

day 23

PALESTINE



FAQS

SIZE

State of Vermont

POPULATION

2,890,630

LANGUAGES

Arabic, Hebrew

RELIGION

Islam

POP. IN CHICAGO

85,000

LOCATION

Bridgeview, Chicago
Lawn, Marquette Park

VISIT

Baladi Restaurant
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Bridgeview, IL
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The Palestinian problem became an international issue towards the end of World War I with the collapse of the Turkish Ottoman Empire. Palestine was among the several former Ottoman Arab territories which were placed under the administration of Great Britain. All but one of these Mandated Territories became fully independent states. The exception was Palestine. The British government supported an establishment in Palestine as a national home for the Jewish people. After the Nazi persecution of the Jews, the Jewish population in Palestine began getting larger. Palestine demanded independence from Britain and resisted Jewish immigration. After several attempts by the British for a compromise between Palestinian and the Jewish population, Britain turned the area over to the United Nations. The UN proposed the partitioning of Palestine into two independent states, one Palestinian Arab and the other Jewish. In 1948, Israel declared its independence and expanded its land to occupy 77% of the territory of Palestine. Half of the Palestinian population fled or were expelled. Today, there still has been no resolution for the Palestinian state.

By the early 1970's, Palestinians owned nearly 20% of all small grocery and liquor stores in Chicago, most located in African American communities. By the 1990's, they also owned used-car dealerships, gas stations, auto repair shops, and fast-food restaurants. **Pray that they would come into contact with Christians on a daily basis. Pray that their interest would be sparked toward Christianity.** Palestinian Arabs are predominately Muslim and share strong community and political ties in Chicago. **Pray that the negative pictures that they have of Christians propagated by their mosques and past hurts would be removed by coming in contact with loving and true followers of Jesus.**

PSALM 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”