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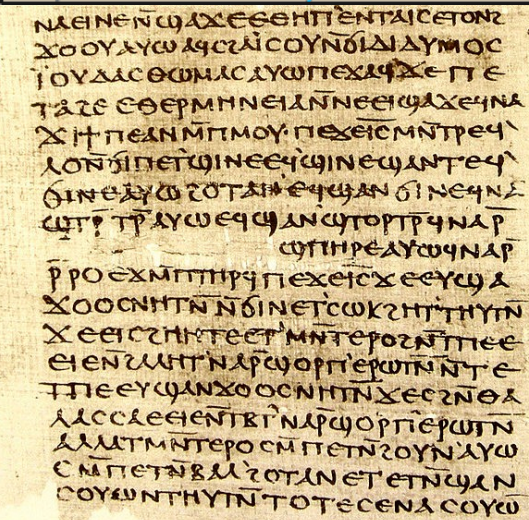




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(Remember those Gnostic codices that they found in jars in a cave along the Nile in Egypt?)



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(Okay, before I go any further with that, what's a "Dead Sea" and what's a "scrolls"?)





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The Dead Sea is an *extremely* salty lake in Palestine (in fact, the lake is so salty that very few plants or animals can survive in or even nearby its waters—and it's *insanely* easy to float in)





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- (NOTE: Unlike the later codices, scrolls were long, continuous pieces of papyrus, curled around two rolling pins)





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- Prior to the discovery of the scrolls, the earliest manuscripts of the Old Testament available to scholars were the ones written by the Masoretic Jews in the 10<sup>th</sup> century AD—900 years *after* Christ but the Dead Sea Scrolls dated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC—200 years *before* Christ (*these scrolls would thus have been closer to the version that Jesus Christ would have read in the synagogue, which would provide insight into just how much the Bible had been mangled in the 1,100 years of copying and re-copying between the two earliest editions we now had*)





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(NOTE: The caves had probably been used long ago by the monastic Essenes) (remember, those are the guys who considered themselves more holy than anyone else, and retreated away from both the Sadducees and the Pharisees to create their own sect of monks, particularly tweaking their interpretations of the Torah—which, tellingly, is where almost all of the inconsistencies with later manuscripts were found)





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(NOTE<sup>2</sup>: The Dead Sea Scrolls have become a bit of a litmus test for modern scholars—when I say, “most of the texts were all but identical,” what do you think?)

A) “So some *weren’t* identical, which just goes to show that the Bible isn’t trustworthy!”

B) “That’s amazing! In 1,100 years, the changes were almost insignificant!”)





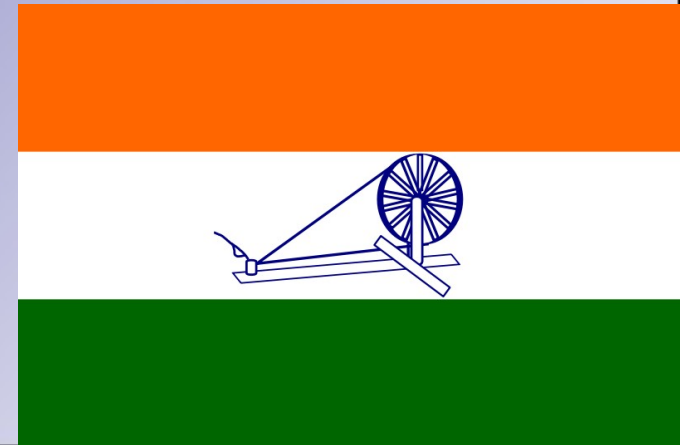
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    - The Jewish scribes counted every letter, every word, in every book to make sure that everything was perfect—and if they found any error, they'd throw the whole scroll out and start again
    - Thanks in part to the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, we now have every confidence that the Old Testament in your Bible is for all intents and purposes the same Old Testament that Jesus read from in His day...



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  - India partitioned between Muslims and Hindus
  - Religious divisions in India were nothing new, but violent clashes were becoming more and more commonplace
    - The Muslims and the Hindus were killing each other at an alarming rate  
(especially in the region of Punjab, where riots between the two religions had claimed the lives of one to two million people)





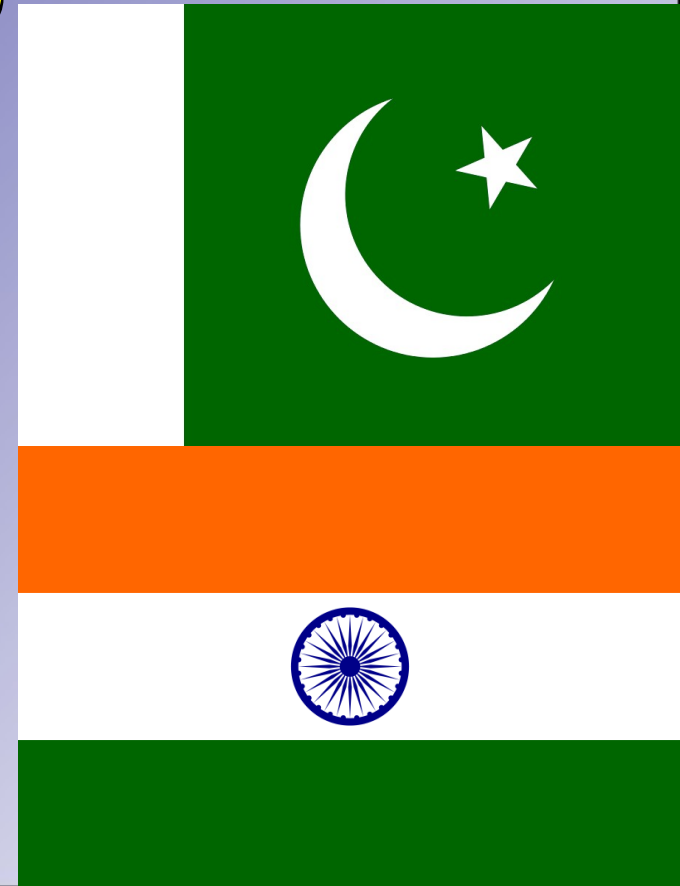
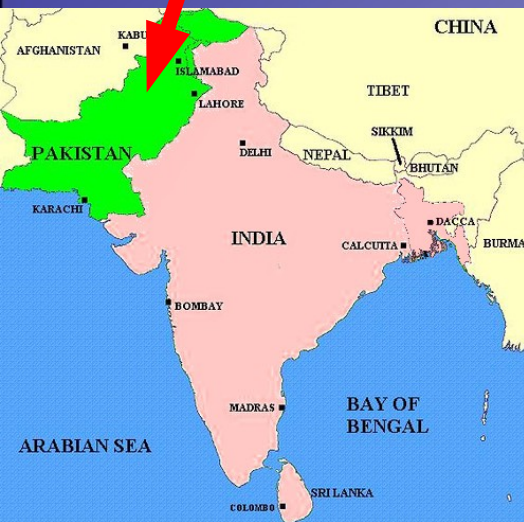
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- Ten million people were displaced and forcibly migrated to their new home—and over a million died in the move (and, four major wars later, the two nations are still mortal enemies of one another)

(NOTE: Last month, India unveiled its plans to deploy 460 tanks along the border—possibly in preparation for an assault on Pakistan—and Pakistan responded by promising that if Indian tanks ever did cross the border, they would retaliate with nuclear weapons... against their next-door neighbor...)



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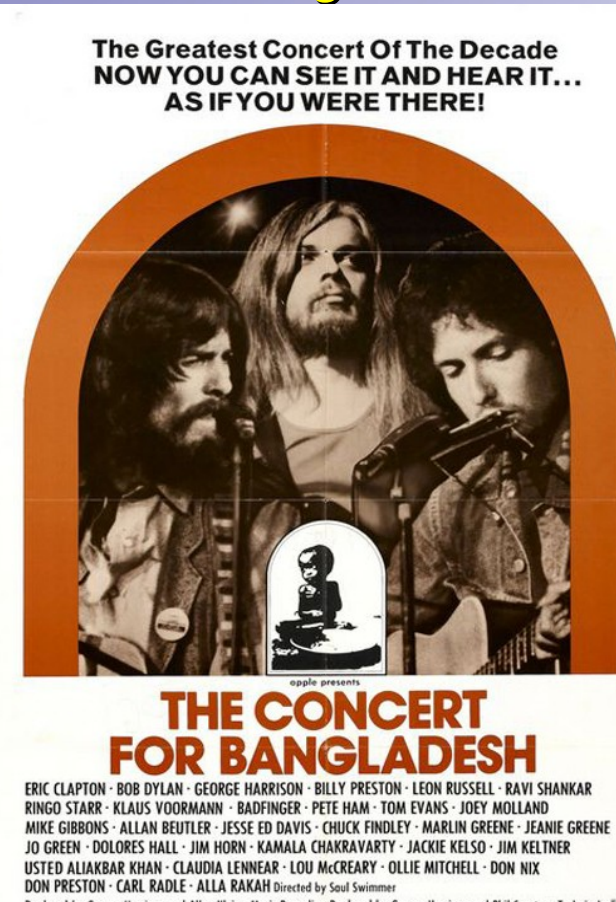
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- But over time, the people of East Pakistan sought their own independence from their far more militant Western cousins

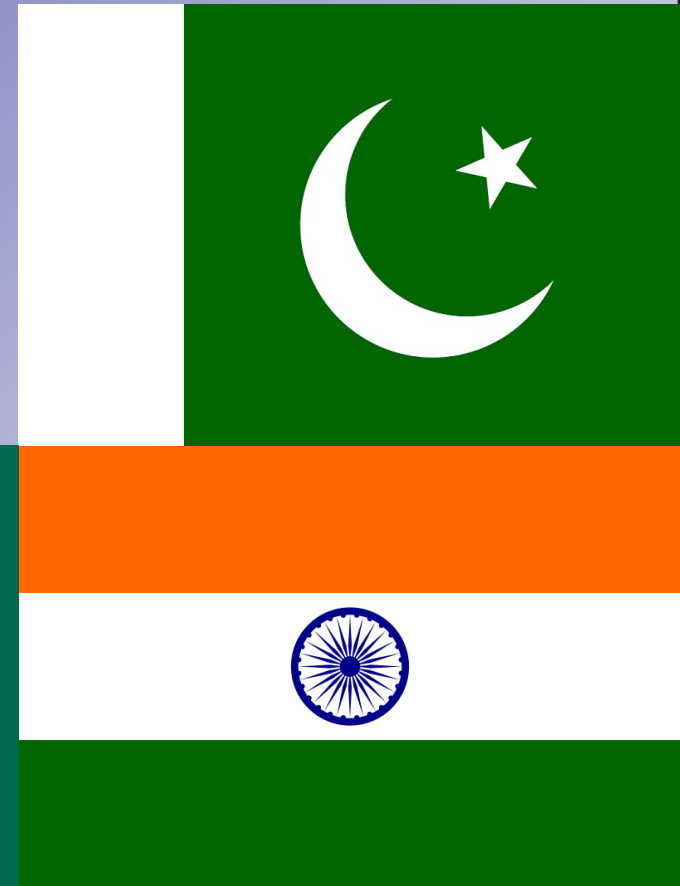
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  - **What can we learn from all of this today?**
    - How helpful is it to react to those with whom you disagree with emotive explosions instead of with reason and respect?



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(NOTE: It was Fuller who brought the term “personal savior” into the American Evangelical consciousness, preaching about the need for Christians to have an individual and genuine relationship with Jesus Christ)





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- Like many Evangelicals of his day, Fuller was concerned about the twin dangers of theological liberalism and separatist Fundamentalism, so he wanted to develop a modern university with the best scholarship available, but still consciously committed to the ideals of Biblical conservatism



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- Thus, Christians should live out a transformed and transformational life that applies to every part of our social, spiritual, and political dimensions as human beings (i.e.; we should consciously ground our social action on the solid foundation of the Word of God—and our foundation in the Word of God should naturally lead us as Christians to social action)



Remaking the  
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THE UNEASY  
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- The hope was that works like these could give not only a foundation for the newborn Fuller Theological Seminary but also ground it in a new version of Christianity that stood as strongly against a rigid Fundamentalism as it did against an overly-flexible liberalism



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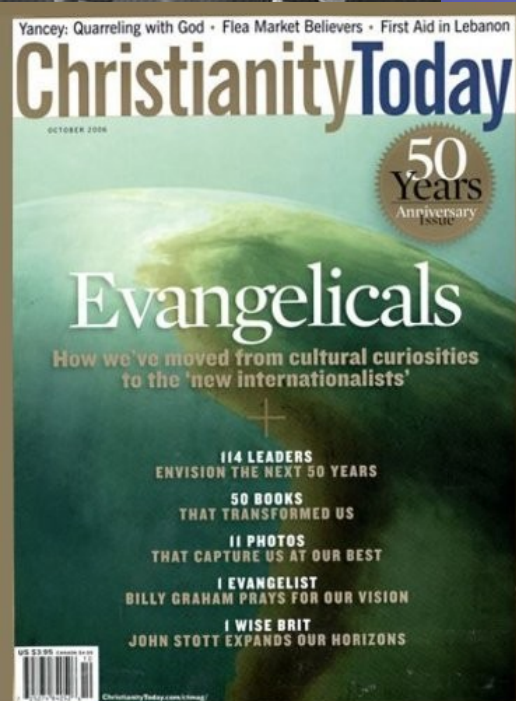


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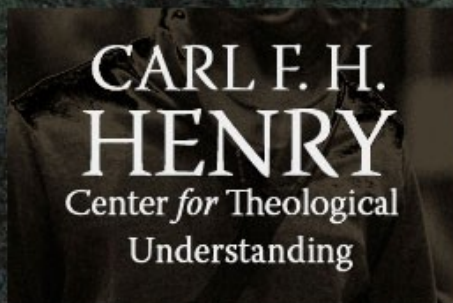
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  - When you combine its print and digital output, *Christianity Today* now reaches 2.5 million people every month, in countries around the world





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  - Henry was also a long-time faculty member of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School



- Thus, in 1998, Trinity established the Carl F. H. Henry Center for Theological Understanding to "provide unique opportunities for ministers, professionals, and academics in various fields to work collaboratively with seminary faculty engaged in biblical and theological reflection for the promotion of gospel-centered thinking and living"



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- Ironically, though Fuller has remained a bastion of Christian scholarship for 70 years, its commitment to conservatism has repeatedly waxed and waned

- Depending on its faculty and administration, the school has alternately pressed for Evangelicalism *and* for higher criticism, LGBTQ equality within the church, etc.

- As its website affirms:

“We’re not afraid to ask hard questions, push boundaries, and explore new ideas. With a seminary community that comes from hundreds of traditions and backgrounds, we listen, wrestle, dialogue, and come away stronger.”

- It has thus become the seminary of choice for many American mainline denominations who seek a consistently solid scholasticism with a decidedly liberal slant





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  - 1947 was the same year that Oral Roberts reached a turning point in his ministry
  - Up until then, he'd been a relatively simple Pentecostal preacher in small churches in Oklahoma
  - But in 1947, he said that he opened up his Bible and read 3 John 1:2—

“I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”
  - With that promise of prosperity firmly in hand, Roberts then went out, bought a Buick, and immediately had a vision that God Himself came and told him to begin a major ministry of healing and prosperity



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“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”
  - Thus, preached Roberts, if we just give God the smallest “seed” of faith (by giving money to Roberts’ ministry, or by claiming the promises of God for ourselves, or by stepping out in faith to believe that God wants you to prosper), then God has already promised that *nothing* that you want will be impossible for you to attain
  - His ministry grew exponentially, and the landscape of American mass-media evangelism changed forever
  - He began his popular radio show in 1947 produced (and starred in) a movie in 1953 and even began to broadcast his revivals on television in 1954
  - In 1963, he founded Oral Roberts University, based on a vision from God





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    - But by 1986, the Center was losing over \$10 million a year, and by 1987, it was empty
    - So Roberts shared that the 900-foot Jesus now told him that he had to raise \$8 million by March, or God would “call him home” (i.e; he’d die)
    - Followers made sure that he raised \$9.1 million to save his life
    - By 1989, the Center was \$25 million in debt, and it finally closed for good...



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(including his multiple homes, his hand-made Italian silk suits, and his expensive jewelry—“instructing his aides to airbrush the diamond rings he habitually wore out of publicity photographs,” according to the UK's *Daily Telegraph*)
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- Of course, it didn't help that he wasn't the Patriarch any more by the time he sent it out or that he annoyed more churches than he drew in by completely ignoring the reasons why they'd split from one another in the first place (“Oh, let's not argue about calendars or who gets to participate in which sacraments or any of that—and let's just all do things the Greek Orthodox way!”)





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- As part of his letter, he called for a "League of Churches" much like the new "League of Nations" so that everyone could come together in communion with one another

- But World War II kinda interrupted that plan...



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- **The more conservative Protestant denominations drifted toward the World Evangelical Alliance**  
(which had begun back in 1846 as a support tool for British missionaries around the world but has since morphed into an Evangelical analogue to the WCC, with 600 million of its own members worldwide)



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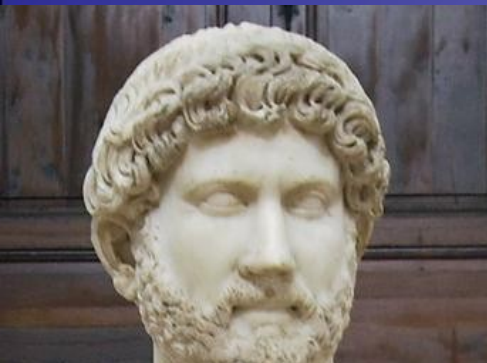
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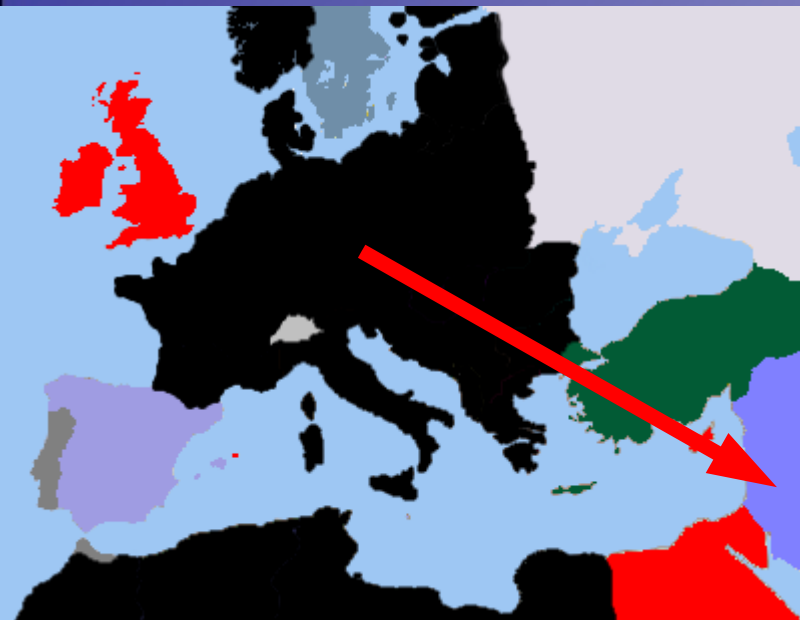
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- **During the Holocaust, thousands of Jews fled from Europe to British- (later French)-controlled Palestine**

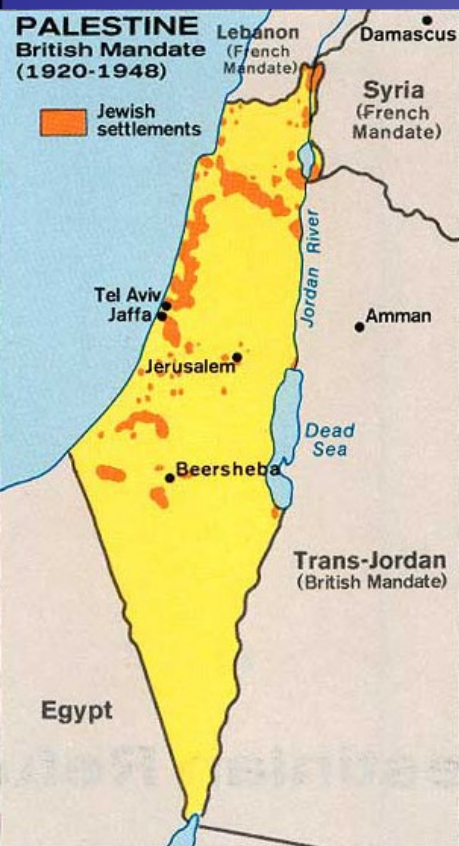
(NOTE: They also tried to flee to England and America, but both countries limited or even closed all immigration at that time in history)





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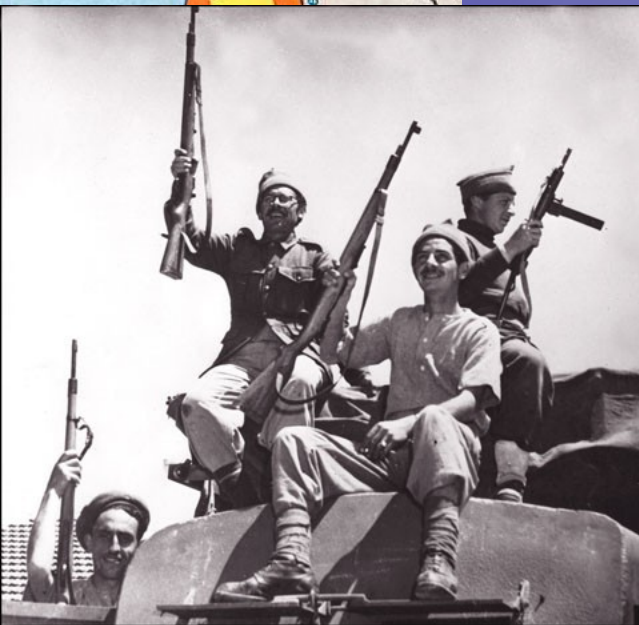
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(NOTE: Britain's caveat was that they'd agree to this only if America agreed to police the region and defend it if armed conflict broke out between the Jews and Arabs—which we agreed to, in perpetuity)  
(remember that the next time that someone balks at why America is involving itself in Israel's affairs...)





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    - Civil war broke out in 1948, and several countries sent troops in to try to maintain order but the Arabian economy collapsed, and the Jews in Palestine declared themselves to be an independent state—the day before Britain’s mandated protectorate ran out



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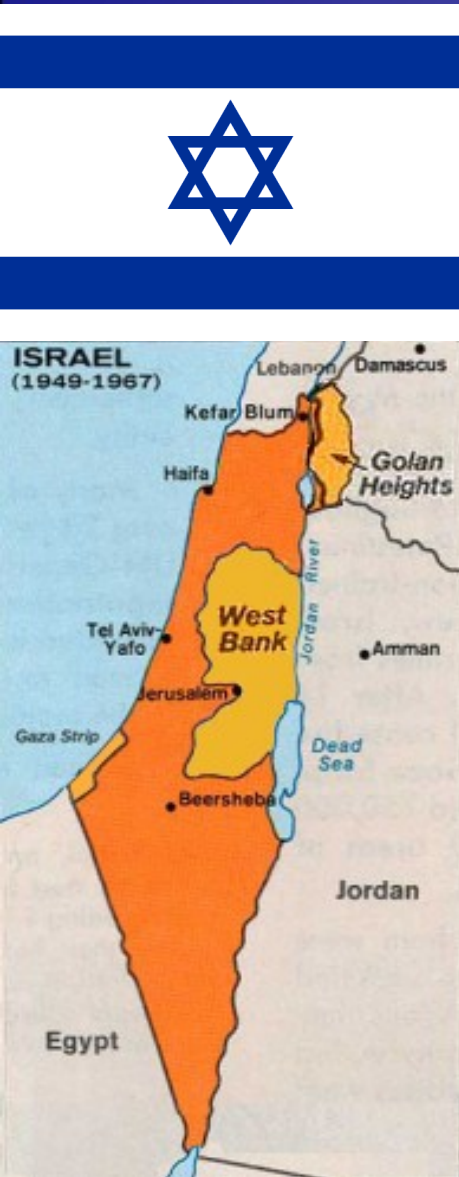
(NOTE: Another major opponent to the state of Israel was the World Council of Churches, who spoke out against giving Palestine to the Jews—and still do—in 2009, the WCC declared, “the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land is a sin against God and humanity because it deprives the Palestinians of their basic human rights”)



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(Interestingly, whether or not you cheer that growth or grieve that growth tends to have more to do with what you think about Israel theologically than sociologically)
  - So how should we as a church respond to all of this today?



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(NOTE: The word “*apartheid*” is an Afrikaans word coined to mean “the state of being separate”—literally, “*apart-hood*”)



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(It's reported that roughly 100 Somalis are killed in South Africa a year by blacks who resent their immigration into their country)

- Is any of this relevant to us in America at all?





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(see, it's crucial to examine laws both in terms of what they're *intending* to accomplish as well as what they literally say on *paper*—since conflating or obfuscating the various parts of laws can be dangerous)



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(the rationale given was expressed as supporting the tribes, but it effectively made the Franchise and Ballot Act even stronger in undermining blacks, since there was now far less chance that a black South African would personally own £75 of property)





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- (as racist as that already sounds, it was all the more insidious when you realize that you only had the right to vote in your designated area—meaning that non-whites no longer had *any* right to vote in white zones or in national elections)



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(the enforcement of all of that was primarily economic—whites were given preferential treatment in urban jobs, blacks were given incentives to move to the “reserves,” etc.)





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  - World War II had seen massive influxes of immigrants from all over Africa, filling the country with new, undereducated black populations
  - Communism also began to rise among poor populations around the globe, especially in Asia and Africa, and armed uprisings across the continent were increasing
  - Understandable fears that sudden, uncontrolled influxes of immigrants from areas already racked with violence and terrorism would create dangerous domestic situations at home led the South African government to create new programs to control the black population of their nation  
(arguing that they'd never had problems with white South Africans before, and that it was all of these new *blacks* who were the potential danger to the system... which is ironically precisely what many modern South African blacks are arguing today...)



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- (NOTE: This sounds similar in many points of practice to the 1896 American *Plessy v. Ferguson* ruling that we talked about earlier in this class—but there is a crucial sociological difference between a government deciding that it's not actually unconstitutional to provide separate accommodations for races and a government *excluding* races from accommodations)



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  - Minister of Native Affairs Hendrik Verwoerd argued that this was an act of kindness toward blacks
  - As Verwoerd explained about the average Bantu, “There is no place for him in the European community above the level of certain forms of labour. Until now, he has been subject to a school system which misled him by showing him green pastures of European society which he was not allowed to graze. What is the use of teaching the Bantu child mathematics when it cannot use it in practice? That is quite absurd. Education must train people in accordance with their opportunities in life, according to the sphere in which they live...”
  - Think about it—once you’ve created a society like this under apartheid, isn’t this the most conscientious thing that you can do at that point for the Bantu child?  
(how should you respond to that question?)



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    - But what lessons can we learn today from what allowed South Africa to openly and unapologetically justify the institution of apartheid for 42 years?





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