

## Modern Jews are not Israelites or even Semites

The majority of modern Jews are Ashkenazi (from Germany, France, Eastern Europe and Russia) and this faction dominates Israeli politics. These are not Semitic people at all but emanate from a medieval Turkic / Mongol tribe called Khazarians who converted to Judaism en masse in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Ashkenazim means 'Khazar Jews'; the Jewish Encyclopaedia explains that these Jews were Khazars (or 'Chazars'), a people of Turkish origin genetically related to Hun, Uigur and Magyar tribes. The Khazar kingdom was established in southern Russia before the foundation of the Russian monarchy by the Varangians in 855 AD. Though some object to this, it has been advanced by rabbis since the 19<sup>th</sup> century and has now been proved by genetics (published by Jews such as Eran Elhaik in 2012 or Ariella Oppenheim in 2001); blood doesn't lie. It is also affirmed by certain modern Jewish historians (e.g. Shlomo Sand, history professor at Tel Aviv University). Sand insisted that the Jews are not a race at all and have no Israelite connection; Jews are an ethnic conglomerate; a religious community descended from converts. Conversely, some Palestinians do have genetic proof that they are Israelite.

For example, a modern Jew claimed to be descended from Joseph but a genetic test revealed that the person was 80% European and 20% Mongolian. The DNA of Jews thought to be Kohanim (priestly class Jews) revealed that they were closer to Azerbaijanis. This is common. Few modern Jews have Semitic blood, let alone specific DNA connected to Abraham (which could not be proved anyway).

The smaller minority of Jews is Sephardim and in Israel these are persecuted by Ashkenazi Jews. They emanate from Spain and North Africa and are descendants of the Edomites that settled in Palestine after the Romans killed or deported all the Judaeans. This was a fulfilment of the prophecy of Jesus that the Jews would be crushed to powder. The original Judaeans of the Bible were wiped out and their house made desolate as Jesus promised (Matt 23:34-38). Sephardim are Semites, descending from Esau (Gen 25:30) and a Hittite woman, but God cursed these people ('For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment'; Isa 34:5) as Esau was rejected (Mal 1:3; Rm 9:13). During the Maccabean Wars the Edomites were conquered by the Jews and forced to convert to Judaism by John Hyrcanus [Josephus; *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 13, 9:1.]. After the Fall of Jerusalem the Abrahamic Judaeans were either killed or sold off as slaves to Arabs, Ethiopians and Egyptians. Edomites then resided in Palestine as Jews. The Jewish encyclopaedias confirm this [*Encyclopaedia Judaica*, Art. 'Edom', Vol 6, p378, (1971); *The Standard Jewish Encyclopaedia*, Doubleday, (1966), p592. *The Jewish Encyclopaedia*, Vol 5, p41, (1925)]. There are smaller factions of Jews, such as Ethiopian or Yemeni Jews or the Mizrahim,<sup>1</sup> but these are comparatively few and are supposed subsets of Sephardim.

Thus the Jews that dominate Israeli and American politics are not Semites at all. In fact the real Semites are Arabs, Assyrians and others descended from Ishmael. Furthermore, many of the Palestinians persecuted and murdered by Jews are Semitic Christians. '*Strictly speaking it is incorrect to call ... a contemporary Jew an 'Israelite' or a "Hebrew"*'.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Descendants of Babylonian Jews; Sephardic Jews in the Middle East.

<sup>2</sup> R Siegel & C Rheins; *The Jewish Almanac*, (1980), p3.