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THE CASE FOR A VIABLE ISRAEL IN THE QURAN

*The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose—
William Shakespeare, from The Merchant of Venice.*



Arab and Islamic states may never love Israel. It is more important that they fear and respect it until Quranic inspired pleas for Israel's demise are totally and publicly discredited. The final peace, if there is to be one between Israel and its neighbors, must be understood in a moral context, but it will also have to rest on the peaceful understanding and dissemination of the Quran by Islamic religious leaders.

In other words, whether or not Israel is thriving, there will be no final peace until Israel's acceptance is Quranic based.

There is a great deal in the Quran that can be read to inflame hate against Israel. Every day, many Arabs and Muslims are taught that spilling Jewish blood is their Islamic obligation, and that rewards will flow to them in heaven for doing so.

But there is also a case for a viable Israel in the Quran. Of course, any Muslim who wants to make the case must not fear for his or her life, or the case will not be made. Such a case will not be made until there is an open debate regarding the path and purpose of Islam.

This will not happen without democratic reforms that allow for the exchange of ideas without the risk of death or incarceration. Ultimately, the case will need to be understood, accepted and made by Muslim Clerics. Despite American attempts to democratize Arab and Muslim states in the Middle East and beyond, it is extremely unlikely that the case will be made in this generation.

It is a simple case. According to the Quran, it is the duty of Muslims to correct injustice in the world. The treatment of Israel and of Jews must be painted as Injustice. The map lines between Arab states, and the map lines of Israel drawn by the British and French in the 1920s must be painted as Injustice. Below is a reference to several passages from the Quran which speak of Jews with respect, and from which the case can be made.

[2:47] O Children of Israel, remember My favor which I bestowed upon you, and that I blessed you more than any other people.¹

This verse can be used to teach Muslims that Israel is a legitimate power in the world according to God (Allah), and that according to the Quran, Jews have favor with God. Jews, as a People, are entitled to whatever land God is understood to have given them. For instance, in Joshua 1:4, God promised Joshua territory from Lebanon to the Euphrates River.

[2:62] Surely, those who believe, those who are