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The Jews: One of the World's Oldest Indigenous Peoples

JEWS ARE ISRAEL'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Excerpt (from page 14 of the heavily footnoted JCPA report):

"Canadian historian, researcher, and lawyer Alan Hertz, in his essay "Aboriginal Rights of the Jewish People" (2011)²³ summarizes as follows:

Of all extant Peoples, the Jewish People has the strongest claim to be aboriginal to the Holy Land, where Judaism, the Hebrew language, and the Jewish People were born (*ethnogenesis*) around 2,600 years ago. Before then, the Holy Land was home, inter alia, to the immediate ancestors of the Jewish People, including personalities like Kings David and Solomon, famous from the Hebrew Bible. And at that time and still earlier, the Holy Land was also home to other Peoples – like the Phoenicians, Ammonites, Moabites, Edomites, and Philistines. But all of those other Peoples have long since vanished from the world. Nobody today is entitled to make new claims on their behalf, including by reason of a supposed genetic descent that is only recently alleged and without basis in history and genome science.

Judaism, the Hebrew language, and the Jewish People were already established in the Holy Land for about a thousand years before the 6th-7th century CE ethnogenesis in Arabia of the Arab People, the birth of which was approximately coeval with the emergence of Islam and classical Arabic.

From the initial Muslim conquest of the Holy Land in the first half of the 7th century CE, Jews there suffered persistent discrimination and periodic persecution. However, neither the Arab People nor subsequent invaders succeeded in eradicating the local Jewish population or bringing an end to the links between the Jewish People and its aboriginal homeland."