

Recommended Study Resources

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On-line news and analysis

- The Electronic Intifada www.electronicintifada.net
- Mondoweiss www.mondoweiss.net
- Al Jazeera www.aljazeera.com
- The Guardian www.theguardian.com
- If Americans Knew www.ifamericansknew.org
- United Church of Christ Palestine-Israel Network www.uccpin.org
- Friends of Sabeel-North America (FOSNA) www.fosna.org
- Democracy Now! www.democracynow.org/topics/israel_and_palestine
- The “In the News” section of the ChristianZionism.org website www.christianzionism.org/en/news-index

Books

- **Children of the Stone: The Power of Music in a Hard Land** by Sandy Tolan. Bloomsbury USA, 2015. In this book, Tolan chronicles the inspiring journey of a Palestinian youth, from stone thrower to music student to founder of a music school that garnered support from professional musicians across the globe and transformed the lives of thousands of Palestinian youths.
- **Faith in the Face of Empire: The Bible through Palestinian Eyes** by Mitri Raheb. Orbis Books, 2014. For Rev. Mitri Raheb, President of Dar al-Kalima University College in Bethlehem, a reading of the Bible begins with an awareness of the role of empire—a constant feature of Palestine for thousands of years. Raheb spells out Jesus’ hope and his political program in relation to the Roman Empire of his time, thus highlighting the biblical values relevant for the Middle East, past and present.
- **Decolonizing Palestine: The Land, The People, The Bible** by Mitri Raheb. Orbis Books, 2023. Raheb argues that some of the most prevalent theological concepts – Israel, the land, election, and chosen people – must undergo a paradigm shift in Christian theological thinking about Palestine.
- **Whose Land? Whose Promise? What Christians are not being told about Israel and the Palestinians** by Gary Burge. Revised and Updated. The Pilgrim Press, 2013. An excellent introduction to the complications of geography, history, and geopolitics that have wounded and weakened both Israelis and Palestinians (from reviewer David Neff).
- **A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice and the Palestine-Israel Conflict** by Naim Stifan Ateek. Orbis Books, 2017. Rev. Ateek, the founder of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, offers a profound, non-violent, biblically based approach to confronting the injustice suffered by some of the world’s most marginalized peoples - the Palestinians.

- **The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine** by Ilan Pappé. Oneworld Publications. 2006. In this groundbreaking book, renowned Israeli historian Ilan Pappé offers impressive archival evidence to demonstrate that, from its very inception, a central plank in Israel's founding ideology was the forcible removal of the indigenous population, a strategy that continues to the present day (from the book's publisher).
- **Blood Brothers: The Dramatic Story of a Palestinian Christian Working for Peace in Israel** by Elias Chacour. Updated Edition. Baker Books, 2014. The riveting life story of a Palestinian Arab-Israeli who experienced the Nakba, founded schools for Palestinian children and, in later life, served the Melkite Greek Catholic Church as Archbishop of Akko, Haifa, Nazareth and All Galilee. Forward by Secretary of State James A. Baker III.
- **Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid** by Jimmy Carter. 2007. This is a great starting point for Christians who want to see how another dedicated Christian engages in discernment about the Israel/Palestine situation, and what conscientious activism looks like.
- **Wrestling in the Daylight: A Rabbi's Path to Palestinian Solidarity** by Brant Rosen. 2nd ed., 2017. Rabbi Rosen is a leader in the progressive Jewish community (residing in Chicago). In this book, he wrestles with his conscience about the Israel/Palestine situation, particularly with respect to Operation Cast Lead in 2008-9.
- **The General's Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine** by Miko Peled. Just World Books, 2022 3rd edition. A powerful account, by Israeli peace activist Miko Peled, of his transformation from a young man who'd grown up in the heart of Israel's elite and served proudly in its military into a fearless advocate of nonviolent struggle and equal rights for all Palestinians and Israelis. His journey is mirrored in many ways the transformation his father, a much-decorated Israeli general, had undergone three decades earlier. Alice Walker contributed a foreword to the first edition in which she wrote, "There are few books on the Israel/Palestine issue that seem as hopeful to me as this one." In the new Epilogue he takes readers to South Africa, East Asia, several European countries, and the West Bank, Gaza, and Israel itself.
- **The Question of Palestine** by Edward Said. 1979. Americans often know a lot about Israel and Israelis, but hardly know about the history of the Palestinian community. Said's is a foundational text for understanding who the Palestinian people are.

Study guides for individuals & small groups

- *Kairos Palestine 2009: A moment of truth, A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering.* www.kairospalestine.ps/index.php/about-kairos/kairos-palestine-document
- *Kairos Palestine 2020: Cry for Hope: A call to decisive action*
www.cryforhope.org/media/attachments/2020/06/30/cry-for-hope-english.pdf
- *Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace*
 - Copies of the booklet and DVD: www.pcusastore.com
 - Sections of the *Steadfast Hope* DVD may also be viewed on YouTube
- *Why Palestine Matters: The Struggle to End Colonialism*
 - Online website: www.whypalestinematters.org

- *Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study Guide*. This study guide includes a special focus on Zionism, Christian Zionism, and competing land claims.
 - Copies of the booklet and DVD: www.pcusastore.com
 - Episodes from the DVD may be viewed here: www.vimeo.com/channels/zuepisodes
- The UCC General Synod resolution [Declaration for a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel](#). See also the recording [Endorse and Affirm](#), the [Reflection Guide](#), and the [Interactive Resource Guide](#) for this resolution.

Videos

- **The Law and the Prophets** [The Law and the Prophets](#) 1 hour and 54 minutes. (www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_kF35lgF40) From the publisher: “In Israel, East Jerusalem, and the West Bank, the law is whatever Israel deems to be in the best interest of Jewish Israelis and to the detriment of Palestinians. Israel violates the civil and human rights of Palestinians as a matter of standard, accepted policy. However, there are brave, determined individuals who are trying to expose the destructive, unjust, and sometimes invisible ways in which Israel exploits and oppresses Palestinians.”
- **Roadmap to Apartheid** 94 minutes. Available on YouTube, Prime Video, Apple TV and more. Narrated by Alice Walker, *Roadmap to Apartheid* is as much a historical document of the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa, as it is a film about why Palestinians feel they are living in an apartheid system today, and why an increasing number of people worldwide have come to view Israel as an apartheid state.
- **The Occupation of the American Mind** www.occupationmovie.org 84 minutes. From the publisher: “Narrated by Roger Waters and featuring leading observers of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the film explores how the Israeli government, the US government, and the pro-Israel lobby have joined forces, often with very different motives and interests, to shape American media coverage of the conflict in Israel’s favor. The result is a stunning look at how — and why — American media coverage of the conflict regularly minimizes the occupation, vilifies critics of Israeli policy, and dehumanizes the Palestinian people.”
- **Detaining Dreams** www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rw69pLlLqw 20 minutes. From the publisher: “An intimate documentary featuring the stories of four Palestinian children and their families undergoing the ordeal of Israeli military detention: arrested by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank and prosecuted in the Israeli military detention system.”
- **Boycott** www.justvision.org/boycott This film exposes the state-by-state spread of laws that aim to stifle criticism of Israel by criminalizing those who declare their intention to boycott Israel. Such laws represent one of the most serious challenges to freedom of speech in decades.

A more comprehensive list of films can be found on Palestine Portal:

www.palestineportal.org/resource-directory/by-medium/films/