

CHAPTER

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HUMANITY WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM A VIABLE ISRAEL



One could argue that enlarging Israel is fair because Jordan illegally uprooted the Jews from the area that they are now resettling, even though international bodies call foul on the Jews for doing so. One could argue that enlarging Israel is fair because 850,000 Jews were thrown out of Arab countries in the mid 20th century, in a grand ethnic cleansing enterprise. One could argue that enlarging Israel is fair because Hitler wiped out six out of every seven Jewish Europeans, and that it is fair that Jews be allowed a decent sized piece of the earth to repopulate. Some would even argue that enlarging Israel is fair because of Israel's biblical claim. Fairness, however, is not widely seen as a benefit to the world. In real politic, the word *fair* is used as cover for self-interest.

But if the theoretical purpose of organizing the world into nation-states is to promote the welfare of all, every nation-state, by its very existence, is supposed to bring

something to the party—the party being the advancement of humanity. Because Israel exists, Jews around the world can more freely and openly do their part. In the fields of philanthropy, the humanities, science, the arts, medicine, internet connectivity, global communications, coming water shortage issues, energy issues, and more, a large, free Israel benefits humanity. It is in humanity's interest that Israel be self sufficient and prosperous. It is in humanity's interest that the Jewish people participate in the organization of civilization as an equal partner, and with one Jewish majority state that has a plot of land large enough to enable it to grow and thrive, not wither and decay.

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Some have argued that Israel is imperialist. This is nonsense. Imperialism is the quest for colonies. An imperialist country wishes to exploit the labor and territory of others for economic gain back home. Israel has no such ambition. It had to fight to be recognized as a state. It has had to fight war after war against determined enemies just to continue to exist. It now occupies territory it did not seek but that it actually needs for viability. It governs people it does not wish to govern, most of whom seek to cause Israel mortal harm.

The status quo has failed in the Middle East. The nation-state system is supposed to bring a social order that benefits all. A larger Jewish state, and a reconfiguration of Arab states, would lead to greater security for the world in the long run, whatever the short term consequences.

Yet many in the world succumb to Arab/Muslim state pressure and question whether Israel should exist at all. This increases international violence because every time Israel is forced to bow to international pressure, those that wish to