

...And Then The World Changed

Here is the tenth and final part of our series, **A Short History of Israel**. And here is a quote from it:

Barak, together with US President Clinton, constructed a peace plan under which all Jewish settlements except those contiguous with Israel would be forcibly evacuated. The whole of Gaza and some 96% of the West Bank (including some border adjustments in which West Bank land would be swapped for equal areas of Israeli land), plus East Jerusalem including the Jewish holy sites, would form a new State of Palestine.

In reply, the Palestinian negotiators demanded that every person of Palestinian descent be allowed the 'right of return' to Israel. The negotiations broke up.

The PLO initiated a "second Intifada", this time based on terrorism and suicide bombings. The Barak government continued to press for peace.

So, what do you think of this series? Would you like to suggest any changes? Keep in mind that the aim was to produce a short, facts-only history.

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