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The Indestructible Jew!

THE indestructible Jew! Such has the world called our people. Pharaoh tried to drown us, but we still live. Haman tried to hang us, but we still live. Hitler thought he had found the "Final Solution" to the Jewish question with his gas chambers, and one out of every three Jews in the world perished. Twenty years later, however, we are still a strong and virile people, and with our own homeland now after more than 2,000 years of being "wanderers among the nations."

How many eulogies and explanations have been written on the Jews! Of their ethics, business and professional acumen, and their contribution to civilization. But an explanation for their being has never been found through philosophy, sociology or logic. Philosophers have worn their brains out and historians have filled volumes in their efforts to explain the Jew. But all philosophy and all history has been finally driven to that dramatic confession of Hegel, "The Jew, he is an enigma — I cannot understand him!"

And, sad to say, how conceited have become some of our Jewish leaders on account of the phenomenon that they do not understand! And how boastful! Only too often we read of some rabbi stand in his pulpit and in tones of superiority talk about what a great people "we Jews" are and how we are suffering for the sins of the world—a people chosen by God to bring knowledge of Him to all people! And the average Jew, ignorant of the Word of God and of the most elementary facts of Jewish history, believes this, and as a result is, in turn, filled with a sense

of false pride and conceit and feels superior because he is one of the "Chosen People."

THE BIBLE OUR HISTORY

Now if we Jews only knew our Bibles, we would realize that there is nothing inherent in ourselves to account for our long history of the bitterest persecution that any people has ever known. Nothing is more clearly revealed in the Word of God than the fact that we owe our existence to God alone, and not to any qualities we may have, but because for His own purpose God wills it. Basically we are no different from other people. We perform all the same functions. We have our great men who have been benefactors of all mankind, and we have outcasts of society, too. We have those who *give* of life, and those who only *take*—just like the Gentiles! It is God who has kept us through all these years of butchery and massacre; it is God who has preserved us in the lands of our enemies, and restrained the hand of the destroyer; it is God who has kept the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night over our scattered Jews everywhere.

And the same God who warned us so solemnly that He would scatter us among the nations of the world also gave us this wonderful assurance:

And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the Lord their God. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the

land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the Lord (Leviticus 26:44,45).

If God has been keeping us in spite of our persecutors and enemies, one may ask, why does He permit all this to happen to us. If He has kept us as a nation from destruction, why has He not kept persecution from us? The God who can *preserve*, can He not *protect*? We must first of all remember that it was God who allowed us to be scattered among those very nations who have tried to destroy us. If He did so evidently it was with a very good reason. Just read the frightful warning that He gave to us way back in the days of Moses:

...it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee (Deuteronomy 28:15).

Let us examine a few of these curses and perhaps we will then better understand something of our unique history:

And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron (verse 23).

What can this mean? Surely, if anything at all it indicates that heaven will be closed to our prayers. We will pray and God will not hear. This explains the suffering of the pious of Israel who went to their death as martyrs during the Inquisition, during the Crusades and during the Nazi holocaust in Europe with the words of the "Shema" on their lips. Did God hear their prayers, or were the heavens like impenetrable brass over their heads?

And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee (verse 37).

Have you ever heard the expression "to Jew" somebody? I have even heard Jews use it! Is this not a "byword?"

And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other.... (verse 64).

The official bulletin of the Israel Office of Statistics recently stated that

What Do The Prophets Say Of The Messiah?

Jews are surprised when they are told that the Old Testament contains hundreds of testimonies and proofs of the identity of the Messiah. Moses wrote of Him, and Jeremiah promised a New Testament, and Micah prophesied concerning His birthplace; Isaiah the manner of His birth and His person. Abraham said, "Son, remember! if they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." If you are interested, write and ask for our free folder, "Son, Remember!"

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there are over 90 different countries from which Jews have returned to settle in Israel. How did they get there? They were "scattered" for unfaithfulness.

The prophet Hosea foresaw, under the Spirit of God, what would eventually happen to his people, he said:

My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations [i. e. Hebrew, *Goyim*] (Hosea 9:17).

and God says:

I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense....(Hosea 5:15).

JEWS REJECT MOSES

Yes, as a nation we are suffering for some unacknowledged sin of our own, not the sins of the Gentiles. What is the one sin we as a people resolutely refuse to accept? Is it not that nationally we made a serious blunder in rejecting Jesus of Nazareth when He came as our Messiah? There are Rabbis today who are teaching that it is still not too late to revise our national position, and to accept Jesus as one of our prophets. But such teachers are in a very small minority, and their teaching is not acceptable to the majority of our people.

Even were we to accept Him as a prophet it still would not be a solution to, or an end of, our problems as a nation. We have to accept Him nationally as our Messiah, and then only can we find national salvation.

Now the State of Israel exists by the permissive will of God, and He is allowing us, as He promised long ago, to return to the Promised Land. It was not the Israel Defense Army, or the United Nations decision of 1947, but the will of God alone that has made this possible. And what have we learned from these events of our generation? Very little, for we still listen to the wrong leaders.

The false teaching of an apostate Christianity has claimed that we Jews have been scattered and persecuted among all nations because of our rejection of Jesus of Nazareth, and handing Him over to the Roman rulers of Palestine, and demanding His death. This false doctrine, without any Biblical foundation, has been one of the prime sources of anti-Semitism over the ages, and God has permitted this unjustified persecution and suffering as He permitted the Nazi massacre in Europe. Why?

Our Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, when He was here, before His rejection, gave to the Jewish leaders of His day the true reason for our situation, when He said:

Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed

Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me (John 5:45,46).

WITHOUT CHRIST, NO HOPE

In the Scriptures the Lord Jesus Christ is called the wisdom of God and the power of God:

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:23,24).

In other words true wisdom and true knowledge of God are only to be had through the Lord Jesus Christ, and in Hosea 4:6 God tells us that we have deliberately rejected wisdom and knowledge and He has a controversy with us.

He has not only scattered us over the face of the earth, but He must also preserve us until He shall have settled His controversy with us. When our ancestors deliberately refused to accept the Lord Jesus Christ in Jerusalem because of the false teaching of their leaders, He told them what would be the consequence of their sin:

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord (Matthew 23:38,39).

God's controversy with us will only be settled when we confess to Him our national sin, and accept His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ as our Messiah. If our leaders had *believed* what Moses taught concerning the Messiah our history would have been different; we would have been the "head" and not the "tail" of the nations, and Jesus of Nazareth would have been accepted as the promised Messiah and all Israel would have been saved.

PERSONAL SALVATION ONLY IN CHRIST

God is giving us in the present time a chance to do this of our own free will individually and to accept Him as our personal Saviour from our sin.

No one can compel you to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. You have it in your power to say yes or no just as our nation had a free chance to accept or reject Him as the Messiah. And because God has given you that power or chance He will hold you responsible for your decision.

God has a controversy with you who are now reading these lines. You may not live to be in Jerusalem when God consummates His controversy with us, when, as Zechariah foretells; the Messiah will return and His feet shall stand upon the

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Mount of Olives and we, as a nation will mourn for Him and say:

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:3,5).

But you can accept Him now as your personal Saviour and Redeemer — believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved!

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די תורה — אונזער געשיכטע בוך

יעדער וועלכער לערנט די תורה ווייסט אז עס איז נישט קיין ירושה-זאך דאס וואס מיר יידן לעבן אזו לאנג אין דער וועלט געשיכטע טראץ דעם וואס מיר זיינען געווארן אזוי פארפאלגט פון אונזערע פיינט. די תורה לערנט אונז אז דאס וואס מיר עקזיסטירן איז ווייל גאט וויל אזוי! און נישט צו ליב אונזערע ספעציעלע פעהיגקייטן. אין נאטור זיינען מיר נישט אנדערש פון אלע אנדערע פעל-קער. אמת, מיר האבן גרויסע מענטשן וועלכע זיינען געווען א ברכה פאר דער מענטשהייט אבער מיר האבן אויך געהאט אויסווארפן וועלכע זיינען געווען א קללה. מיר האבן מענטשן וועלכע ניבן און אויך אזעלכע וועלכע זיינען נאר נעמערס. דאס זעלבע איז ביי די אומות העולם. זיי האבן גרויסע און גוטע מענטשן און אויך שלעכטע.

גאט דער אלמעכטיקער איז דער איינציקער וועל-כער האט אונז אויפגעהאלטן במשך די טויזנטער יארן פון לידן און פארפאלגונגען. דער זעלבער

„דער אייביקער ייד“, אזוי האט די וועלט אונז גערופן. פרעה דער מלך פון מצרים האט אונז געוואלט דערטרונקען אבער מיר לעבן, המן ו"ש האט אונז געוואלט הענגען אבער מיר האבן אים איבערגעלעבט, היטלער ו"ש האט אונז געוואלט פארברענען אין די גאז קאמערן אבער מיר זיינען היינט צו טאג, צוואנציק יאר נאך דעם ווי א דריטל פון אונזער פאלק איז אומגעקומען, א שטארק און גרויס פאלק. מיר האבן אויך אן אייגן לאנד נאך צוויי טויזנט יאר פון וואנדערונגען צווישן פעל-קער און פיינט.

א, וויפיל לויב געזאנגען זיינען געשריבן גע-ווארן איבער די יידישע פעהיגקייט אין האנדל, וויסענשאפט, ליטעראטור? אבער קיינער האט נישט געשריבן וועגן זייער פעהיגקייט צו עקזיסטירן. פילאזאפן, סאציאלאגן, היסטאריקער האבן זיך זיי ערע קעג געבראכן וועלענדיק פארשטיין דעם ייד אבער אלע זיינען געקומען צו דעם אויספיר פון דעם פילאזאף הענעל אז „דער ייד איז א רעטעניש“ „איך קען אים נישט פארשטיין.“

און לידער צום באדויערן זעען מיר זיי די יידישע פירערס זיינען געווארן גרויסהאלטערס און בארימערס! נישט איינמאל הערט מען ווי א רב גייט ארויף צום באלעמער אין בית המדרש און בארימט זיך און זאגט: „א, וואס פאר א גרויס פאלק מיר יידן זיינען! און ווי שטארק „מיר יידן“ לידן פאר די זינד פון די וועלט! מיר זיינען א פאלק וועלכעם איז בעאויפטראגט פון גאט צו ברענגען וויסענשאפט צו די פעלקער.“ די יידן וועלכע הערן זיך צו צו דעם, גלויבן אין דעם, ווייל זיי זיינען אינגארנט וואס שייך די תורה הקדושה, און אין די עלעמענטארסטע פאקטן פון יידישע היסטאריע. דעריבער ווערן זיי אָנגעפילט מיט פאלשע שטאלצקייט. ער האלט זיך גרויס מיט דעם פאקט וואס ער געהערט צו דעם „אויסדער-וויילטן פאלק.“

גאט וועלכער האט אונז געוואַרנט אז ער וועט אונז צושפרייטן צווישן די פעלקער, דער זעלבער גאט האט אויך פארזיכערט דאס פאלגעדיקע:

און אויך פאר די אלע זאכן ווען זיי וועלן זיין אין דעם שונאים לאנד וועל איך זיי נישט פארלאזן. איך וועל זיי נישט גענצליך פארניכטן, און וועל נישט ברעכן מיין אָפּמאָך מיט זיי, ווייל איך בין זייער גאט, און האָר, איך וועל געדענקען דעם אָפּמאָך מיט זייערע אַבות וועלכע איך האָב פון מצרים אַרויסגעצויגן אין די אַיגן פון דער גאַנצער וועלט. כדי איך זאָל זיין זייער גאָט. איך בין דער האָר! (ויקרא כ"ו, 44, 54.)

אויב גאט האט אונז אויפגעהאלטן אזוי לאנג צווישן די פיינט, פאר וואס האט ער ערלויבט אז מיר זאלן אזוי פיל לידן? דער גאט וועלכער האט געקענט אונז אויפגעהאלטן קען ער דען נישט אויך מאכן אז מיר זאלן נישט לידן און אומקומען פון די הענט פון אונזערע פיינט? צו קען גאט אונז

וואס זאגט די נביאות וועגן דעם משיח?

יידן זיינען פארוואונדערט ווען זיי הערן אז דער אלטער טעסטאמענט אנטהאלט הונדערטער פסוקים וועלכע באשרייבן ישוע המשיח פון נצרת. משה רבנו האט וועגן אים געשריבן אז ער וועט מאכן א נייעם בונד מיט די יידן, מיכה זאגט וואו ער וועט געבוירן ווערן, ישעיה זאגט ווי אזוי ער וועט געבוירן ווערן, אברהם האט געזאגט: זון געדענק, אויב זיי וואלטן געגלייבט אין משה און די נביאים וואלטן זיי געגלויבט אין משיח אויך. זיי גלויבן נישט אין משיח ווייל זיי גלויבן נישט אין דער תורה. אפילו זיי וועלן זען איינעם אויפשטיין תחת המתים וועלן זיי אויך נישט גלויבן. אויב איר זייט אינטערעסירט שרייבט צו אונז און בעט א קאפיע פון דעם בוך „זון געדענק!“

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