

No, Moses Was Not a Christian

THE LIE

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THE TRUTH

The kings and prophets of the Hebrew Bible were Jews, as the New Testament itself confirms.

BACKGROUND

- On July 15, a wave of Christian influencers claimed that Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus, and the Torah — including the Ten Commandments — were Christian. ([X](#))
- Pastor Dale Partridge, an outspoken critic of Israel, put it this way: "Genesis to Revelation is all about Christ," citing John 5:46, where Jesus tells his listeners, "If you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me." ([X](#))
- The comments were a response to Dr. Jordan Peterson, who had simply stated the obvious: the Ten Commandments, the Torah, and Jesus himself were Jewish. ([X](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **The timeline makes it impossible.** Moses lived ~13th–15th century BCE; Christianity began in the 1st century CE with Jesus. "Christian" means follower of Christ. Calling Moses one is as anachronistic as calling Abraham a Muslim. ([My Jewish Learning](#))
- **The Hebrew Bible is Jewish in origin.** The Tanakh (Hebrew Bible)—including the Torah and its Ten Commandments—were written, compiled, and lived by Jews for over a millennium before Christianity existed. Christians later adopted this text and read it through the lens of Jesus, but that doesn't erase its Jewish authorship. ([Aish](#))
- **John 5:46 proves continuity, not conversion.** Jesus telling Jews "Moses wrote about Me" is an argument that the Torah points to him as Messiah. It is not a claim that Moses was a proto-Christian. He makes the same point elsewhere (Luke 24:27, 44). ([John 5:46](#)), ([Luke 24:27](#)), ([Luke 24:44](#))
- **The New Testament itself refutes the claim.** Jesus says he came to fulfill, not abolish, the Law (Matthew 5:17–19). Paul calls the Jews entrusted guardians of "the words of God" (Romans 3:1–2) and lists the adoption, glory, covenants, giving of the law, worship, promises, patriarchs, and the Messiah as belonging to Israel (Romans 9:4–5). Jesus was "born under the law" (Galatians 4:4), kept Passover, cited "the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44), and is called "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David" (Revelation 5:5). The term "Christian" wasn't even used until Acts 11:26, in Antioch, decades after Jesus. ([Matthew 5:17–19](#)), ([Romans 3:1–2](#)), ([Romans 9:4–5](#)), ([Galatians 4:4](#)), ([Revelation 5:5](#)), ([Acts 11:26](#))
- **Erasing Jewish identity from scripture is the same move Islam makes with Jesus** — claiming he and Moses were "Muslims" and that the original message was later corrupted. Retroactively rebranding earlier figures to serve a later religion is ahistorical either way. Paul explicitly warns Gentile Christians against this kind of arrogance toward Israel's root: Gentiles are branches "grafted in," not a replacement for it, and "all Israel will be saved" points to restoration, not erasure. ([Islam for Christians](#)), ([Romans 11:17–26](#)).

QUOTES

"When we go up and we see the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings, we're going to see a rabbinic rabbi by the name of Jesus Christ sitting on the throne. He was a Torah-observant, Shabbat-observant Jew." — Charlie Kirk

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“You [Christians] reject when Muslims say that Jesus was a Muslim and that Christianity is false. But you give yourself the right to say that Judaism has nothing to do with the Bible, that Abraham and Jacob were Christians...those Jews are not real Jews...you hijacked their history, their prophets, their patriarchs, their scripture, but you don’t want Muslims to do the same thing to you. It’s ridiculous.” — Dan Burmawi, Christian influencer

“The people of Israel...theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised.” — Romans 9:4–5

TAKEAWAY

The Torah and its Ten Commandments are Jewish. Moses, David, and Daniel were Jews, not Christians, and no amount of retroactive labeling changes that. Even Jesus' own words affirm his connection to Jewish tradition, not a break from it.

The claim that "it's all Christian" collapses two separate ideas: *interpreting* a text and *authoring* it. Christians can read the Torah as pointing to Christ. That doesn't make them its authors, or its original owners.

Stripping the Jewish people of their own scripture is supersessionism pushed to an extreme, and it's a view rejected by mainstream biblical scholars, Jewish studies scholars, and plenty of Christian denominations themselves.