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Since its inception, Zionism has been one of the most controversial colonial projects in modern times. It relied on a set of religious myths, and national colonial ideologies to justify its control over Palestine.

Despite its continuous attempts to present itself as a national liberation movement for Jews, however, its reality reveals that it is a settler movement based on displacing the indigenous population and replacing them with settlers, just as colonial powers did in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Today, as global awareness of the "Israeli" occupation crimes grows, it has become necessary to re-examine the ideological roots of Zionism, and understand how Jewish religious texts were distorted to legitimize a racist colonial project. Analyzing the relationship between Zionism and contemporary Western thought also helps reveal the political and intellectual alliances that supported this project at the expense of Palestinian rights.

Zionism between Myths, Reality

Zionist propaganda has always tried to establish several false concepts about its project, the most prominent of which were:

- "Israel is a small, threatened state," while it is a regional nuclear power supported by the West.
- "Israel is seen as the democratic exception in the Middle East," while in reality it is an apartheid regime, which practices racial discrimination against Palestinians and Arabs.
- "Israel was created as a result of the Holocaust," even though the Zionist project existed long before the Holocaust, and was part of the European colonization of Palestine.

These lies were not just political propaganda, but were produced culturally and intellectually within Western and Zionist thought spheres, which allowed "Israel" to obtain unconditional support from the major powers, and to continue its aggressive practices without international accountability.

Zionism in its Colonial Context

When examining the historical context of Zionism, we find that it is not a Jewish movement as much as it is a Western colonial project, whose place is Palestine to serve European and American interests. Britain, France and the United States supported Zionism not out of love for the Jews, but because it was a means to tighten control over the Middle East and divide it in a way that served Western interests.

Zionism is nothing but a new model of colonial substitution that we have witnessed in:

- United States: Extermination of the indigenous population, and replacement with European settlers.
- South Africa: Setting an apartheid system that granted absolute rights to European settlers, and deprived the indigenous population of them.
- Algeria under French colonialism: An attempt to obliterate the national identity of the indigenous population and replace them with French settlers.

Zionism is not an exception to these colonial projects, but rather an extension of them in the modern era, which explains the continued Western support for it, despite its clear violations of international laws.

Dismantling the Zionist Discourse

Dismantling Zionist myths is not just an intellectual or academic issue, but also a political and moral necessity to confront the "Israeli" occupation and end the suffering of the Palestinians. Previous experiences have proven that no racist or colonial system can last forever, starting with the fall of apartheid in South Africa, and ending with the end of French colonialism in Algeria.

Zionism, its Biblical, Talmudic Roots: Foundational Myth

Zionism has always tried to present itself as a modern nationalist movement that aims at "return the Jewish people to their historical land". However, this claim is based on biased religious interpretations of biblical and Talmudic texts. Since its emergence, Zionism has re-read the Torah and the Talmud in a selective manner, based on concepts such as the "chosen people" and the "promised land," to justify settlement and the displacement of Palestinians, and to give a sacred character to its colonial project. These texts constituted the founding myth of Zionism, as they were used not only to give religious legitimacy to the settlement project, but also to convince



Jewish and international public opinion that the occupation of Palestine was the implementation of divine will, and not merely a colonial operation supported by Western powers. In this context, this study aims at analyze how Zionism employs Jewish religious texts, and distorts them to serve its political project, and sheds light on the rabbinic interpretations that legitimize killing, settlement, and forced expulsion.

Zionist Use of Biblical Texts

The Torah is the primary source that Zionism relied on to justify the occupation of Palestine, as it focused on texts that reinforce the idea that the land is reserved for the Jews alone. The Book of Genesis states: "To your descendants I give this land."¹ This text was used in the Zionist discourse to emphasize that Palestine is not an Arab land, but rather a "divine gift" to the Jews. Therefore, any Palestinian presence in it is considered illegitimate. David Ben-Gurion said: "We derive our rights to this land from the Torah, for God gave it to our fathers."²

Religious Justification for Violence, Ethnic Purging

Zionism used biblical texts, along with the idea of the "promise of the land," which calls for the extermination of other peoples, to justify massacres against the Palestinians. The Book of Joshua states: "Leave no soul alive, but exterminate all that is in the city, men and women, children and old, and even the cattle, with the sword."³ These texts were reinterpreted in Zionist thought as permanent divine commands, making violence against Palestinians not only acceptable, but also a religious duty. Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburg confirming that by saying: "Killing non-Jews is not a crime, but rather an implementation of Allah's commandments to protect the Holy Land."⁴ On the other hand, the Torah was used as a basis to justify settlement, the Talmud played a major role in giving religious legitimacy to the treatment of Palestinians as "others" who must be subjugated or expelled. The Babylonian Talmud states: "You are called humankind, while the other nations are nothing but beasts."⁵ This perception was adopted within Zionist thought, which led to the enactment of "Israeli" laws that treat Palestinians as second-class citizens, depriving them of their basic rights. Many rabbis have also emphasized this idea, such as Rabbi Moshe Wegener, who

1 - Genesis, 12:7.

2 - David Ben-Gurion, Ben-Gurion's Memoirs, p. 112.

3 - Joshua 6:21.

4 - Isaac Ginsberg, Law and Politics, p. 98.

5 - Babylonian Talmud, Sanhedrin 37a, vol. 2, p. 56.

said: "Every Palestinian in the land of Israel is an alien, who must be expelled, and if he resists, he should be killed."⁶

Foundational Myth of Zionism between Religion, Colonialism

It becomes clear from the analysis that Zionism is not just a political movement, but rather a settlement project based on the deliberate interpretation of religious texts, whereby settlement and killing are presented as "religious commandments" that must be implemented.

Zionism has used the Torah and the Talmud, not only to legitimize the occupation of Palestine, but also to justify systematic violence against them, and sanctify "Israeli" crimes.

The Zionist project has been transformed through rabbinic interpretations into a racist, colonial system that practices racial discrimination and uses religion as a weapon to justify genocide. Dismantling this founding myth of Zionism requires not only exposing the falsity of religious justifications, but also emphasizing that the Palestinian cause is not merely a religious conflict, but rather a struggle against a colonial project supported by a racist religious ideology.

Zionist Massacres: Violence as Means to achieve Political Goals

The Nakba, 1948, represented the largest ethnic purging operation in the twentieth century. Armed Zionist gangs such as the Haganah, Stern, and Irgun forcibly displaced more than 750,000 Palestinians, destroyed more than 500 villages, and committed mass massacres against the indigenous population. After the Nakba, Israel continued its policy of permanent war as a means of expanding its geographical control and consolidating its presence, launching several aggressive wars, the most prominent of which were:

- 1956 War "Tripartite Aggression": Israel allied with Britain and France to attack Egypt and control the Suez Canal, which revealed its role as a Western colonial tool in the region.
- 1967 War (Naksa): Israel occupied the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Sinai and the Golan Heights, and committed massacres against the Palestinians, such as "Lod" massacre, in which more than 500 Palestinians were killed.
- The "Israeli" invasion of Lebanon (1982): Where "Israel" supported the Sabra and Shatila massacre, in which more than 3,000 Palestinian refugees were killed, with funding and direct supervision from the then Israeli Minister of Defense (Ariel Sharon).

Ongoing Aggression on Gaza: "Slow Genocide"

Since Israel's alleged withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005, the Strip has

6 - Moshe Wegener, "Israel" and the Bible, p. 187.



turned into an open prison, as Israel has launched several devastating wars against civilians, including:

- 2008-2009 War: 1,400 Palestinians were martyred, most of them women and children, and during which internationally banned white phosphorus was used.
- 2014 War: 2,200 Palestinians were martyred, and thousands of homes were destroyed, in one of the most brutal "Israeli" attacks.
- 2021 war: Hundreds were martyred, and the infrastructure in Gaza the completely destroyed, under the pretext of "self-defense".
- 2023 war: Most of Gaza was destroyed, as well as all the necessities of life, which led to the martyrdom of tens of thousands of Palestinians, most of them were women and children.

It becomes clear that Zionist violence is not just a defensive reaction, but also a systematic policy based on genocide and ethnic cleansing, according to an extremist religious vision that grants the "Israeli" occupation an alleged "divine" legitimacy. The continuation of these crimes without international accountability reflects Western double standards, and confirms that dismantling Zionist thought is a global necessity, because its existence means the continuation of injustice and destruction in Palestine and the region.

Zionism, Postmodern Western Thought: Alliance of Ideologies

Zionism was not just a settler project backed by military force, but was also the product of a complex intellectual alliance between Western colonialism and modern and postmodern thought. Since its emergence in the late nineteenth century, Zionism has benefited from Western intellectual discourses that justified imperial expansion, racial superiority, and the occupation of indigenous lands. As Western thought evolved towards postmodernism, Zionism continued to reshape its discourse to suit new intellectual and political contexts, which enabled it to gain broad support within Western academic and political realms.

Colonialism, Zionism: Common Roots

Since the Balfour Declaration in 1917, Zionism has been a direct extension of British colonialism in the Middle East, adopting the same justifications used by European colonial empires to justify their control over other peoples. European colonialism relied on the idea of the "Mission Civilisatrice", which claimed that non-European peoples were uncivilized and needed European guidance. By the same logic, Zionism used the idea of "reviving the land of Israel" to justify the occupation of Palestine, ignoring the existence of Palestinians who had lived there for centuries. As Theodor Herzl, the founder of Zionism, said: "We must drive out the Arabs

little by little without them realizing it.”⁷

Zionism was consistent with the Western imperial vision, where colonial powers sought to plant a settlement entity that would serve their strategic interests in the region. Winston Churchill expressed this by saying: “The establishment of a national home for the Jews in Palestine will secure for us a reliable ally in the center of the Arab world.”⁸

American support for Israel was not only motivated by religious sympathy, but also because Israel is considered a strategic fulcrum of American influence in the Middle East. Henry Kissinger said: “Israel is the unofficial carrier of American aircraft in the region.”⁹

Zionism, New Orientalism: Distorting Image of Palestinians

Orientalism was one of the intellectual tools that contributed to distort the image of the Palestinian and the Arab. Western writings presented the Arabs as backward and unable to manage themselves, which made them “unqualified for self-rule”. Thus, European and Zionist colonialism justified the occupation of their lands. Edward Said pointed out in his book “Orientalism” that “Zionism reproduced the image of the Arab as backward, and integrated it into its political discourse to justify the occupation.”¹⁰

With the rise of postmodern thought, the image of the Arab changed from “backward” to “terrorist”, as Zionism used Western media tools to represent the Palestinian as a global security threat. After the events of September 11, 2001, this trend increased, as the Palestinian cause was linked to Islamic terrorism, which gave the occupying entity an additional justification to suppress the Palestinians under the pretext of “fighting terrorism.” Benjamin Netanyahu also said in this context: “Our war against the Palestinians is part of the global war against terrorism.”¹¹

Zionism and Neoliberalism: Alliance of Interests

As the global economy shifted toward neoliberalism, Israel found its place as a technologically and militarily advanced state, becoming a major partner in military industries and security technology, which made it of great strategic importance to the United States and Europe.

Noam Chomsky pointed out that: “Israel is not just a military base for the West,

7 - Theodor Herzl, “The Jewish State”, p. 187.

8 - Winston Churchill, Speech in the British House of Commons, 1921.

9 - Henry Kissinger, Kissinger’s Memoirs, p. 312.

10 - Edward Said, Orientalism, p. 233.

11 - Benjamin Netanyahu, “Place Under the Sun”, p. 98.



but a laboratory for developing tools of oppression that are exported globally.”¹² Thus, “Israel” has become a global center for manufacturing tools of repression and surveillance, as “Israeli” military technology is exported to many oppressive regimes around the world.

Zionism: Part of New World System

Through this analysis, it becomes clear that Zionism is not just a Jewish nationalist movement, but rather part of the global colonial and neoliberal system, as it has benefited from modern Western thought to justify its existence, whether through traditional colonial justifications, or through its alliance with neoliberal economics and military technology. Dismantling the Zionist discourse requires not only exposing the falsity of religious and political narratives, but also understanding how “Israel” aligns itself with a global system that serves the major powers. This makes resisting Zionism not only the responsibility of the Palestinians, but part of the global battle against colonialism and capitalist exploitation.

Zionism, Media Misinformation: How “Israel’s” Crimes Concealed

The Zionist media plays a major role in justifying the racist policies of “Israel”, by manipulating terms and presenting the occupation as a “conflict” instead of a “settler colonialism”. Israel has succeeded in turning concepts upside down and manipulating them, so that the victim has become like the aggressor, and the aggressor is portrayed as the victim.

Pressure on International Institutions to hide Facts

Israel uses Zionist lobbies to pressure international institutions and prevent any serious investigation into its crimes, as follows:

- Foiling UN reports describing Israel as an apartheid regime.
- Preventing Western media from covering the “Israeli” massacres with credibility.
- Criminalizing any criticism of “Israel” by accusing it of anti-Semitism.
- The worst scandal was the clear Western opposition to the decision of the International Criminal Court that convicted the Zionist Prime Minister (Benjamin Netanyahu), as the arrest warrant against him was rejected, and even the threat of sanctions against the court and those responsible for the conviction decision was made.

Why Zionism Immoral Movement

It is clear that Zionism is not only a colonial movement, but also a racist, colonial system, based on discrimination and ethnic purging. Through its racist

12 - Noam Chomsky, The United States and Israel: Alliance of Interests, p. 112.

legislation, settlement practices, and media hegemony, Israel seeks to impose an inhuman settlement reality that contradicts all moral values and human rights.

Fate of Zionism, Future of Conflict

For more than a century, Zionism has continued to impose its settlement project, relying on Western support, religious justifications, and military force. However, this project was unable to eliminate the Palestinian national identity, which remains entrenched despite the ethnic purging, racial discrimination and ongoing settlement.

The most important question today is: What is the future of the conflict between Zionism and the Arab and Islamic worlds? Can the Zionist project continue in the face of resistance, changing international balances of power, and growing global recognition of its racist nature?

Strengths, Weaknesses of Zionist Project

■ **Strengths: Why is Zionism still steadfast?**

Despite its racist and colonial nature, Zionism still enjoys factors of strength that contribute to its continuation, including:

1. **Absolute Western support:** The usurping entity benefits from American and European political, economic and military support, which gives it international protection from accountability for its crimes against the Palestinians.
2. **Military and technological superiority:** "Israel" has one of the most powerful armies in the region, and controls the latest spying and artificial intelligence technologies, which enhances its security and intelligence power.
3. **Media hegemony and global misinformation:** "Israel" controls a large part of the international media, through the Zionist lobbies in the West, which enables it to distort the image of the Palestinians and cover up its crimes.
4. **The Arab and Islamic division:** Israel benefits from the state of political fragmentation, Arab normalization, and the preoccupation of Arab countries with their internal crises, which reduces the political pressure on it.

■ **Weaknesses: What could cause the collapse of Zionism?**

However, Zionism faces fundamental challenges that threaten the continuation of its project in the long term, including:

1. **Failure to achieve demographic superiority:** Despite the policies of displacement and racial discrimination, the Palestinians still constitute a large percentage of the population in historical Palestine, which makes