Old Testament

Palestine's history reveals many interesting aspects as the tribe was known as sea people. Old Testament refers it to the land of Canaan. Its connections with crusaders in the Middle Ages made it Holy land. The land was covered on the west by the Mediterranean. Palestine was more wider at its southern end. Palestine remained a great attraction for other tribes due to its geographical importance. It had the most fertile valley known as Jezreel. Another aspect that added significance to the land was climate. Winter was most pleasant as rainfalls were required for the fertility of the land. The climate varied and never remained the same. In winter there was cold while rainfall in coastal plains was very erratic. The rain was considered good for the harvest that normally started by the end of dry season. Palestine had good harvest due to the rainfall. These rainfalls were seen as blessings of God because the crops and food production was dependent on it. The heavy rains supported the vegetation system during summer. I am interested in the history of Palestine because it depicts that the current climatic patterns have close relevance to Palestine's patriarchal times. Another interesting fact indicates that the climatic patterns were constant in the region for at least six thousand years. Not only Palestine but other tribes and regions also benefited from its harvest and vegetation. The changes in vegetation were the result of increased dependence of humans and goats on them.

Palestine’s geography was of great significance because it serves as a crossroads for the merchants and armies. An interesting thing about Palestine was that it was always controlled by the military of different regions including Egypt, Hattie Greek, and Rome. I find this topic interesting because it provides a brief analysis of the historical clash between Palestine and Israel. Due to its strategic positioning, “Palestine served as a buffer zone" (LaSort, Hubbardt and Bush 1982, 630). Israel's entered the place after the Exodus and lived for many years in the mountains. The physical characteristics of the place contributed to the dignity of Israelis. However, the trends in rainfall changed dramatically with time. The drying up of land has been the result of deforestation. The readings reveal that Palestine was considered a blessed region due to natural geographical settings. Due to its geographical and climatic importance military of different tribes targeted Palestine for many years. The people of the mountainous land believed on the god of mountains (LaSort, Hubbardt and Bush 1982).

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