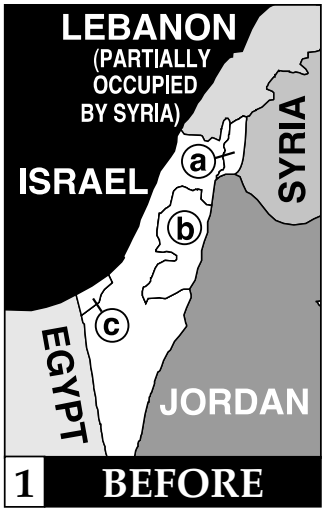
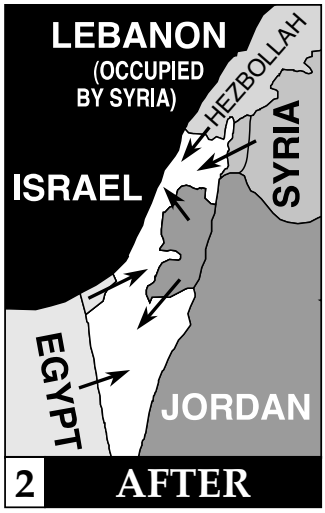
ISRAEL'S STRATEGIC VALUE

POST 9/11 TERROR WAR SCENARIO

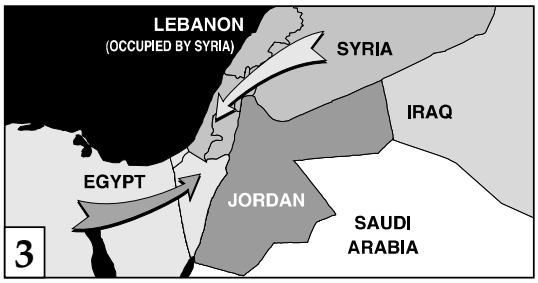


A demilitarised Palestinian West Bank / Gaza State will turn Israel from a U.S. Strategic Asset and Bulwark to Middle East Terror that is able to defend itself, into a defenseless U.S. liability, inviting attack - unable even to defend itself, let alone project American military power.



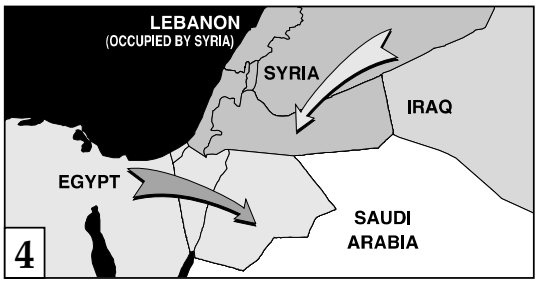
1. ISRAEL as a <u>self-defensible</u> U.S. strategic asset: With the Golan Heights (a), the West Bank mountain range (b) and the Gaza Strip (c) under Israeli military control, Israel is immune from a short- to medium-term existential threat.

2. ISRAEL as an <u>indefensible</u> U.S. strategic liability, inviting attack: Without the Golan Heights, the West Bank mountain range and the Gaza Strip under Israeli control, but instead under hostile Arab control, Israel will be strategically vulnerable and exposed to a short-term existential threat. Such a conflict will be fueled by continued Arab terrorism against Israel.



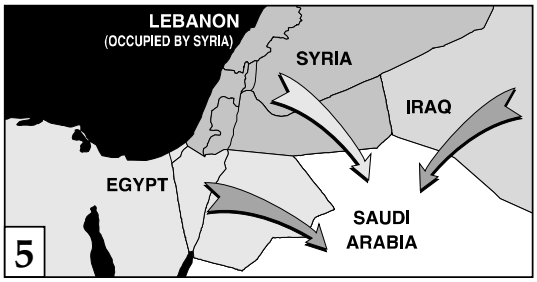
3. ISRAEL: the First Domino

Without the natural mountain defenses of the Golan and West Bank mountains, and with Israel's ability to mobilize degraded, Israel would be easily destroyed and occupied by Syria and Egypt. Even a heavily militarized Palestinian State will be unable to militarily contain either the Syrians or the Egyptians. Both the Syrians and the Egyptians vie for the occupation of the coveted Jerusalem.



4. JORDAN: the Second Domino

Without Israel as its strategic protector, Jordan would be easily encroached by the militarily powerful Syrians and Egyptians. Syria currently sees Jordan as Southern Syria and will fulfill its vision of Manifest Destiny.



5. SAUDI ARABIA: the Third Domino

With the militarily powerful but oil-poor Egyptians and Syrians on Saudi Arabia's northern border, Saudi Arabia will cease to exist. Without the Suez Canal under friendly occupational control, the Western powers will be unable to resupply or defend Saudi Arabia.