

## Jesus Of Nazareth Was NOT Palestinian

'After being warned in a dream, Joseph (Mary and Jesus) withdrew into the region of Galilee and lived in a city called Nazareth so the prophecy might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, "He (the Messiah) will be called a Nazarene" (Matthew 2:22 & 23). Nazarene means 'Branch' like a small tree shoot.

Mary and Joseph were very distant cousins. They were both Jewish, both born in Israel, adhered to the Laws of Moses, worshipped at the Temple, spoke Hebrew and were both descendents of King David. Mary's family, including her kinswoman/cousin Elizabeth, were from the priestly tribe of Levi and the royal tribe of Judah (Luke 1:5; 3:30). Mary's father was Heli, the father-in-law of Joseph (Luke 3:23). Through Mary's bloodline (see the written lineage, Luke 3:23 to 32), Jesus was a direct descendent of Jesse, the father of King David. Joseph, the husband of Mary was from the tribe of Judah (Hebrew 7:14, see also Joseph's bloodline, Matthew 1:1 to 5) and his father's name was Jacob (Matthew 1:16; Luke 1:27). 'A Shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse and a 'Branch' out of his roots will bear (Spiritual) fruit (Isaiah 11:1). 'One of the elders said to me (Apostle John), "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion Who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has overcome" ... "I, Jesus, have sent My holy angel to testify these things to you for the assemblies (early churches). I am the root and the offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star"' (Revelation 5:5; 22:16). These Scriptural verses, plus archaeology and written history prove the Jewishness of Jesus, Whose Hebrew name was Yeshua.

We live in a time when the Bible is constantly being refuted as mythical teachings instead of being accepted as the only authentic Word of God from our Creator. Fake news, conspiracy theories and half-truths fill the media reports, ignoring archaeological findings proving the Bible to be utterly authentic. Godless palaeontologists have stated dozens of times, groups of dinosaur skeletons found in a pit could only have been washed down there in a great flood but continue to disbelieve the truth of the Noah's flood. Enemies of the Sovereign State of Israel constantly twist information, misrepresent Israel and on occasions, blatantly lie about what is happening there. They are enemies of the truth, enemies of Israel (2 Chronicles 20:29) and enemies of God Himself (Isaiah 1:24). They are rewriting the history of the Land of Israel to undermine the rightful place and country of the Jewish people. They write lies about the Israel/Palestinian conflict to make out Israel is the aggressor, not their Arab neighbours and they repeat the same lies over and over again in such a dominant fashion, it is causing people to turn against Israel. It is an evil tactic, a strategy to overwhelm news listeners with negative reports about Israel.

One of their disgusting lies is their claim Jesus was a Palestinian. He was not. Jesus was wholly Jewish, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born to Jewish Mary and stepfather Joseph. His Hebrew name was Yeshua which means 'Jah is Salvation'. Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the Holy Land to Jewish parents of the tribes of Judah and Levi, He was brutally murdered then on the third day, rose again (was resurrected from the dead) as our Jewish Messiah. Palestine did not exist at the time Jesus was on earth so it was impossible for anybody to have been known as Palestinian. Until the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD the area of Judea thrived with a strong Jewish identity. For thousands of years there has been a constant Hebrew speaking, Jewish presence in Israel. At times the Jewish population has been sparse and few in number but they were always there. After the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD, the Romans used the name of Israel's enemies the Philistines, renamed Israel, Philistina, which became Palestina then Palestine. If the anti-Semitic people would actually read the Bible they would see Jesus was not Arab. Besides that, Abraham's son Ishmael, the son of Hagar, an Egyptian woman was sent far away from Israel (Genesis 25:5 & 6) because Isaac was the chosen son who was to inherit the promise of being the forefather of the Messiah. Isaac's son Jacob was the father of the twelve men who founded the twelve tribes of Israel and they were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin.

The Messianic bloodline came through Leah's son Judah. The priestly bloodline came through Leah's son Levi. Here are some facts about Jesus. (1) Jesus was born in Bethlehem located in Judea, in Israel. 'You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you One will come forth to Me Who is to be ruler in Israel' (Micah 5:2). 'You Bethlehem, land of Judah, are in no way least among the princes of Judah for out of you will come forth a Governor Who will shepherd My people, Israel' (Matthew 2:6). 'The Scripture said the Messiah comes of the bloodline of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was' (John 7:42). (2) The area called Judea was named after Judah and their portion of land was allotted to the tribe of Judah by Joshua. 'The west border was to the shore of the great sea (Mediterranean). This is the border of the children of Judah according to their families' (Joshua 15:12).

(3) The wise men who worshipped Jesus as a baby were the descendents of the Jewish people who had been forced into Persia as slaves and some had remained there when others returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple. They referred to Jesus as the King of the Jews. 'When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of

Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the east (Persia) came to Jerusalem saying, "Where is He Who is born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him" (Matthew 2:1 & 2). (4) Jesus was a direct descendant of the Jewish King David (Matthew 1:1) and He is called the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5). (5) Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day of His life in accordance with Jewish Law (Genesis 17:10 to 12; Luke 2:21). (6) Jesus' parents visited Jerusalem every year to celebrate the Jewish Feast of Passover (Luke 2:41). (7) Jesus often went to the Temple in Jerusalem to preach and He preached in synagogues all over Israel (Luke 20:1; Matthew 9:35). (8) The following unusual fact about Jesus is rarely spoken of ... The Bible says Jesus was a direct descendant of King David who was described as being pale skinned with ruddy red cheeks, red hair and people with that colouring usually have blue eyes (1 Samuel 16:12; 17:42). The bloodline from where Jesus came was the Semites, literally the descendants of Noah's son Shem (Luke 3:36) now called Caucasians and we know Caucasians have white skin and often have blond or light coloured hair. Jesus may not have been dark skinned. How many people know that unusual fact?

It is understandable for false religions to assume Jesus may have been Arab because of their ignorance of the Holy Scriptures, but for so-called 'Christians' to believe that, proves they are not studying the Scriptures as they should be. True, genuine Christians have absolutely no doubt in their minds Who Jesus is and from which bloodline He came. If Christians accept the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus then they should logically believe He is Jewish as the Bible says He is. The apostles had no doubt Who Jesus was and neither should anyone else. The facts given to us in the Bible are backed up by true historical facts and that should be enough to refute these blatant lies. Another reason to refute the foolish claim of Jesus being a Palestinian is the fact the Arabs call Him Isa. Jesus is the Son of God, something the Arabs refuse to believe. They claim Isa is just a prophet. If that is the case, why do they refuse to listen to the prophetic words of Jesus? Arabs refuse to believe God has a Son. They also deny He is the only begotten Son of God and of Whom God Himself called to from heaven. 'Behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased"' (Matthew 3:17). 'The sky opened and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form as a dove on Jesus and a voice came out of the sky saying, "You are My beloved Son. In You I am well pleased"' (Luke 3:21 & 22). 'Jesus received from God the Father honour and glory when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." We heard this voice come out of heaven when we were with Jesus on the holy mountain' (2 Peter 1:17 & 18).

Not only did our Majestic God call out from heaven affirming the love He has for Jesus as His Son, not long before Jesus was crucified God sent Moses and Elijah in their immortal heavenly bodies to speak to Jesus in view of three witnesses and this event was recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke. 'Jesus took Peter, James and John up into a high mountain by themselves. Jesus was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His garments became as white as the light. Behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them talking with Jesus ... While Jesus was still speaking a bright cloud overshadowed them. Behold a voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him." When the disciples heard it they fell on their faces and were very afraid. Jesus came and touched them and said, "Get up and do not be afraid." Lifting up their eyes they saw no one except Jesus alone ... Jesus commanded them saying, "Do not tell anyone what you saw until the Son of Man has risen from the dead"' (Matthew 17:1 to 3, 5 to 9). 'Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John up onto a high mountain privately by themselves. Jesus was changed into another form in front of them. His clothing became glistening, exceedingly white like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. Elijah and Moses appeared to them and they were talking with Jesus ... A cloud came overshadowing them and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him." Looking around, they saw no one with them any more except Jesus only ... He commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead' (Mark 9:2 to 4, 7 to 9). 'Jesus took Peter, John and James up onto the mountain to pray. As He was praying the appearance of His face was altered and His clothing became white and dazzling. Behold, two men were talking with Him, who were Moses and Elijah who appeared in glory and spoke of Jesus' departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep but when they were fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him ... A cloud came and overshadowed them and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud. A voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is My beloved Son. Listen to him!" When the voice came Jesus was found alone. They were silent and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen' (Luke 9:28 to 32, 34 to 36).

The Palestinian leadership are horribly jealous of the fact Jesus was born Jewish and want to claim Him as their own because of their obsessive resentment of Israel and the Jewish people. The Palestinian lies regarding Jesus increase every Christmas as they are unable to allow the truth of the birth of Jesus to arise. They change the Scriptural, 'Goodwill to all mankind' (Luke 2:14) to speaking of the destruction of Israel. They produce videos, give interviews, write articles, preach sermons and use social media to propagate their lies about the Jewish Messiah. They refute the truth of the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem to Jewish parents, Who then died to offer salvation to all mankind. Yes, He died to save even the Arabs. Their wicked

lies claim their Mahdi (a false messiah) was born a muslim who died as a Palestinian martyr, although Palestine did not exist two thousand years ago. One of the Palestinian leaders has had the gall to send greetings at Christmas time claiming they are celebrating the 'birth of one of our own', a 'revolutionary', a 'Palestinian prophet', the 'first militiaman who carried the sword for Palestine' and the 'greatest Palestinian in history'. That same leader had in his office, a picture of a Star of David with a thin man crucified on it. Jesus was not Arab and He was not muslim. Their claim to our Jewish Messiah began after the miraculous six-day war to create a new fictional history so they could claim the Land of Israel as their own. They have had a carefully contrived campaign of lies and misinformation so even the younger generation of Arabs believe it.

The Arabs have twisted the Scripture when Jesus cried out in pure agony as He was dying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is interpreted as, "My God, My God why have You forsaken Me?" (Mark 15:34). Their revolting twist on that verse claims Jesus was crying out to allah, prophesying about the coming of the last prophet Mohammad, who as we know was a false prophet, and who has led millions of people away from God to a lost eternity. Because of their obsessive jealousy the Arabs have falsified an entire heritage, mirroring the true Jewish heritage. Their false history can never be substantiated because it is utterly fictional. Whereas, the Jewish history can be confirmed by thousands of artefacts, scrolls and written information given to the world for over five thousand years. The Palestinian's absurd counterfeit history should be ignored.

The Arabs are trying to rob Jesus of His Jewishness and they are hoping their measures will remove any link between the Jewish people and their rightful ancient homeland. Most of the language used by the Arabs regarding their false messiah is anti-Semitic and full of hatred as they try to ignite the anti-Semitism that was prevalent in Nazi Germany. By their wicked attempts to link modern Arabs who call themselves Palestinians to our ancient Messiah Jesus, they are trying to validate their history, but they have no foundation in reality. As Bible believing Christians we need to pray for God's intervention on behalf of Israel. Christians have a responsibility to educate themselves regarding all of the attacks on Israel. Christians need to unite and get behind Israel in any way we can. We need to speak out against the anti-Jewish lies that are proliferating everywhere. We all need to do our best to bring the truth to the forefront. If a lie is told often enough it becomes the 'truth' to the hearers. We need to allow the real truth to have victory over the lies of the Arabs. Jesus/Yeshua is the King of the Jews and always will be. No Arab would ever willingly worship the King of the Jews so their claim is ridiculous, especially in the light of the following verse. "Where is He Who is born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him" (Matthew 2:2). 'An inscription was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin and Hebrew, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS" (Luke 23:38). Notice this inscription was never written in Arabic! "This is Yeshua the King of the Jews" (Matthew 27:37). "Yeshua of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" (John 19:19). 'Hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns' (Revelation 19:6).

Amen and God bless you.

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