

formal attempts at linking the 'need' to appropriate indigenous land with the motive of economic gains (e.g., the case of the Marj) were the exception and not the rule. The Zionist formal justification attached to the European Jewish settlement in Palestine was overwhelmingly political or ideological in nature. In fact, as further analysis will show, Zionist colonialism strove at emptying the land from its indigenous inhabitants and replacing them with European Jewish settlers. While the next chapters will elaborate more on the nature of Zionist colonialism, it is sufficient to stress here that Palestine's path to socio-economic development under British and Zionist rule was anything but a simple 'economic developmental model'.