

Israel Arab Knesset Member Trips up: Blesses Jews on Tanakh Day for Ownership of Temple Mount



MK Ahmad Tibi of The Joint Arab List

This past week, the Israeli Knesset or parliament recognized Tanakh Day.

Tanakh is an acronym of the first Hebrew letter of each of the Masoretic Text's three traditional subdivisions: Torah ("Teaching", also known as the Five Books of Moses), Nevi'im ("Prophets") and Ketuvim ("Writings")—hence Ta

On Tanakh Day, [MK Ahmad Tibi](#) of the Joint Arab List, a Doctor by profession, strode to the rostrum to give a teaching from the Tanakh excoriating his Israeli Jewish colleagues for not following the tradition set by King David defying Ha Shem's dictate to "seize Jebusite lands", instead paying a full price for a threshing floor, which according to Chronicles was Mount Moriah, the site of what is known as the Temple Mount. The obvious ploy by Tibi was to use the Tanakh to admonish Israel for alleged occupation of Palestinian lands including alleged Muslim provenance of the Temple Mount, the flashpoint of the current Palestinian violent uprising seeking to kill Jews. Problem is that Tibi according a Jewish colleague in the Knesset screwed up. Instead of cursing, he ended up blessing ancient Jewish figures in the Tanakh.

Our colleagues at Gates of Vienna and Vlad Tepes [translated](#)

Tibi's remarks and those of the Knesset member who revealed Tibi's faux pas, misreading of the 'text' and in process confirming Jewish ownership of the Temple Mount.

[Watch](#) the Vladtepes You Tube video of Tibi's presentation and then read the translated transcript and

Rebuttal by MK Yinon Magal posted on his Facebook page:

MK Ahmad Tibi came to curse but ended up blessing us.

Yesterday, in honor of the upcoming "Tanakh Day" he gave a speech in the Knesset, trying to compare today's Jews and the Jews from the Bible.

Out of all Tanakh stories, Tibi chose the one about King David's purchase of Arvana's goren (threshing floor).

The story was supposed to show how the mighty King David refused to rob a non-Jew of his property (in contrast to what the modern Jews routinely do to Palestinians, according to Mr. Tibi).

The King insisted on paying the Jebusite owner full price for the place, which Tibi said was somewhere in Galilee, Israel's north.

Well, maybe the honorable MK is not aware of this, but the place, purchased by King David for a just and full price, is none other than the Temple Mount.

Here is the quote from Chronicles:

"Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite."

Video transcript:

00:01	I want to remind you, for starters,
00:05	of the story about King David,
00:09	when God told him that in order to stop a plague,
00:14	he had to build an altar in a certain place.
00:20	David went there, it was in Galilee,
00:24	and discovered that the place belonged to Arvana the Jebusite,
00:31	one of the minorities.
00:36	By God's decree, he had to seize the land, which belonged to the Jebusite,
00:43	in order to stop the plague.
00:46	The Jebusite fell to the ground as soon as he saw the king enter his yard,
00:54	and David bowed back.
00:58	The king asked how much Jebusite wanted for his land,
01:02	and Arvana said: "Take it for free!"
01:06	He was one of the minorities, you see, and David was the king.
01:10	The Jebusite was afraid; he was shaking in fear.
01:12	He said: "Take it , no charge!"
01:14	David insisted that he would pay more than the land was worth.
01:20	Jebusite wanted to give it to the king free of charge.
01:23	In those days, it was a very humane thing to do!
01:30	God said to the King: "Seize the land!"
01:34	The king said: "Man has rights.
01:39	I will make a lawful purchase."
01:44	Modern Jews are not the Jews of old.

01:48	The reference is only to those on this side.
01:50	Maybe a little to this side, too, after yesterday.
01:55	I wish that all those claiming to be part of King David's legacy,
02:05	but stealing Palestinians' land, would learn this story.