

Christian Lives Matter — Unless Tucker Can't Blame Israel

THE LIE

Tucker Carlson, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and similar voices claim that Israel is oppressing and driving out its Christian population.

THE TRUTH

Tucker and MTG fixate on Israel, where Christians are thriving, and ignore actual persecution of Christians by Islamic regimes.

BACKGROUND

- On February 5, 2026, Tucker released a video claiming Israel persecutes Christians. ([Tucker Carlson](#))
- Two weeks later, he tried to get US Ambassador Mike Huckabee to confirm the same claim on camera. Huckabee — himself an evangelical Christian who has spent considerable time in Israel — pushed back firmly. ([Tucker Carlson](#))
- Jordan is one of several Islamic countries—along with Qatar and Saudi Arabia—that Tucker claims are bastions of freedom and tolerance for Christians.
- MTG has also accused Israel of persecuting Christians, falsely claiming that Jewish “settlers” are seizing Christian homes in Bethlehem with the Israeli government’s blessing. ([ITN](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- MTG's claim that Jewish settlers are seizing Christian homes in Bethlehem is simply impossible: Jews are legally prohibited from entering Bethlehem, which is under Palestinian Authority control.
- Israel's Christian population has grown over 400% since 1948 — from 34,000 to 181,000 — making it the only country in the Middle East where the indigenous Christian population is increasing. ([CBS](#))
- Eighty-four percent of Israeli Christians reported satisfaction with life in Israel in 2024. Christians worship freely, proselytize, run schools and churches, serve in the military, hold diplomatic posts, and have unrestricted access to the holiest sites in Christendom. ([CBS](#)), ([Algemeiner](#))
- Jordan, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia — which Tucker praised as welcoming to Christians — are all ranked among the 50 most dangerous countries in the world for Christians. So are Egypt and Syria. In fact, every one of Israel's neighbors is on that list except Lebanon. ([Open Doors](#))
- Syria has seen some of the worst Christian persecution in the modern Middle East — yet Tucker and MTG, who frequently find something to say about Israel, have been conspicuously silent. Syria's Christian population has collapsed from over 2 million to barely 300,000. In January 2026, Syria jumped from #18 to #6 on the Open Doors World Watch List. On March 28, 2026, Muslim mobs attacked the Christian city of Al-Suqaylabiyah, storming homes and destroying businesses. Tucker has yet to cover it. ([Christian Daily](#)), ([SOHR](#))
- Christians are slaughtered and persecuted across Syria, Nigeria, Somalia, and elsewhere—real crises that receive little to no focus from Tucker Carlson or MTG. ([Wikislam](#))
- Rather than drive awareness and advocacy for persecuted Christians, Tucker, MTG, and similar voices fixate on Israel and actively distract from the genocide of Christians in Africa and the Middle East.

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QUOTES

- “Syrian Christians have been reduced from over 2 million to barely 300,000. Now they are under attack again. As we will soon enter the Holy Week, the very communities that have kept the faith alive for 2,000 years are facing violence, fear, and extinction. Pray for Syria’s Christians, but don’t stop there. Speak about it. Share it. The silence of the world is part of the tragedy.” — George Deek, Israel’s former Christian ambassador

TAKEAWAY

Tucker and MTG comment on Israel on a regular basis, despite it being the only country in the Middle East where Christians are happy and thriving. But on the bombing of churches, forced conversions, and the extinction of ancient Christian communities in Islamic regimes, they are largely silent. As Israel's first Arab Christian ambassador George Deek put it: *"The silence of the world is part of the tragedy."* Tucker and MTG are a loud part of that silence — which begs the question: if persecuted Christians only matter when they can be blamed on Israel, were they ever really the point?