

Did Anyone Live In Palestine Prior to the Formation of Israel?

There Were People In Palestine

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Many claim that no one lived in Palestine prior to the formation of the state of Israel. Indeed, Israel was sited in Palestine under [the slogan](#):

“A land without a people for a people without a land”

But the history of Palestine is [much more complicated](#):

The claim that no one lived in Palestine is undercut by this video footage shot in 1896:

And any implication that there was no *place* called Palestine is undercut by this [travel advertisement](#) from the [1940s](#):



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