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AT HOME

REBUILDING

CONTINUE THE STORY

AND ABROAD

WHAT LED PALESTINE TO REVOLT?

APRIL 15TH, 1936, the revolt erupted after Sheikh Farhan al-Sādi killed 2 Jewish settlers. This had probably been fueled by both British Policies, the Antisemitism experienced in Europe Pre-WWII, the Zionist movements and immigration. People were restless and fighting for survival, both Jew and Muslim alike. Both had experienced historical hardships, both will need to find a way to live in peace, or continue the fight for generations to come.

WHAT IS THE "RIGHT OF RETURN" AND WHY IS IT A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO FINDING PEACE?

Alan Dershowitz, may be correct as he suggests that since *"the international community has emboldened Arab leaders into believing that Israel can be delegitimized and weakened through international pressure, and that if the Palestinians hold out long enough, they can achieve their ultimate goal: Namely to end Israel's existence as a Jewish state accepted by the international community."*

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Might we find insights with the writings of Jeffrey Cavanaugh as he speaks of Multiculturalism and the considerations of Spain to deal with their past 500 years and their treatment of Sephardic Jews, by granting automatic citizenship today (2014). Jeffrey taps into the idea that even the earliest progressive leaders of Israel envisioned an Israel where both Jew and Muslim could live in together in peace and friendship. This might be more easily accepted, if the fighting would stop today and people would begin to find reasons to live in peace. It might be noted that when this was discussed, Muslims came out immediately and demanded the same benefits from Spain. By 2015, 4,032 Jews had been granted citizenship. However, by 2021, the path to citizenship does not seem so clear. **One can only ask, WHY?**

HERE AT HOME, IN AMERICA,

we find another effort to identify past wrongs, and the need to move towards a better future. Pastor Cory Brooks, from Chicago is fighting a fight and I do believe he will win. The fight is not one of wanting his people to be given anything, but their dignity. His fight involves recognition of the blight in the South side of Chicago, black community. The alarm he rings is how post-60's liberalism in the form of Great Society programs have been a dismal failure. **These programs failed because they created a permanent black underclass.** (See Shelby Steele's "What Killed Michael Brown?")

DESCRIBING LIFE IN THE 60'S:

"The family structure was supported. The marriage rates were higher than many white communities...I never saw a pistol till I was 18 or 19...You showed respect ... and could be disciplined by other people's parents...There was a sense that we were on our way up..." he then describes how possibly white guilt turned into redemption.

America's effort to create Great Society programs to redeem black communities, this 60's style of liberalism, would in fact enslave future generations of blacks. Pastor Brooks, *"What we need are traditional family values. A mother and a father—no social programs will ever substitute for that. We need that sort of common sense responsibility for our own fate—don't just keep giving us things, more things. Ask more from us and we need to ask more from ourselves."*