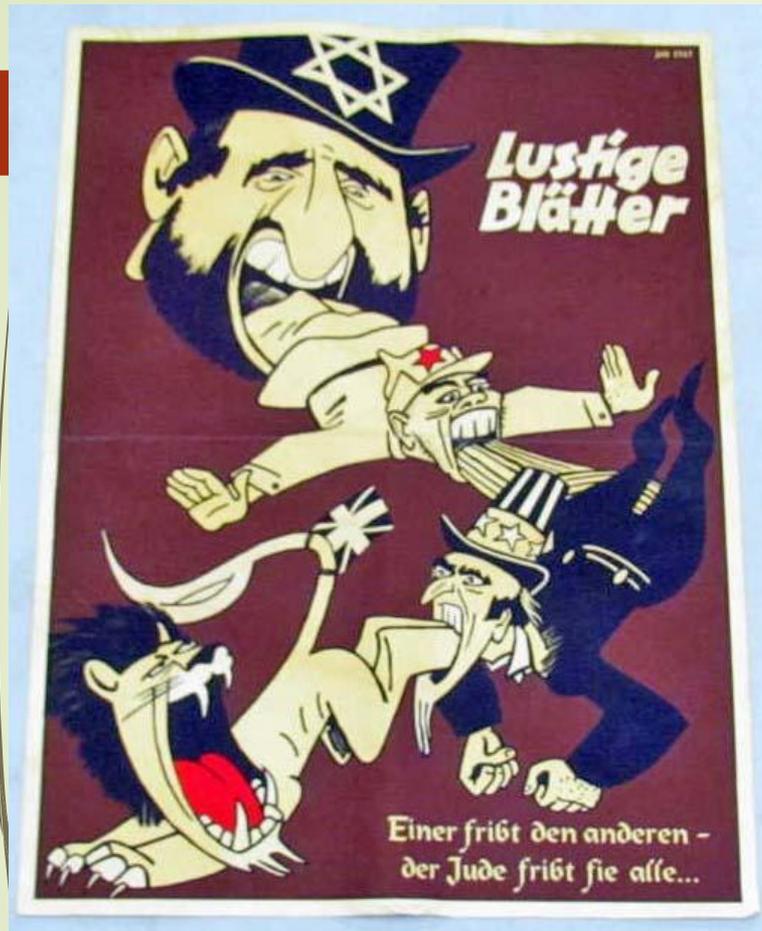
# The New Anti-Semitism



# Zionism

A liberation movement based on justice for the oppressed and the right of all peoples to self-determination in their homeland.



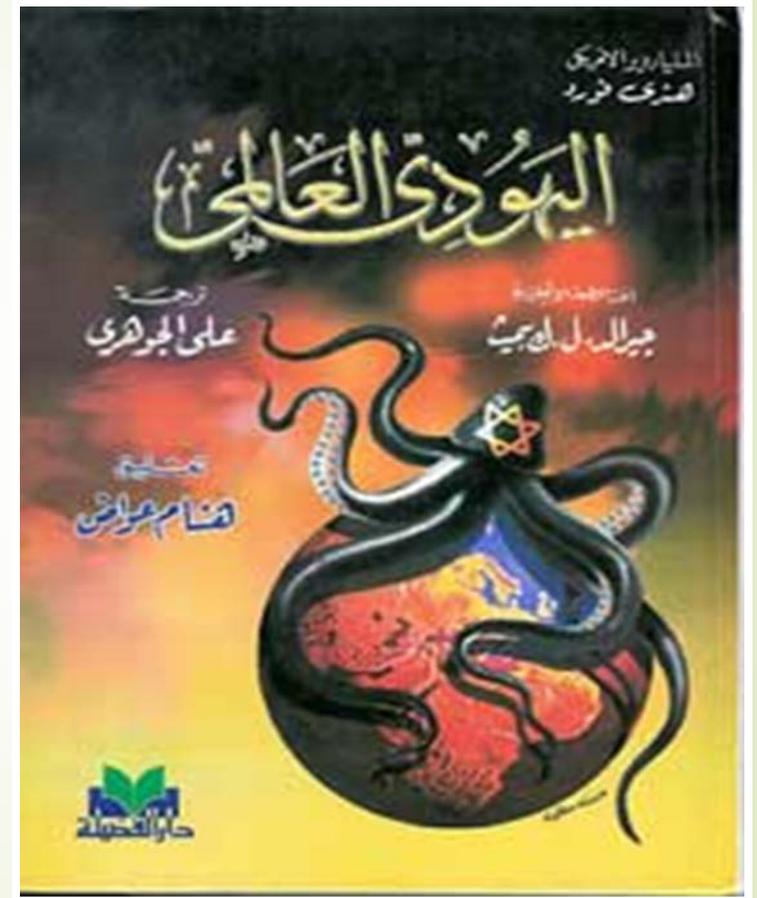


**19th Century German Slogan: "The Jews are Our Misfortune" has become the World's Motto: "The State of Israel is our Misfortune"**

# DEMONIZATION - NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED



**Nazi Cartoon, 1938**



**Egypt, 2001**

# UN World Conference Against Racism 2001 (Durbin, South Africa)

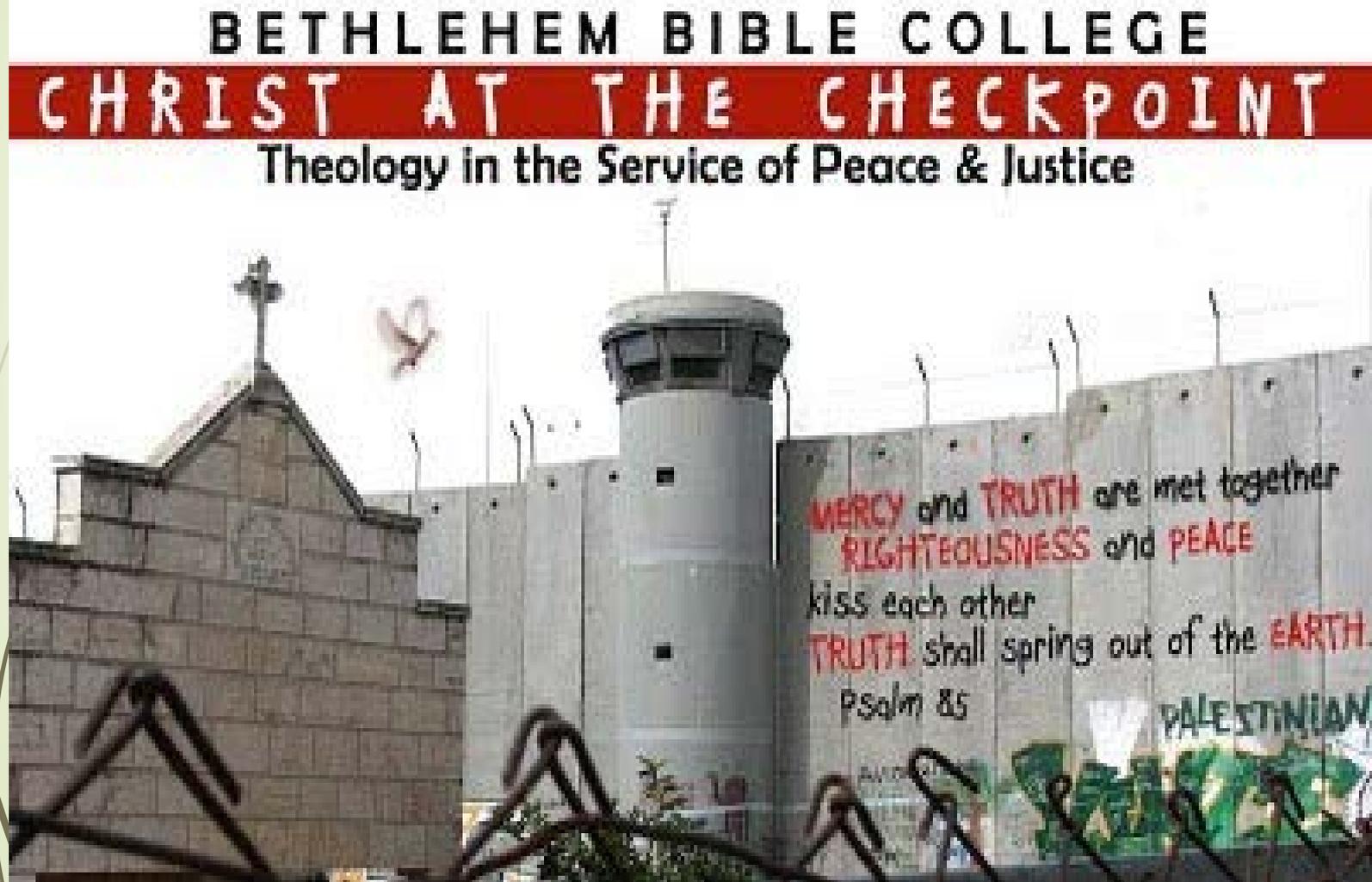


Zionism Equated with Racism

# Steep Rise in Anti-Semitic Incidents



# Proverbs 26:26: “Hatred covers itself with guile”



# Hamas Charter, Article 11:

**“The Islamic Resistance Movement believes that the land of Palestine is an Islamic Waqf consecrated for future Moslem generations until Judgement Day. It, or any part of it, should not be squandered: it, or any part of it, should not be given up. Neither a single Arab country nor all Arab countries, neither any king or president, nor all the kings and presidents, neither any organization nor all of them, be they Palestinian or Arab, possess the right to do that.”**



# The Big Questions

- Is Israel illegally “Occupying”  
Palestinian Land?
- Is Israel Practicing “Apartheid”  
Against the Palestinians?
- Is Israel Committing  
“Genocide/Ethnic Cleansing”  
against the Palestinians?

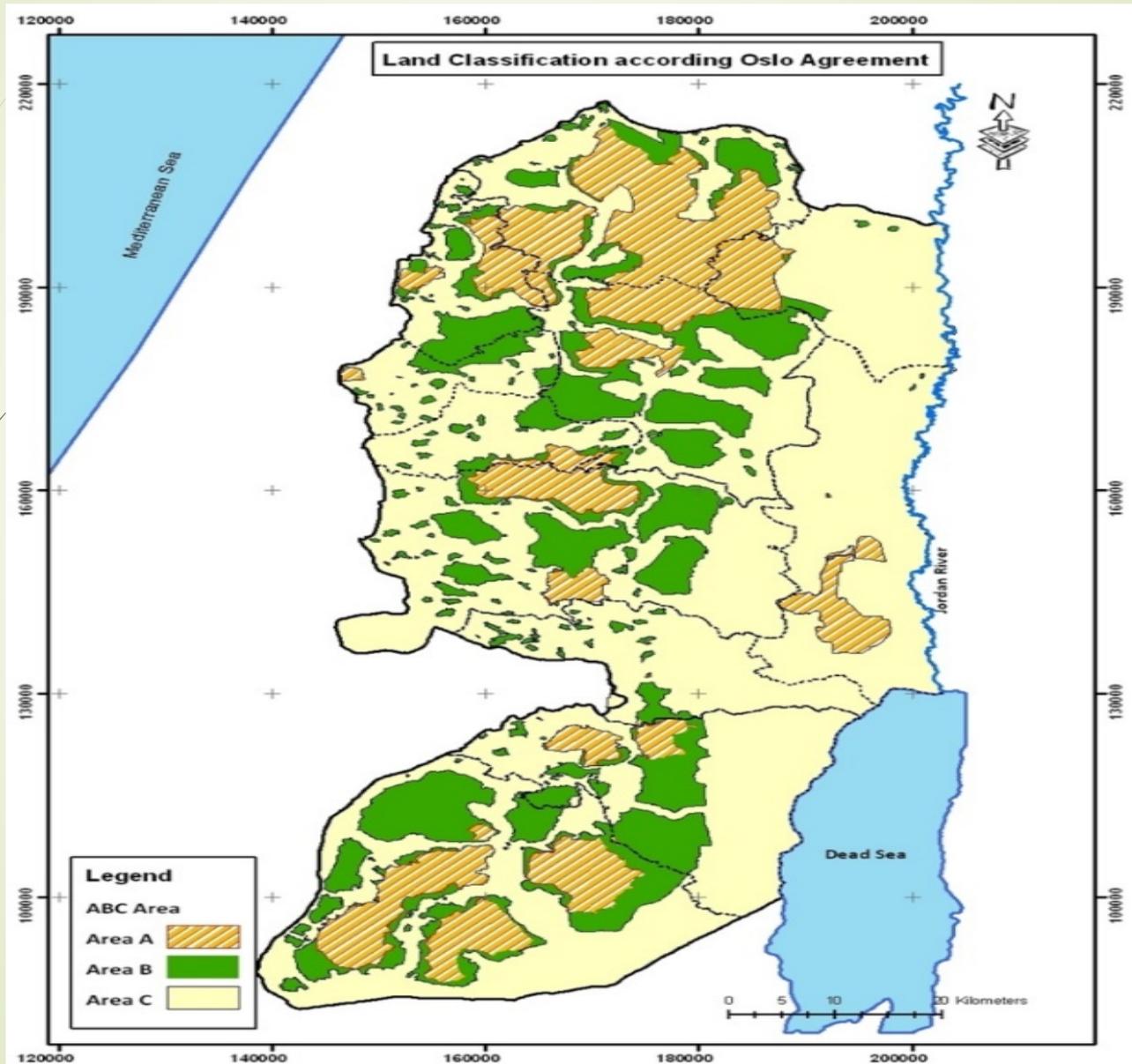




# Occupation

- Gaza and the West Bank are considered contested territories under international law.
  - After the 1967 war, Israel gained territory as part of defensive campaign.
  - Gaza and the West Bank remain in a state of war with Israel.
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# The "West Bank" - Oslo Accords



# Apartheid

- Apartheid is a word specifically derived from the Afrikaans which means "apart-hood".
- It was a systematic parliamentary (federal) body of laws that deliberately allowed a 20% White European (mostly Dutch origin) minority to oppress an 80% Black/Coloured majority in South Africa.

# Israeli "Apartheid"?

**George Deek,  
Israel's Deputy Ambassador to Norway.**

**Arab.**



**Apartheid?**



# ORIGINAL ARAB KNESSET MEMBERS

Seif el-Din el-Zoubi



Amin-Salim Jarjora



Tawfik Toubi



# Security Barrier or “Apartheid Wall”?





**The Palestinian Authority says that any Arab who sells land to a Jew should be put to death.**

**Now, that is  
Apartheid!**

**Elder of Zion**

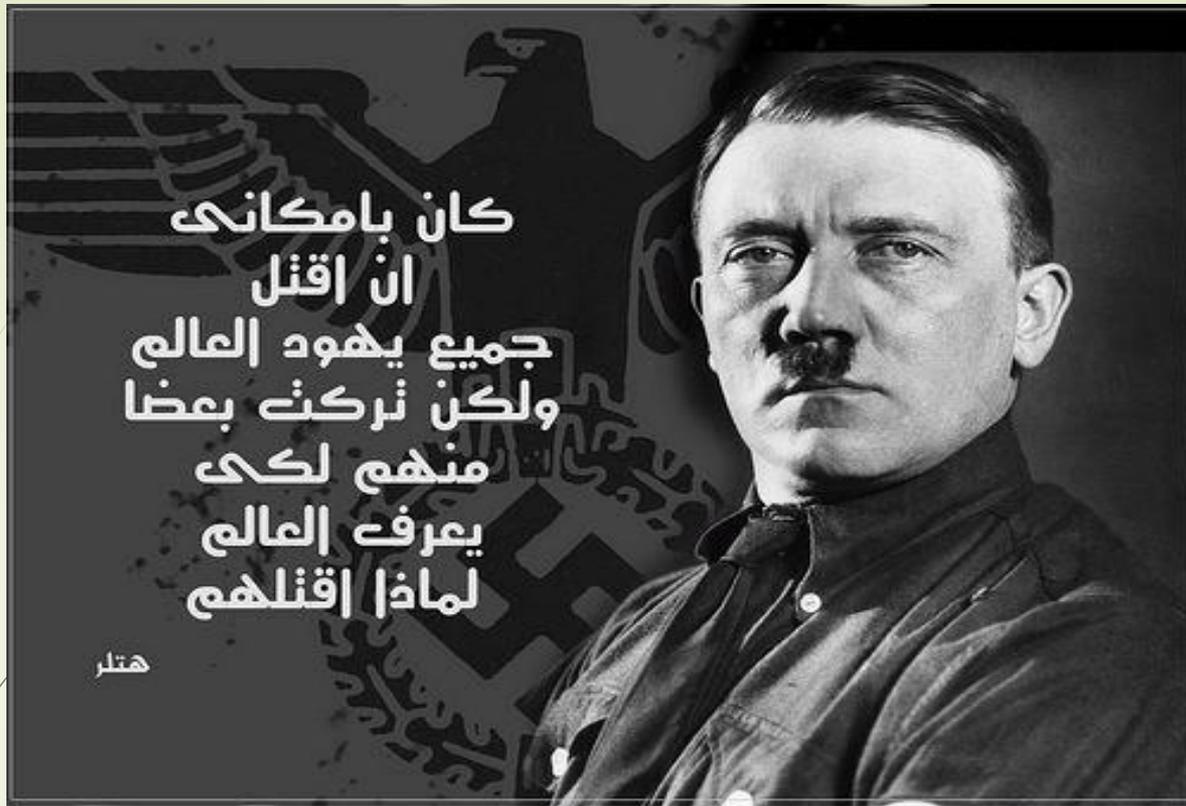
# Genocide/Ethnic Cleansing

- Genocide: The deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation.
- Ethnic Cleansing: The mass expulsion or killing of an unwanted ethnic or religious group in a society.

# Ben-Gurion: The True Quote

**“We neither want nor need to expel the Arabs and take their place. All our aspiration is built on the premise ... that there is enough room both for us and for the Arabs in the Land”**

**“אין אנו רוצים, אין אנו צריכים לגרש ערבים ולקחת את מקומם. כל שאיפתנו בנויה על הנחה ... שיש די מקום לנו ולערבים בארץ”**



كان بإمكانى  
ان اقتل  
جميع يهود العالم  
ولكن تركت بعضا  
منهم لكي  
يعرف العالم  
لماذا اقتلهم

هتلر

**“It was within my power to kill all the Jews in the world, yet I left some of them so that the world would know why I am killing them.” – Al-Zayafuna, a Palestinian Authourity Youth Magazine**

# Why Does this Matter?

- Thoughts Drive Action – People Believe Israel Is Doing Wrong
- Action Taken Against Israel – The BDS Movement
- What is BDS? Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against the Jewish State of Israel





Psalm 82:2: "How long will you defend the wicked?"

# Black Lives Matter Official Platform



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Gary Burge,  
*Zionism and the Quest for Justice  
and Whose Land? Whose Promise?*

**Straw Man Arguments:**

**“In Genesis 12, 15, and 17, God promises the Holy Land to Abraham and his descendants. To Christian Zionists this promise of land inheritance was permanent and unconditional ..... This means that for Christian Zionists, the covenant of Abraham continues to be in play today. This belief forces Christians to have what we call a two-covenant theology.”**

**“... unbelieving Israel holds a saving covenant and today deserves all of the entitlements of covenant blessing.”**



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**Bad Exegesis:**

**“According to Christian Teaching, Israel cannot make an exclusive claim to the land as if the new covenant never happened. In fact, the New Testament refers to previous covenants as ‘obsolete’ and ‘vanishing away’ (Heb. 8:13). Nor can Christians simply move from Abraham’s promises in Genesis directly to modern Israel ..... In Christ, the promises of God are theirs [= Christians’].”**