

WHO ARE THE SEMITES? PALESTINE OR ISRAEL? JEWS OR ARABS?

This question about who a Semite is, and or whose ancestors were the original earliest settlers of the land currently occupied by Palestine and Israel people today, is debated continuously amongst scholars. I think this debate should be put to rest because it is redundant. And any arguments that whips up a one-sided sentiment in favor of Palestine or Israel, should be entirely ignored.

Here is why:

In consideration of the logic of the current ethnographic reality of that region of the globe, the argument that the Jewish people, who emerged as a sovereign state in that region shortly after World War II, can trace their ancestry to the earliest settlers of that land, may be easily debunked. Because by the current view of things, the prevailing logic is that Arab people own the land, giving that all other nations, including Palestine, around that region of the globe, are Arabs and have been so for hundreds of years!

However, overwhelming archeological evidence demonstrates beyond doubt that war and natural evolutions have caused migration and integration in that region through thousands of years. And most particularly, culture-religious evolution by natural and colonial processes, have altered the traditions and mentality of the people in that region through thousands of years. Which means that the Jewish people claim that their ancestors are the earliest settlers of that land, is equally legitimate.

So, who is the Semite? They both might be Semites or they both might not be Semites. Because what may be equally true, is that the Palestine and Jewish people are relatives, whose appearance, culture, and religion, through thousands of years, have been altered by mix of the circumstances aforementioned. Or by mix of the circumstances aforementioned, the actual descendants of the earliest settlers of that region have long been dislocated from their original location to other regions of the globe, or they have been entirely cleansed.

Therefore, any argument brought forward, which recognizes the rights of the Palestine over Israel or the rights of Israel over Palestine, in land disputed claims to ancestral heritage; is without merit. Such biased views may only trigger the type of reasoning one will deduce from an argument that, for instance, the Afrikaans rights to the land they currently occupy in Africa, is drawn from the fact that their ancestors are the earliest settlers of the land, even when as can be seen, all the people living around there, for hundred and possibly thousands of years; are black African people.

The nature of the land dispute between Palestine and Israel should trigger a scientific DNA investigation. A DNA test report connecting these claimants to the earliest settlers of that land or region may provide clarity. Otherwise, such claims by them or any group of people is inconclusive and may be unfounded. Moreover, that the

Palestine and Israel claims are circumstantial, the simplest solution to the conflict is a two sovereign state solution. Two sovereign countries living side by side in peace like USA and Canada, or like China and India, sharing borders, period!

In conclusion, considering the mix of natural and human caused circumstances that occurred through thousands of years, which has shaped the world as we know it today, it is my opinion that an ancestral heritage claim to a land or region by a people is without merit except it is supported by scientific DNA reports connecting them to the original earliest settlers of that land. A people right to a region or land must be protected within the meaning of the doctrines of international and domestic laws, introduced on or after 24 October 1945. Claims to land or region supported by evidence of ancestral connection must not override the rights of people inhabiting the land or region on or after 24 October 1945. Instead self determination and territorial sovereignty should be the solution. Because every group of people on earth, whether Jews or Arabs, have an equal right to life, self-determination, and development of themselves.

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