

Yes, Modern Jews Are the Same Jews of the Bible

THE LIE Im

Modern Jews are not genetically identical to biblical Jews and therefore have no claim to the Land of Israel.

THE TRUTH

Jews are an ancient nation defined not by genetics alone, but by a shared national identity rooted in and tied to the Land of Israel for nearly 4,000 years.

BACKGROUND

- On February 20, 2026, Tucker Carlson released a video of his interview with US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, in which he claimed that Jews are an ethnicity. ([YouTube](#))
- From that premise, he argued that modern Jews are not genetic descendants of Abraham and therefore have no entitlement to the Land of Israel promised to Abraham and his descendants in Genesis. ([Genesis 15](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **Jewish identity has always been national and covenantal, not solely genetic.** In the biblical world, nations were defined by shared law, covenant, and allegiance—not race alone. From its inception, the nation of Israel has been grounded in this single, unchanging national identity. ([Harvard](#)), ([Rabbi Pesach Wolicki](#))
- **The Bible itself refutes a DNA-based definition of Jewish identity.** Ruth, a Moabite, became part of Israel and the great-grandmother of David by accepting the national identity of the Jewish people. The Gospel of Matthew traces Jesus' lineage through her. A strictly genetic standard would undermine Davidic — and therefore Christian — claims. ([Markinc Ministries](#)), ([Matthew 1](#))
- **The Jewish people demonstrate continuous national identity from antiquity to the present.** Exile dispersed the nation of Israel but did not replace it. Jewish communities preserved Torah, prayer liturgy, calendar, and national memory—all of which repeatedly center on the Land of Israel—across centuries without a documented break. ([Josephus](#)), ([Yahadut](#)), ([Pinchas Winston](#)), ([Combined Jewish Philanthropies](#))
- **No historian identifies a population replacement of the Jewish people.** Even antisemites such as Martin Luther attacked Jews and Jewish theology but never claimed they were impostors unrelated to ancient Israel. ([Rabbi Pesach Wolicki](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#))
- **The claim that modern Jews are not the Jews of the Bible is a relatively recent theory, gaining traction only after 1948.** The timing is telling. Replacement Theology holds that the Jewish people will never return to sovereignty in their land — and when they did, proponents needed an explanation. Redefining who counts as a "real" Jew resolved the contradiction without abandoning the theology. ([Rabbi Pesach Wolicki](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#))

QUOTES

- "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." — Ruth
- "Once the Jews go back to their land, we're stuck—because you either have to acknowledge that the Jewish people have returned after a long exile in fulfillment of the biblical prophecies, or ... you have to deny that the Jewish people have returned to their land. The only way to deny that is to say that the Jews of today aren't actual Jews." — Rabbi Pesach Wolicki

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TAKEAWAY

Jewish identity is based on nationhood—not in DNA alone or religious observance—which makes genetic arguments irrelevant. For 3,800 years, Jews preserved their laws, traditions, and communal identity, maintaining an unbroken connection to their ancestors. That continuity confirms that the nation of Israel has a biblical, historic, and ancient claim to the Land of Israel that goes far beyond modern definitions of race or religion.