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negated by the incomparably "superior" rights of Jews, the Palestinians would have no ground to stand on.

They would be seen as utterly dependent on the mercy of the Jewish colonists. Any scrap the Jewish colonists threw at them would be better than manna from heaven.

Therefore, if the Palestinians rejected these scraps; if they refused to be spirited across the borders of Palestine; if they rejected two-thirds, one-third, one-tenth or some smaller fraction of their country; if they resist apartheid inside Israel; if they reject their dispossession and exile; they could only be acting out of a boundless hatred of Jews.

Whenever the Palestinians reject the scraps offered to them, the Zionists accuse them of "missing another opportunity."

So deep is their spite, their obtuseness, their perversity, the Palestinians now do not know what is good for them: what is the best deal they will ever get.

Occasionally, Israel too is blamed for missing opportunities.

Indeed, Uri Avnery -- an octogenarian Israeli peace activist, a former member of the Israeli Knesset, and a one-time member of the terrorist organisation, Irgun -- argues that Israel enjoys a clear lead in missing opportunities to make peace with the Arabs.[2]

This is scarcely surprising. As the stronger party in its conflict with the Arabs -- it is easy to argue -- Israel could have shown magnanimity instead of using its strength