

Redemption¹

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What does 'redemption' mean to an Israeli?

It means: Your land is my land.

It means: You don't exist.

It means: You are a terrorist.

It means: You are an outsider.

It means: Setting up checkpoints.

It means: Building walls.

It means: Transfer.²

What does 'redemption' mean to a Palestinian?

It means: My land is your land.

It means: I don't exist.

It means: I am a terrorist.

It means: I am an outsider.

It means: Encountering checkpoints.

It means: Being cut off by walls.

It means: Bureaucratic genocide.³

What does 'redemption' mean to us?

It means: Believing the thief.

It means: Seeing the thief as a victim.

It means: Never criticising the thief.

It means: Loving the thief,

Lest lack of love should signify hatred.

It means: Supplying the thief with weapons.

It means: War between East and West.

¹ 'Redeeming the land' is the term used by Zionists to describe the acquisition, by whatever means, of land which is considered to be biblically Jewish.

² 'Transfer' is the term used by Zionists to denote an exchange of populations: i.e. Jews in, non-Jews out.

³ In UN terminology genocide includes the attempt to eradicate a people's culture and way of life.