

# Re: Population Ancient Israel

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martin.winer@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

For example:

<http://philtar.ucsm.ac.uk/encyclopedia/judaism/ancisr.html>

This bounds the population at 300,000 based on the size of the major cities.

I'm just looking for some more quotes as to the population size of ancient Jerusalem and Israel to drive point home with my religious critics who believe there could have been 21 million there at that time!

You have a problem here – there was no "Israel" in 1000 BCE. Your source only refers to a "Israelite Religion" as well. The "Israelites" were alleged to be a tribe of people, nothing more. For a while there was a province of "Israel" in the north. It was ruled by Rehoboam, son of Solomon after his death (around 928 BCE). They were in constant conflict and intertribal rivalry within "Israel" and it was conquered by Assyrians in about 722 BCE and it ceased to exist.

The nation to the south was Judea.

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The one who is educated from the wrong books is not educated, he is misled.

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