The Black Jews of Southern Africa

The Lembas and their claim to Jewish ancestry by Tawanda S. Madovi – Mushavi.
Lemba DNA Findings Published


Lemba DNA findings brought to the attention of the world in 2000


• In USA, the Nova series on PBS made a documentary.

• CBS’s *Sixty minutes* carried the story

• UK Channel 4 aired a documentary written and presented by Tudor Parfitt on the findings titled *In search of the sons of Abraham*. 
1997, 1998 DNA Findings on Lemba and Jewish Priests

• Parfitt, “Among Jewish Priests (Cohanim) 50% of the sample had one specific constellation of markers which became known as the Cohen modal haplotype (CMH). The CMH may clearly be seen as a marker for the descendants of the priests of the Jerusalem Temple”

• The research also showed that these priests had one common ancestor from around 3000 years ago. It is assumed that this should be Aron the brother of Moses.
The Lemba CMH on Buba

Parfitt, “When my colleagues tested the Lemba DNA samples for the presence of CMH – as a way of testing for potential Jewish antecedents – they had a mighty surprise. Almost exactly the same proportion of Lemba males carried the CMH as did the overall Jewish population. But even more extraordinary was the fact that the CMH was found in more than 50% of the Buba clan, the lemba priests, the guardians of the Ngoma Lungundu”

“The CMH is virtually non existent in non- Jewish populations. It occurs among the Lemba Priests at almost precisely the same frequency as it does among Jewish Cohanim”
Lemba Priests are Descended from Aaron

• Parfitt, “This same common ancestor who lived more or less 3000 years ago may reasonably be taken to be Aaron or someone close to his generation”

• “Which meant that the Buba clan were in direct line of descent from the priests who once served in the Jerusalem temple”

• Scientific evidence finally supported the Lemba oral tradition.
How Lembas left Yemen
Lemba Initiation Zimbabwe
Star of David with the Elephant – Lemba Emblem in Sa.
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