# Hey! Great questions!

### **QUESTION 1:**

If Israel is the chosen land for all religions, and the Jews do want to live in unity with everyone - why do the Jews have the right to declare it a Jewish state and not a Muslim state?

### ANSWER:

First off, we declare it a Jewish state because we have that right. Do not forget that the British had control over the land that is now Israel. They then gave the responsibility to the UN and the UN had decided to make a Jewish state. They gave land to Jews and Palestinians. Jews accepted and Palestinians/Muslim countries rejected. Muslims chose war. What were Jews to do? Die?

The Jews won in the War of Independence. They declared statehood. Why can't they? There are 22 MUSLIM STATES. NO ONE EVER DENIED THEIR RIGHT TO DECLARE MUSLIM STATEHOOD. WHY CAN'T JEWS DECLARE JEWISH STATEHOOD?

The people who refuse to live in unity are the Palestinians and Arabs who do not want to come to the table and negotiate, have rejected peace offers, and REJECTED THE ORIGINAL 2 STATE SOLUTION WHICH WAS 1947 UN PARTITION PLAN. The Palestinians had opportunities for statehood so many times and rejected. That is the sole reason there is no Palestinian state. It is not Israel's or the world's requirement to make them happy. Making them happy would be to "wipe Israel off of the map." Why does the world have to do as the Palestinians demand just because they were displeased with the LEGAL partitioning of the land?

Jews do not deny anyone else's relationship to the holy site. NOT SO WITH THE PALESTINIANS. During the 2000 Camp David Summit, Yasser Arafat said that no Jewish Temple ever existed on the Temple Mount. A year later, the Palestinian Authority—appointed Mufti of Jerusalem, Ikrima Sabri, told the German publication *Die Welt*, "There is not [even] the smallest indica- tion of the existence of a Jewish temple on this place in the past. In the whole city, there is not even a single stone indicating Jewish history." HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY PROVE OTHERWISE. Its identity with the site of Solomon's Temple is beyond dispute. This, too, is the spot, according to universal belief, on which David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings." More authoritatively, the Koran—the holy book of Islam—describes Solomon's construction of the First Temple (34:13) and recounts the destruction of the First and Second Temples (17:7). Just to name a few examples, though I shouldn't have to give a rundown of history.

Jews were even going to allow the internationalization of Jerusalem! When Jordan invaded East Jerusalem, it divided the city for the first time in its history, and drove thousands of Jews—whose families had lived in the city for centuries—into exile. Jordan barred Jews and Israeli Muslims from their holy sites. TALK ABOUT NOT LIVING IN UNITY WITH OTHERS! PREPOSTEROUS! Consequently, the UN partition plan, including its proposal that Jerusalem be internationalized, was overtaken by events. Side note: these are also the people who celebrated in the streets passing out candy when 9/11 occurred.

Jews are not the ones who create issues of not living in unity with everyone. Jews have 4 quarters for 4 different groups of people. Even the Temple Mount- Muslims wont let anyone but themselves there- they claim it is there's even though it is holy to others too. Israel does not do that, yet is blamed for not being fair! While Jews allow everyone to come to the Kotel. Israel does not deny access to anyone. Even recently, there have been more citizens of Muslim countries visiting Israel, while several Muslims countries do not allow Israelis to visit there's. There are 13 countries that do not recognize the state of Israel and do not admit Israeli passport holders (photo below).

AND IF THE SITES ARE SO HOLY TO THE MUSLIMS, WHY DO THEY DISRESPECT THEM? When Jordan took over Jerusalem, the place was in ruins!! No way to treat one's holy site, eh? Many Muslims, with the approval, and sometimes incitement, of the Waqf and Mahmoud Abbas's Palestinian Authority, have desecrated their own holy places by using them as armories and instigating riots against non-Muslim visitors and the police trying to protect them. "We contaminate our mosques with our own hands and feet, and then blame Jews for desecrating Islamic holy sites," according to Middle East scholar Bassam Tawil. "If anyone is desecrating Islamic

holy sites, it is those who bring explosives, stones, and firebombs into Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Jews who visit the Temple Mount do not bring with them stones, bombs, or clubs. It is young Muslim men who are desecrat- ing our holy sites with their 'filthy feet'" (a reference to Abbas's slur against Jews visiting the Temple Mount). One explanation for Palestinian violence on the Temple Mount is that riots are a proven method for provoking an Israeli reaction with the intent of tarring Israel's reputation.

Israel is holy to all religions- specifically Jerusalem- but it is not THE holiest for the Muslims as they claim it to be. They only started claiming that to be true when Jews came in to the picture. Jerusalem is only Islam's 3<sup>rd</sup> holiest site and they do not even pray towards it like Jews do. Only after the destruction of the Second Temple, control of the Temple Mount passed through several conquering powers. It was during the early period of Muslim control, in the seventh century, that the Dome of the Rock was built on the site of the ancient temples. And they don't even treat it that well, while claiming everyone else is the issue.

# **QUESTION 2:**

Why does it have to be a Jewish run government if the indigenous people are Muslim and according to their beliefs, it is their chosen land as well?

## ANSWER:

Muslims are not indigenous to Israel. It is the Jews who are the aboriginal tribe based on their presence in the Holy Land for more than two thousand years. Of all the people who lived in the area at that time, such as Phoenicians, Moabites, Philistines, only the Jews remain today. The Arabs, however, are not native to "Palestine"; they are aboriginal to Arabia. "Judaism, the Hebrew language, and the Jewish people were established in the Holy Land for about a thousand years" BEFORE THE EMERGENCE OF ISLAM.

If it is their chosen land then they can live there too. They had opportunities for peace and refused. So I am not so sure they really want it so bad. Seems they claim they do because they need to claim the Israelis are causing issues for their desire for "freedom" and "statehood." If they want to live peacefully among others, then stop bombing us and sending terrorists to murder us. If they want to move around peacefully, stop threatening Israelis. What are Israelis supposed to do? Allow terrorists to enter and murder them? Americans wouldn't allow this. British wouldn't. Why do Israelis have to? GAZA WAS GIVEN TO PALESTINIANS AND LOOK WHAT THERE IS NOW. CHAOS! This answers your question.

Why can't it be a Jewish government? (I want an actually answer to this.) What is the issue with it being a Jewish state. It was created to be.

Besides, there ARE Arabs and Christians sitting in the government. An Arab in the past has even sentenced a Jew to prison. Arabs have so many freedoms and rights in Israel that they don't even have in Muslim countries!

On July 19, 2018, Israel adopted a new Basic Law: Israel – The Nation State of the Jewish People. The law provoked controversy inside and outside of Israel.

This clause is consistent with the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, which sought to "encourage . . . close settlement by Jews." It does not "prescribe or authorize any particular policies" unlike, for example, the state constitution of Hawaii, which authorizes land policies to promote homesteading by ethnic Hawaiians, and provides preferential land policies for them. Israel's Supreme Court has ruled that Arabs have a right to create residential communities in Israel that exclude Jews but Jews do not have the same right to exclude Arabs. One indication of the double standard applied to Israel is that no international uproar followed Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' declaration that not "A SINGLE ISRAELI" would be permitted to live in a Palestinian state (Noah Browning, "Abbas wants 'not a single Israeli' in future Palestinian state," Reuters, July 29, 2013).). WHY IS NO ONE CALLING OUT ABOUT THIS STATEMENT OF HIS (besides for me, of course).

In the case of the Nation State Law, members of Knesset voted by a 62-55 majority to approve the legislation. This is democracy in action. Still, like Americans, Israelis can challenge laws in court, and three Knesset members have already done so, one sign of the health of Israel's democracy. Another indication is the ability of Israelis to vote for new representatives who could revoke or alter the law if they can convince a majority of all Knesset members a change is warranted.