

# Hamas Covenant

The Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas): 18 August 1988

Preamble: *In The Name Of The Most Merciful Allah*

**“Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it”**

## Articles

Article: 7...the Islamic Resistance Movement aspires to the realisation of Allah's promise, no matter how long that should take. The Prophet...has said: "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight **the Jews (killing the Jews)**, when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Moslems, O Abdulla, **there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him...**(related by al-Bukhari and Moslem).

Article 13: There is no solution for the Palestinian question **except through Jihad**. Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors. The Palestinian people know better than to consent to having their future, rights and fate toyed with.

Article 15: The day that enemies usurp part of Moslem land, Jihad becomes the individual duty of every Moslem. In face of the Jews' usurpation of Palestine, it is compulsory that the banner of Jihad be raised. To do this requires the diffusion of Islamic consciousness among the masses, both on the regional, Arab and Islamic levels. It is necessary to instill the spirit of Jihad in the heart of the nation so that they would confront the enemies and join the ranks of the fighters.

Article 32: Leaving the circle of struggle with Zionism is high treason, and cursed be he who does that. "for whoso shall turn his back unto them on that day, unless he turneth aside to fight, or retreateth to another party of the faithful, shall draw on himself the indignation of Allah, and his abode shall be hell; an ill journey shall it be thither." (The Spoils - verse 16). There is no way out except by concentrating all powers and energies to face this Nazi, vicious Tatar invasion. The alternative is loss of one's country, the dispersion of citizens, the spread of vice on earth and the destruction of religious values.

Article 35: Just as the Moslems faced those raids and planned fighting and defeating them, they should be able to confront the Zionist invasion and defeat it. This is indeed no problem for the Almighty Allah, provided that the intentions are pure, the determination is true and that Moslems have benefited from past experiences, rid themselves of the effects of ideological invasion and followed the customs of their ancestors.

## What the Bible states about Zion:

- Isaiah 34:8 For *it is* the day of the LORD'S vengeance, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.
- Psalm 69:35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.
- Psalm 129:5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.