**Who’s Killing Who? A Viewer’s Guide to Israel**

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| **[Early Man](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0001.png)Early Man** This generic “cave man” represents the first human settlers in Israel/Canaan/the Levant. Whoever they were. | [Canaanite](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0002.png) **Canaanite** What did ancient Canaanites look like? I don’t know, so this is based on ancient Sumerian art. | [Ancient Egyptian](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0003.png) **Egyptian** Canaan was located between two huge empires. Egypt controlled it sometimes, and… |
| [Assyrian](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0004.png)**Assyrian** ….Assyria controlled it other times. | [Israelite](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0005.png)**Israelite** The “Children of Israel” conquered this region, according to bloody and violent Old Testament accounts. | [Babylonian](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0006.png) **Babylonian** Then the Baylonians destroyed their temple and took the Hebrews into exile. |
| [Macedonian/Alexander](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0007.png) **Macedonian/ Greek** Here comes Alexander the Great, conquering everything! | [Greek](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0008.png) **Greek/ Macedonian** No sooner did Alexander conquer everything, than his generals divided it up and fought with each other. | [Ptolmaic](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0009.png) **Ptolemaic** Greek descendants of Ptolemy, another of Alexander’s competing generals, ruled Egypt dressed like Egyptian god-kings. |
| [Seleucid](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character00101.png) **Seleucid** More Greek-Macedonian legacies of Alexander. | [Hebrew Priest](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0011.png) **Hebrew Priest** This guy didn’t fight, he just ran the Second Temple re-established by Hebrews in Jerusalem after the Babylonian Exile. | [Maccabee](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0012.png) **Maccabee** Led by Judah “The Hammer” Maccabee, who fought the Seleucids, saved the Temple, and invented Channukah. Until… |

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| Roman**Roman** ….the Romans destroyed the Second Temple and absorbed the region into the Roman Empire… | [Byzantine](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0014.png) **Byzantine** ….which split into Eastern and Western Empires. The eastern part was called the Byzantine Empire. | [Caliph](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0015.png) **Arab Caliph** Speaking of cartoon, what did an Arab [Caliph](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliph" \t "_blank) look like? This was my best guess. |
| [Crusader](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0016.png) **Crusader** After Crusaders went a-killin’ in the name of Jesus Christ, they established [Crusader states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crusader_states), most notably the [Kingdom of Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Jerusalem). | [Egyptian Mamluk](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0017.png) **Mamluk of Egypt** They became a powerful military [caste](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caste) in various [Muslim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim) societies… And apparently they controlled Palestine for a while. | Ottoman Turk **Ottoman Turk** No one went to battle looking like this. But big turbans, rich clothing and jewelry were worn among Ottoman Turkish elites. |
| [Arab](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0019.png) **Arab** A gross generalization of a generic 19-century “Arab”. | [British](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0020.png) **British** The British formed alliances with Arabs, then occupied Palestine. | [Palestinian](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0021.png) **Palestinian** The British occupied this guy’s land, only to leave it to a vast influx of…. |
| [European Jew/Zionist](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0022.png) **European Jew/Zionist** Desperate and traumatized survivors of European pogroms and death camps, Jewish Zionist settlers were ready to fight to the death for a place to call home, but… | **PLO/Hamas/ Hezbollah**[Hezbollah](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character00231.png)…. so were the people that lived there. Various militarized resistance movements arose in response to Israel: The [Palestinian Liberation Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_Liberation_Organization), [Hamas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas), and [Hezbollah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hezbollah). | [State of Israel](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0024.png) **State of Israel**  Backed by “the West,” especially the US, they got lots of weapons and the only sanctioned nukes in the region. |
| Guerrilla/Freedom Fighter/Terrorist**Guerrilla/FreedomFighter/Terrorist** Sometimes people fight in military uniforms, sometimes they don’t. Creeping up alongside are illicit nukes possibly from [Iran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_program_of_Iran) or elsewhere in the region. [Who’s Next?](http://youtu.be/oRLON3ddZIw?t=50s) | [Angel of Death](http://blog.ninapaley.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/TLIM_character0026.png) **The Angel of Death** | **What will happen next?** |