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**THE WAR
AGAINST
THE JEWS**
HAMAN TO HITLER TO HEZBOLLAH

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There is no denying it—the world has been at war with the Jewish people ever since God gave them His Torah on Mount Sinai.

Most Christians do not understand their Hebraic roots and many are unaware of the atrocities that were committed against the Jewish people in the name of Christ. King Solomon declares in Proverbs 18:15 that, *“The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”* With this in mind, allow me to take you on a short journey of the endless war against the Jews.

Both Biblical accounts and secular history give multiple examples of failed attempts to eradicate the Hebrew nation. For centuries the Jewish people have suffered defamation, persecution, dispersment and systematic annihilation.

This all-consuming hatred has not been a consequence of their enemy's aims of achieving a political ideal, or a necessity to acquire vast resources or even the objective to confiscate territory—the unrivaled animosity exists simply because they are Jews. This one-of-a-kind bigotry has been branded anti-Judaism or anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism

Father Edward H. Flannery, in his book, *The Anguish of the Jews* wrote,

The sin of anti-Semitism contains many sins, but in the end it is a denial of Christian faith, a failure of Christian hope,

and a malady of Christian love.”

Bottom line, no one has to hate Jews in order to love Jesus.¹

Anti-Semitism is an ancient and sustained crisis of civilization. It is one of the most malicious forms of racism in human history—it is a despicable fear, hatred, and contempt of the Jewish people without cause. This loathing for God’s Chosen has remained so widespread since ancient times that recently the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance—an intergovernmental group comprised of 31 nations—adopted the definition of anti-Semitism as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews that can also target the state of Israel.”²

Early *anti-Semitism* was first termed *anti-*

1 The War Against the Jew Dagobert D. Runes

2 LDB The Luis D. Brandies Center 31 Countries Adopt New Definition of Anti-Semitism that Includes Anti-Zionism The Tower June 3, 2016

Judaism and defined as the opposition to the Jewish faith and those who practiced it. At the core, they are one in the same. When Jacob and his sons first entered Egypt to reunite with Joseph they were honored guests but this hospitality was short lived.

The Book of Exodus records various examples of the gentile's phobia and scorn of the Jewish people. One such example was Thutmoses III, the Pharaoh of the Exodus. He singled out the Jewish people for fear they would overtake his reigning government; a myth that would live through the centuries;

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war,

that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.”
(Exodus 1:8-10)

After the Exodus from Egypt (1446 BC), Joshua led the Israelites to victory in battles throughout Canaan. Following Joshua's death, Israel was ruled by a series of judges until the prophet Samuel appointed Saul and later, David as kings of Israel. David conquered the Jebusites and made Jerusalem the capital of Israel. After King David's death, his son Solomon built and dedicated the First Temple in the Holy City (960-953 BC).

Following the reign of King Solomon there was a breaking away of the Northern Kingdom of Israel (ten tribes) from the Southern Kingdom of Judah (two tribes). Eventually the Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians bringing

about the deportation of ten of the twelve tribes throughout the Assyrian Empire (722 BC).

A little over one hundred and thirty years later, King Nebuchadnezzar conquered the Kingdom of Judah resulting in the destruction of the First Temple and the exile of the Jews to Babylon (586 BC). I will expand on this dispersion, or scattering of the Jews [Diaspora], in a later chapter dealing with the capture and displacement of the prophet Daniel.

Haman's Final Solution

Throughout their time in exile the Jewish people experienced indoctrination, torture and death but they remained faithful to the Torah. In time, the Babylonians were defeated by King Cyrus the Great of Persia in the 4th century BCE. Eventually King Xerxes, son of Darius, became the leader of the Persian Empire which encompassed

over 127 nations to include the vast majority of displaced Jews. While a certain number of Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem after the Edict of Cyrus to rebuild the Temple most remained in their displaced lands.

Esther and her cousin Mordechai lived in Shushan, a robust cultural, political and religious center within the empire. The Book of Esther records a deliberate incident of anti-Judaism which began when King Xerxes appointed Haman, the Agagite, as his Prime Minister. (475 BC)

Haman was a descendant of Agag, king of the Amalekites who were the first enemies Israel encountered after crossing the Red Sea into the Promised Land. Haman demanded that the whole of the kingdom pay him homage. But there was one who would not—Mordechai, the leader of the Jewish people. Mordechai refused to bow

before Haman lest he offend the Lord.

Haman was incensed with Mordechai's defiance but was not satisfied with punishing one man; he instead devised a plan to eradicate the entire Hebrew population from the Persian Empire. Professor Rabbi Martin Lockshin proposes that, "On the political level, Haman may have been the first to articulate the "dual loyalty" argument, contending that the Jews' allegiance to their own laws [the Torah] causes them to be disloyal to the laws of the state."³

Haman approached King Xerxes with his lethally deceptive and enticing offer,

There is a certain people [the Jews] scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws [Torah Laws] are different from all other

3 Haman's Antisemitism: What Did He Not Like About the Jews? Professor Rabbi Martin Lockshin

people's, and they do not keep the king's laws [dual loyalty]. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain. If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed...I pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it [the wealth of the Jews] into the king's treasuries. Esther 3:8-9

Mordechai's nemesis proposed to increase the king's coffers by nearly two-thirds with the spoils he expected to seize from the Jews through his elaborate plot. Haman is often referred to as the first "persecutor of the Jews" because of his attempt to exterminate the seed of Abraham. The Lord remained faithful to the promise He made Abraham as recorded in Genesis 12 and totally destroyed Haman and his family instead.

The Greeks and the Romans

The Persian Empire, which included Judea, was conquered by Alexander the Great in 331 BC. After Alexander's untimely death, the Greek Empire was divided among his ten generals. One of the kings descending from this dispersion of power was Antiochus IV Epiphanes. This ruler was notorious for his cruelty against the Jews of Judea and Samaria.

The Greeks wasted no time in introducing repulsive pagan practices into the established customs of the Jewish people. They attempted to "de-Judaize" observant Jews by forcing them to worship other gods; however the majority of the Jews refused to denounce their faith. As a result, Antiochus ordered the plunder of Jewish property and the slaughter of the dissenters. But ultimately it was the desecration of the Holy Temple that drove

the Jews to revolt.

When the practice of the Mosaic Law was outlawed, the Jewish citizenry became outraged and joined forces with a priestly family known as the Maccabees. The successful rebellion against Antiochus IV brought an end to Jewish oppression and allowed for the re-consecration of the defiled Temple of Jerusalem (167 to 160 BC).

The supernatural victory of the Maccabean Revolt brought with it a resurgence of national pride. This sense of liberation produced a wave of Jewish writings declaring the “glories of Israel and envisioned her ultimate triumph over all nations under the scepter of the Messiah”⁴

But this new found independence ended when the Roman General Pompey captured the city of Jerusalem from the Greeks in

4 The Anguish of the Jews Twenty Three Centuries of Anti-Semitism Edward H. Flannery p. 13

63 BC. Rome embraced the Greek disdain for the Jewish people and as a result of Pompey's conquest, 12,000 Jews were slaughtered and many more were exiled.

The Romans were proud of their gods and were absolutely intolerant of any religion that would undermine their own. On the other hand, the Jewish people knew that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was a jealous God forbidding any form of idol worship. Once again, the Jewish people stayed true to their faith.

The Greeks and the Romans, like other societies before them, incessantly targeted the Jewish people because they would not adapt to their cultures or polytheistic religions. The Jews of the Diaspora considered Jerusalem to be their Holy City and Jehovah God to be their *only* God. But the refusal to embrace their Gentile ruler's demands prompted great

resentment for the Jews and was viewed as a direct rebellion against the established government—Haman’s lie of “dual loyalty” lived on.

What the gentile nations failed to understand was that the Jewish people were set apart *to* God—*by* God. From the time Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt through the moment Joshua led them into the Promised Land, they were cast into a “religious and social solidarity”. Edward Flannery describes this cohesion perfectly,

“From the heights of Sinai, the voice of Yahweh had thundered forth the tenet of unity: “I, the Lord, am your God... You shall have no other gods before Me....” (Exodus 20:2-3)”; and Israel’s election was made no less plain: “I, the Lord, am sacred, I, whom have set you apart from the other nations to be my own.” 5

5 The Aguish of the Jews Twenty-Three Centuries of Antisemitism Edward H. Flannery p.8

The Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Essenes and the Zealots

A short history of the four sects of Judaism will help you understand both the religious and political integration of Jewish life during the Roman rule of first century Jerusalem.

The Pharisees are known as the “spiritual fathers” of modern Judaism. They believed in the Torah or Written Law. They also believed in the Oral Law that God gave Moses at Sinai which was chronicled in the Talmud approximately three centuries later.

The Pharisees considered the Written and Oral Law to be co-dependent; yet held that nothing superseded the authority of the written Word. They also believed that God gave Moses the interpretation and application of His laws.

The Pharisees supported the concept of the resurrection of the dead, the existence of

an afterlife, and God's punishment of the wicked and His reward of the righteous in the world to come. They also believed in a messiah who would usher in an age of world peace. The Pharisees continued to observe the principles of Judaism even after the destruction of the Temple to include individual prayer and corporate gatherings in synagogues.

On the other end of the spectrum there were the "elitists" Sadducees who came from priestly, aristocratic, and military circles. They were often accused of pursuing wealth and higher social standing. They believed that God was not actively involved with the world and was far removed from evil.

The Sadducees believed in the sacrificial rites of Judaism but rejected the idea of the Oral Law insisting on a literal interpretation of the Written Law. They

dismissed the idea of an afterlife and primarily focused on participating in rituals associated with the Temple. This sect of Judaism was freely tolerant of the integration of Hellenism into their everyday lives.

Hellenism was a body of humanistic and classical ideals associated with ancient Greece. These Greek principles included the study of reason and the arts, the pursuit of secular knowledge and civic obligation, the development of the mind and body and the worship of polytheism. In their purest forms Hellenism and Judaism were opposing forces—the first believed in the holiness of beauty while the other believed in the beauty of holiness.

While the Sadducees led the good life and sought power in high places, the Pharisees believed that it was God's will for them to remain loyal to His Oral and Written

Law. Enter the Essenes who removed themselves from the struggle between the two opposing groups and retreated to their desert communities.

The Essenes were a small sect who devoted much of their time to studying the Torah. They believed in a stricter interpretation of the law than the Pharisees. The Essenes abstained from Temple worship in Jerusalem and were known for voluntarily living in poverty.

At the beginning of the Christian era (Common Era), a fourth Jewish faction arose among the Jewish people called the Zealots. Where the Essenes avoided confrontation, the Zealots welcomed it. These anti-Roman revolutionaries held the basic conviction that political and religious liberty from Rome was essential and should be achieved by any means possible. The most renowned story involving the Zealots,

aside from leading the revolt against Rome, was their last stand atop the mountain of Masada—here eight hundred of them committed suicide rather than being taken alive by the Romans.

Jerusalem had long been Hellenized by the Greeks and now the Romanization of some within the Jewish community eventually brought with it a corruption that had previously flared under Antiochus IV Epiphanes. The local Hellenists and Sadducees enjoyed their life style and defended Herod, the puppet-king of Rome.

The Pharisees were strongly against the contamination of the Jewish religion. In addition, the rank-and-file Jewish citizen despised King Herod for religious as well as political reasons, not to mention he was a ruthless dictator and murderer. However, the Pharisees also opposed a Jewish revolt anticipating catastrophic results.

Inadvertently, Rome had created a deep division within the Jewish community.

Finally, the combination of Rome's financial exploitation through exorbitant taxation, its unrestrained hatred for Judaism, and the brazen defilement of the Temple brought about the Zealot uprising known as the Great Revolt (66–70 AD).

Jewish historian Josephus records the devastating conquest of Jerusalem by the Roman General Titus as a result of the Zealot rebellion. Titus' ruthless and bloody assault on Jewish lives was relentless and ended with the destruction of the Second Temple and the slaughter of over 1,000,000 Jews.⁶

The Jewish people were sent into exile as captives, slaves and refugees with nearly 100,000 taken to Rome to build the Coliseum. As foreigners and outcasts in

6 Josephus

the nations of their scattering, they were exposed to discriminatory laws, exorbitant taxes, bigoted degradation and ending cruelty, and even more so after the rise of Christianity.

In addition to the more than one million Jews killed, this failed uprising, and others like them, resulted in the total loss of Jewish political authority in Israel up to 1948. This loss contributed to the magnitude of later Jewish catastrophes, such as the Holocaust, since it excluded Israel from being a safe haven for the large numbers of Jews escaping persecution around the globe.

However, even through the centuries of exile and oppression the hope for redemption of the land of Israel remained a central point of the Jewish faith and the people's beloved national identity.

The Church Fathers and Judaism

By now, most of the Jews of Jerusalem were dispersed throughout the ancient world and their unwavering devotion to their faith became an offense to the nations to which they migrated. For the most part, the Jews were tolerated; however, the advent of Christianity within the Roman Empire caused anti-Semitism to expand its ugly borders.

Initially, believers in Christ as Redeemer were recognized as just another Jewish sect, since Jesus and the disciples were Jewish and preached a form of Judaism. For a time both existed in some semblance of harmony. However, because of the mandate given in the Great Commission, the apostles evangelized all men with the Gospel through their travels in Europe and the Middle East. Soon the body of Christ exponentially multiplied to include non-Jews.

With the conversion of the emperors, beginning with Constantine, an idolatrous form of true Christianity eventually became the recognized religion of the Roman Empire and the official successor to Judaism. Constantine's acceptance of Christ was motivated by political purposes and was, at best, a blend of paganism and a Hellenistic type of Christianity.

In an attempt to solve various doctrinal controversies facing the newly formed Roman Church, Constantine called for the Council of Nicaea (325 AD). This ecumenical gathering was the first empire-wide council of church leaders and resulted in the creation and adoption of the Nicene Creed. By its end, the Council also successfully accomplished their goal to separate Christianity from Judaism.

Several new doctrines were recognized by the Council of Nicaea that contributed

to the church's formal disconnect with the Jewish roots of the newly established Christian doctrine and practices. In Constantine's own words, the objective was simple, "*Let us have nothing to do with the detestable Jewish rabble.*"

From this point forward, Christians were prohibited from following the Torah and observing the Sabbath and the Jewish Feasts. With a stroke of the pen, the Council formally substituted the observance of the God-ordained Passover with the celebration of Easter adapted from the pagan feast of Ishtar,

We also send you the good news of the settlement concerning the holy pasch, [Passover] namely that in answer to your prayers this question also has been resolved. All the brethren in the East who have hitherto followed the Jewish practice will henceforth observe the custom of the Romans

and of yourselves and of all of us who from ancient times have kept Easter [Ishtar] together with you. ⁷

However, observant Jews continued to adhere to the Torah which was the law of God. They refused to participate in pagan ritual practices and continued to faithfully observe the Feasts of the Lord. In addition, the Jewish people declined to accept Jesus as Lord in obedience to the mandate of God to Moses declaring, ***“Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.”*** (*Deuteronomy 6:4*) These actions were collectively viewed as a deliberate defiance against Rome’s rulers and their newly adopted “Christian” faith, which at this time embraced idols, remnants of pagan ritual worship and in many cases, sustained polytheism.

⁷ Life of Constantine Vol. III Ch. XVIII by Eusebius The Seven Ecumenical Councils

Many early church fathers were trained in the principles of logic and rational thought through the teachings of Greek philosophers such as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Since Judaism and Christianity were both rooted in the Old Testament, church leaders, like Ignatius, Origen, Martyr, Marcion and others thought it reasonable to affirm the newly found Christian doctrine by claiming it superseded Judaism. For example, Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch (98-117 AD) stated in his Epistle to the Magnesians,

*For if we are still practicing Judaism, we admit that we have not received God's favor...it is wrong to talk about Jesus Christ and live like Jews. For Christianity did not believe in Judaism, but Judaism in Christianity.*⁸

8 St. Ignatius of Antioch (98-117 A.D.)—Epistle to the Magnesians

This doctrine of Supersessionism is very much alive in the modern church today. It argues that the Jews are no longer deemed to be God's Chosen people and are "replaced" by the Church as a result of their rejection of Christ. This type of incessant denunciation of the Jewish people within the church's leadership contributed to the sustained animosity demonstrated against them.

Hatred for the Jews within the Christian movement grew exponentially as additional church leaders like Justin Martyr ruthlessly vilified them. In his document, *Dialogue with Trypho*, dated approximately 160 AD, Martyr stated,

The custom of circumcising the flesh, handed down from Abraham, was given to you as a distinguishing mark, to set you off from other nations and from us Christians. The purpose of this was that you and only

you might suffer the afflictions that are now justly yours; that only your land be desolated, and your cities ruined by fire, that the fruits of your land be eaten by strangers before your very eyes; that not one of you be permitted to enter your city of Jerusalem. Your circumcision of the flesh is the only mark by which you can certainly be distinguished from other men...as I stated before it was by reason of your sins and the sins of your fathers that, among other precepts, God imposed upon you the observance of the sabbath as a mark.⁹

John Chrysostom (349-407 AD), referred to in history as “The Golden Mouth”, at times praised the Jews for being God’s chosen, but he more often cursed and maligned them calling them “wretched

⁹ Justin Martyr, Dialogue With Trypho 11, in Ante-Nicene Fathers 1:200.

and miserable”, “good-for-nothing” and much worse after they refused to convert to Christianity. An example of his anti-Jewish vile is as follows,

*Jews are the most worthless of men – they are lecherous, greedy, rapacious – they are perfidious murderers of Christians, they worship the devil, their religion is a sickness... The Jews are the odious assassins of Christ and for killing god there is no expiation, no indulgence, no pardon. Christians may never cease vengeance. The Jews must live in servitude forever. It is incumbent on all Christians to hate the Jews.*¹⁰

Chrysostom’s warped theology was a continued form of Anti-Jewish Supersessionism, which was the precursor

10 Taken for Chrysostom’s Eight Homilies Against the Jews

to modern Replacement Theology.¹¹ His spiteful rhetoric was intended to discourage Christians from observing the Jewish feasts and customs and prevent them from becoming “sick with a Judaizing disease”.¹² Sadly, his anti-Semitic rants and those of other church leaders before him were used to validate sustained hatred and violence against the Jews.

Throughout the 3rd century discrimination against the Jewish people continued to significantly increase due in part to the persistent denunciation by church fathers such as St. Augustine (354-430 AD) a contemporary of Chrysostom. In his autobiographical work titled, *Confessions*, Augustine wrote,

How hateful to me are the enemies of your

11 Fonrobert, Charlotte. “Jewish Christians, Judaizers, and Anti-Judaism”, *Late Ancient Christianity* (2010), Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, pp. 234–254

12 John Chrysostom, *Against the Jews*. Homily 1

*Scripture! How I wish that you would slay them [the Jews] with your two-edged sword, so that there should be none to oppose your word! Gladly would I have them die to themselves and live to you!*¹³

By the 4th century Jews were officially ostracized from the societies they had lived in for generations; they were forbidden to marry Christians or even eat together with them. The Jews in Italy were confronted with forced conversion. The Jews of Carthage, (modern day Tunisia), were expelled and whole Jewish communities in Europe were destroyed. Jews were banned from Jerusalem and the Roman Emperor Honorius called for the confiscation of all the gold and silver from the synagogues in the Holy City.

The next four hundred years (5th thru

13 St. Augustine (c. 354-430 A.D.), Confessions, 12.14

8th century) were marked by additional malicious milestones in the sustained war against the Jews. There was the creation and ratification of the **Theodosian Code** which was a compilation of laws of the Roman Empire. In it, Jews were prohibited from holding important financial positions to include judicial and executive offices, and the ban against building new synagogues was reestablished.¹⁴

The Jewish people were forbidden from reciting the psalms while burying their dead, they could not testify against a Christian in court and they were burned at the stake by the thousands in Spain for refusing to convert.

As time progressed Jews were not allowed to join trade guilds. Jewish craftsmen such as goldsmiths, silversmiths, diamond

14 "Codex Theodosianus" in *The Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium*, Oxford University Press, New York & Oxford, 1991, p.475.

cutters and glass-blowers began to fade away. Jewish people were excluded from owning land, holding office, and from becoming doctors and lawyers. Over the course of time, Muslim caliphs, medieval bishops, and, finally, Nazi organizers mandated the use of an identifying badge to mark the Jews.

The Jewish people were disgraced by having to wear “distinguishing garments” such as an emblem (yellow star), an insignia (Juden) or some other form of atypical clothing that set them apart from Christians. In Canon 26 of the Third Lateran Council of 1179 Jews were forbidden to be plaintiffs or witnesses against Christians in court and were also prohibited from withholding an inheritance from their descendants who had converted to Christianity.

Pope Urban II of Rome decreed for the

Christians of Europe to take up the “cross and sword” and liberate the Holy Land from the Muslims. This call to action began what is now known as the first of eight Crusades (1095 – 1291 AD). These violent campaigns increased the ranking of European Christians within the region, giving them a major standing in the contest for land in the Middle East.

As a consequence of Rome’s vicious campaign, sanctioned mobs of murderous vigilantes marched under the sign of the cross sweeping through Jewish communities looting, raping and massacring tens of thousands of Jews on the road to Jerusalem.¹⁵ Fundamentally, the seed of Abraham, the Chosen, the cherished, and covenant people of God were slaughtered beneath the cross of Christ.

15 S. Grayzel, *The Church and the Jews in the 13th Century*
1966

Evil lies about the Jews continued to surface such as the capricious tales of “blood libel”. On Passover 1144, a Christian boy disappeared in Norwich, England. Immediately, the local citizens alleged that the Jews murdered the young man in order to use his blood for ritual practices such as the making of matzo at Passover.

It may be hard to believe but radical Muslim communities teach this same treacherous lie to their children even to this day. They also maintain that the Jewish people are the enemy of Allah and that Islam must continue to engage in a religious war against the Jews. Ultimately, this radical Islamic rhetoric teaches that killing Jews is a holy obligation.¹⁶

After my first trip to Israel in 1978, I

16 Islam’s War Against the Jews: Quotes from the Palestinian Authority by Itamar Marcus

began a two year study of the historical relationship between Jews and Christians. I became deeply disturbed to learn that one of the great perpetrators of Jewish hatred was Martin Luther, the founder of Protestantism.

After the Catholic Reformation of the 16th century, Luther became despondent that the Jews would not convert to his liberating form of Christianity. As a consequence of Luther's unrestrained anger he authored a vile pamphlet entitled **The Jews and Their Lies (1545)**.

In it he asserted that Jews were the Christ killers and demanded their torture and death. Luther stated that the Jews should have their tongues cut out through the back of their heads, their synagogues burned to the ground and their children sold into slavery. Incendiary

*“...set fire to their synagogues or schools and to bury and cover with dirt whatever will not burn, so that no man will ever again see a stone or cinder of them. This is to be done in honor of our Lord and of Christendom, so that God might see that we are Christians...”*¹⁷

The Nazis would reprint Luther's inflammatory pamphlet in 1935 which later helped spawn the evils of Hitler's Final Solution. Some historians believe that the slanderous attacks from church leaders such as Chrysostom and Luther marked the critical transition of “anti-Judaism” (the Christian hatred toward the Jewish religion) and “anti-Semitism” (the world's abhorrence toward the Jews as a racial group).¹⁸

17 The Jews and Their Lies Martin Luther 1545

18 Jeanne Favret-Saada, A fuzzy distinction - Anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism (An excerpt from *Le Judaisme et ses Juifs*), *Journal of Ethnographic Theory*, 2014.

John Calvin, (1509-1564), was a French theologian and spiritual statesman who was a contemporary of Martin Luther. He was recognized as the most influential ecclesiastical leader within the second generation of the Protestant Reformation. But like others before him, his twisted views of the Jewish people continued to fuel the flame of hatred;

*“I have had much conversation with many Jews: I have never seen either a drop of piety or a grain of truth or ingenuousness – nay, I have never found common sense in any Jew.... Their [the Jews] rotten and unbending stiffneckedness deserves that they be oppressed unendingly and without measure or end and that they die in their misery without the pity of anyone.”*¹⁹

19 Pak, G. Sojin. John Calvin and the Jews: His Exegetical Legacy. Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington, 2009, p. 25

There was no end in sight of the virulent spread of anti-Semitism within and without the church.

The Crusades, The Pogroms and The Ghettos

The Crusaders were allegedly created to “liberate” Jerusalem from the infidels. However, during the first Crusade in 1095, it was decided to also attack Jewish communities along the way to Jerusalem under the slogan, “*Why fight Christ’s enemies abroad when they are living among us?*”²⁰ Consequently, nearly 5,000 Jews were murdered in cities throughout Germany alone during the first of these vicious campaigns. In 1124, the whole Jewish Quarter of Kiev was destroyed, and 100,000 Jews were massacred in Fez with another 120,000 in Marrakesh by angry mobs.

20 Gilbert, M. (2010). *The Routledge Atlas of Jewish History*. Routledge. ISBN 9780415558105. Retrieved 2014-10-05.

The continued carnage of the Jewish people during the Crusades induced the birth of the pogrom. The word pogrom means “to destroy, to wreak havoc, or to demolish violently”, and specifically refers to the outbreaks of anti-Jewish violence by non-Jews. The first recorded pogrom arose against the Jews in 1241 in Frankfurt, Germany after a debate over interfaith marriages between Jews and Christians. This assault where 180 Jews were killed and 24 were forced to baptize is known as the “Slaughter of the Jews” or Judenschlacht.²¹ On Easter Sunday in 1389 the Jewish Quarter in Prague was burned and nearly 1,500 Jews were massacred.²²

Increasingly, Jews were subjected to political, economic and social discrimination. By the 13th century

21 Judenschlacht - Pogrom Against Jews in Frankfurt, Germany

22 Barbara Newman The Passion of the Jews of Prague: The Pogrom of 1389 and the Lessons of a Medieval Parody Church *History* 81:1 (March 2012), p. 1-26

Jewish people were systematically removed from their homes and required to live in designated communities which eventually became known as the “Jewish Ghetto”. The term “ghetto” originated in 1516 from the name of the Jewish quarter in Venice, Italy where Jews were forced to live. By the 16th and 17th centuries, Jewish ghettos were created in Frankfurt, Rome, Prague, and other cities throughout Europe.²³

The Jews were blamed for everything. Even the Bubonic Plague of the Dark Ages, which killed an estimated one-third of Europe’s population, fueled further anti-Jewish hatred. The Jews were accused of poisoning wells leading to the spread of the “Black Death” as this devastating disease was called. For this, and other false allegations related to the plague, nearly 100,000 Jews were burned alive in Germany

23 <http://www.sacred-destinations.com/italy/venice-ghetto>

and Austria alone.²⁴

By the 1800s pogroms became commonplace after a large wave of anti-Jewish riots moved through Russia. During this time more than 200 anti-Jewish events occurred in Kiev, Warsaw and Odessa. The New York Times described the First Kishinev pogrom of Easter, 1903 with these words,

The anti-Jewish riots in Kishinev, Bessarabia are worse than the censor will permit to publish. There was a well laid-out plan for the general massacre of Jews on the day following the Orthodox Easter. The mob was led by priests, and the general cry, "Kill the Jews", was taken up all over the city. The Jews were taken wholly unaware and were slaughtered like sheep. The dead number 120 and the injured about 500. The scenes of

24 Anna Foa *The Jews of Europe After the Black Death* 2000
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*horror attending this massacre are beyond description. Babies were literally torn to pieces by the frenzied and bloodthirsty mob. The local police made no attempt to check the reign of terror. At sunset the streets were piled with corpses and wounded. Those who could make their escape fled in terror, and the city is now practically deserted of Jews.*²⁵

Pogroms became so prevalent in subsequent years that historian John Klier noted that, “By the twentieth century, the word ‘pogrom’ had become a generic term in English for all forms of collective violence directed against Jews...”

The church’s *desecration* of the humanity of the Jewish people is among the ever-present arguments over its contribution to the eventual attempt of the *extermination*

²⁵ Jewish Massacre Denounced”, in The New York Times, 1903 April 28

of the whole Jewish race during the Holocaust.

The term “anti-Semitism” was first conceived by Wilhelm Marr in his work, *Victory of Judaism over Germanism (1873)*. He believed the Jews should be barred from citizenship because of their conspiracy to rule the state—the spirit of Haman lives!

In the same vein, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was published in Russia in 1905 by Russian writer and mystic Sergei Nilus.

I want to emphasize that this document was completely fictitious and promoted the perpetual myth that the Jews had devised a “secret plan to rule the world by manipulating the economy, controlling the media, and sponsoring various religious conflicts.”²⁶

These writings were seen as the “most notorious and widely distributed anti-

26 Holocaust Encyclopedia

Semitic publication of modern times.”²⁷
The Protocols greatly contributed to the exponential rise in anti-Semitism and Jewish hatred. This anathema for God’s people was additionally fueled by the development of Social Darwinism and other so-called scientific philosophies based on the bogus concepts of racial inferiority and superiority.

Post World War I Germany

Germany was humiliated by their defeat in World War I, and more so after the Treaty of Versailles. This accord obligated the German people to give up land and pay reparations to countries whose lands it had damaged during the war. Enter Adolph Hitler.

Hitler was a charismatic leader and it was inevitable for the German people to fall

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in hypnotic obedience to his demagogic authority. He reminded the German masses of the “blood libel” lies, the supposed root cause of the Bubonic Plague and other such fabrications. In addition, Hitler quoted the works of Chrysostom and Luther to promote fear within the people that the Jews would in due course, contaminate their “superior Aryan race”.

The German people were crying out for any political and social revolution that would return them to European dominance and reinstate their much desired dignity. This outcry for supremacy permitted Nazism to explode as a political movement which endorsed racially anti-Semitic philosophies as articulated by Adolf Hitler in his book *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle).

The demand for the resurgence of German national pride coupled with Jewish hatred,

culminated in Hitler's meteoric rise to power in 1933. His National Socialist regime promoted the methodical exclusion of Jews from society from its inception. The Jewish people were relentlessly demonized and accused of being the driving force behind International Marxism and, what Joseph Goebbels called, "immoral Capitalism."

Hitler was quoted as saying; "If the Jews did not exist, we would have to invent them." The hatred of the Jewish people was the foundation of Hitler's unifying power.²⁸ He predicted that if left unchallenged, the Jews would eventually drag their beloved Deutschland into another world war. Goebbels and his Nazi propagandists convinced the German citizenry that the Jews were the root cause of every social,

religious and economic problem they faced.

Widespread anti-Semitic indoctrination saturated German society resulting in the mass hatred of the Jewish people. Laws were ratified excluding Jews from state and civil service. The Bavarian Interior Ministry denied Jewish students entrance to schools and universities. Jewish doctors were forbidden from treating non-Jewish patients, and they were denied reimbursement of services from public or state supported health insurance funds leaving them virtually bankrupt.

By 1934, Jewish lawyers and notaries were prohibited from participating in legal matters. Licensing credentials were revoked from Jewish tax advisors, Jewish actors were no longer allowed to perform on stage or screen and Jewish butchers “could no longer slaughter animals according to ritual

purity requirements, effectively preventing them from obeying Jewish dietary laws.”²⁹

The question now arose—who was considered a Jew? Hitler believed he was the sole authority on racial policy; he had the final say about what the law stated. Therefore, on September 15, 1935, the Nuremberg Laws were swiftly ratified. These anti-Semitic statutes marked a major step in clarifying Hitler’s “ethnic purity” mandate and consequently removed all Jewish influences from Aryan society. Their said purpose was to protect “German blood and honor” by regulating the “the problems of marriage between “Aryans” and “non-Aryans.”³⁰

Additional Nazi decrees were issued after

29 Anti-Jewish Legislation in Prewar Germany Holocaust Encyclopedia

30 Noakes, Jeremy, and Geoffrey Pridham, Documents on Nazism 1919-1945, NY: Viking Press, 1974, pp. 463-467; The Nizkor Project; EncyclopaediaJudaica, © 2008 The Gale Group All Rights Reserved.

the Nuremberg Laws that incrementally repealed a Jewish citizen's political, legal, religious and civil rights. Ultimately, these decrees divested the Jewish people of their rights as human beings. They were deliberately designed to provide the legitimate path for the systematic discrimination, persecution and subsequent extermination of the Jewish people in Germany and throughout their occupied territory.

The Reichstag (Germany's parliament) sponsored the use of "racial hygiene" as an aim of building an Aryan "master race". In order to accomplish their diabolical plan it would be essential to eliminate anyone who did not fit into their racial standards. Therefore, this "cleansing" demanded the forced sterilization of the Jewish people.

Racial hygiene extremists and unethical doctors would soon merge their inhuman

agendas to further the purpose of National Socialism. It was a natural fit. Now the use of medical science could help achieve Hitler's objective of racial integrity—a fundamental model within the Nazi philosophy.

By 1938, Jews could not legally change their personal names or the names of their businesses. *The Order for the Disclosure of Jewish Assets* required Jews to report all property in excess of 5,000 Reich marks. And the *Decree on the Confiscation of Jewish Property* directed the transfer of assets from Jews to non-Jewish Germans.

Finally, the Reich Interior Ministry canceled all German passports held by Jews with the stipulation that the passport could only be revalidated after the letter “J” was stamped on it. Violation of any of these decrees resulted in strict fines, incarceration

or deportation to labor camps.³¹

The Night of Broken Glass

On November 7, 1938, the 17 year old son of Jewish parents learned that his family's life possessions had been confiscated by German police and that they had been forcibly deported to Poland. Living with an uncle in Paris, the young man became hopelessly distraught and attempted to assassinate the German Ambassador to France in retaliation. However, his plan failed and instead, he fatally wounded an embassy undersecretary who died two days later.

Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Chief of Propaganda, immediately labeled the attack a conspiracy by "International Jewry". He announced to the German people that the deliberate act was a direct assault on

31 Examples of Anti-Semitic Legislation, 1933–1939 United States Holocaust Memorial

the Fuehrer. This ill-fated incident was all Goebbels needed to instigate retaliation against the Jewish people throughout Germany, Austria and other newly acquired Nazi territories.

This sanctioned revenge against the Jewish people produced the infamous *Kristallnacht* or the “Night of the Broken Glass” of November 9 and 10, 1938. During these two days, the Nazis burned down 200 synagogues, destroyed hundreds of Jewish homes, vandalized Jewish day schools, sacked and looted 7,500 Jewish shops and murdered nearly one hundred Jews throughout Germany and Austria. In the wake of this terrible injustice some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to Dachau, Buchenwald, and Sachsenhausen—all established Nazi concentration camps.

Prior to Kristallnacht, the oppressive Nazi

policies of anti-Jewish boycotts, staged book burnings, and sanctioned anti-Jewish legislation had been painfully hostile, however, after this two-day onslaught, conditions for German and Austrian Jews instantly grew much worse.

Within days of Kristallnacht the Nazis issued a decree forcing all Jews to transfer their businesses to Aryan hands, Jewish students were expelled from all German schools and the government levied a collective one billion Reich mark (\$400,000,000) “penalty” against German Jews for the destruction of property during the reprehensible Night of the Broken Glass.³²

A few month later, Hitler, delivered his infamous speech to the Reichstag in celebration of the sixth anniversary of his

32 The Night of Broken Glass United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC

ascent to power. Now Führer and Reich Chancellor, Hitler made a self-proclaimed prophecy regarding the future of the Jewish people.

*“Today I will once more be a prophet: If the international Jewish financiers in and outside Europe should succeed in plunging the nations once more into a world war, then the result will not be the Bolshevization of the earth, and thus the victory of Jewry, but the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe!”*³³

Germany had been brainwashed to believe that they had a widespread “Jewish problem”. Prior to his speech, Hitler’s Third Reich took part in ongoing negotiations with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees regarding the complete emigration (relocation) of Jews

33 Quote from Hitler’s Reichstag Speech

from Germany.

There was a glitch however; the potential recipient nations did not want the Jews without their wealth and the Reich was not willing to allow them to leave with any of their possessions which they believed rightfully belonged to Germany.³⁴ There was no solution in sight; the gates of escape were closing.

Persona Non Grata

After Hitler's Reichstag speech, the Jewish people were "persona non grata" (unacceptable) throughout Europe. A classic example of their rejection among the nations is the voyage of the *St. Louis*. After Kristallnacht many Jews who could, sought asylum in other countries, especially America. Some Jews had by this time willingly emigrated from Europe but others

34 This Day in Jewish History 1939: Hitler Makes First Call for Jews' 'Annihilation' David B Green

now considered relocating to the west as a path to personal survival.

On May 13, 1939, nine hundred thirty-seven Jewish passengers boarded a German transatlantic liner named the *St. Louis* in Hamburg in route to Havana. For most of the passengers, this voyage was the last hope to escape the horrors of Nazism. They took great pains to meet the strict immigration laws which now involved increased levies, overpriced visas and often mandatory sponsorship. The passengers of the *St. Louis* had secured travel vouchers and required visas; however, their visas were invalid by the time they arrived to the shores of Cuba.

The Cuban people were not happy with increased migration to their country. They believed that immigrants were the direct cause for a lack of jobs which negatively affected their failing economy. In response

to their protests, Cuban President Frederico Laredo Bru, refused to allow the *St. Louis* to dock in port.

This denial was a perfect opportunity for the Nazis to justify their anti-Jewish goals and policies of forced emigration. Once again, propaganda mastermind, Joseph Goebbels decided to use the *St. Louis* as part of a bigger plan. Goebbels sent his SS agents to Havana to provoke Jewish hatred using the same lies and distortions that had been so successful throughout Europe. He painted the passengers of this doomed voyage as “undesirables” too dangerous for the Cuban good.

The plight of the *St. Louis* gained international attention, and even though some countries sent the Cuban government telegrams of protest, no nation was willing to offer the Jews asylum—including America. On June 2 the ship was forced

to leave Cuban waters. In desperation, international Jewish groups looked for a country willing to accept the refugees but within two days every government of Latin America had declined.

While negotiations with other nations continued, the *St. Louis* sailed around Cuba eventually reaching the coastline of Miami in the anticipation that the United States would receive the refugees. However, the U.S. Coast Guard prevented them from coming closer. On June 7, the captain had no choice but to return the *St. Louis* and its “banned cargo” to Germany. In response to this travesty a Virginia resident wrote,

[The] press reported that the ship came close enough to Miami for the refugees to see the lights of the city...the U.S. Coast Guard, under instructions from Washington, followed the ship . . . to prevent any people

landing on our shores...this horrible tragedy was being enacted right at our doors, our government...made no effort to relieve the desperate situation of these people, but on the contrary gave orders that they be kept out of the country. . . The failure to take any steps whatsoever to assist these distressed, persecuted Jews in their hour of extremity was one of the most disgraceful things which has happened in American history and leaves a stain and brand of shame upon the record of our nation.”³⁵

Goebbels had successfully spun the plight of the **St. Louis** into a world-wide propaganda bonanza claiming it validated that Jews were universally detested, distrusted and unwanted. However,

35 From the story of the St. Louis and the controversy over the children's immigration bill sponsored by Senator Robert Wagner and Representative Edith Nourse Rogers (see reading, World Responses to Kristallnacht

as a result of God's intervention and extraordinary negotiations, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) was able to find several countries that would accept the refugees.

Thirty-six emotionally-charged days later, the ship was allowed to dock at Antwerp, Belgium on June 17 with 907 passengers; 181 went to Holland, 224 to France, 228 to Great Britain, and 214 to Belgium.³⁶ America accepted none. Of the original 937 passengers that boarded the *St. Louis* approximately 709 survived the war and 228 did not.³⁷

World War II

The years between the first and second world wars were a time of international

36 U.S. Policy During the Holocaust: The Tragedy of S.S. St. Louis

(May 13 - June 20, 1939) Jewish Virtual Library

37 Rosen, Robert (July 17, 2006). Saving the Jews (Speech) Carter Center (Atlanta, Georgia).

volatility. After WWI, President Woodrow Wilson founded the League of Nations in 1920, a global organization intended to regulate future conflicts between nations and preserve world peace. However, the League proved to be ineffective when it failed to deal with Japan after it invaded Manchuria in 1931. Before long, turmoil once again began to develop between world powers.

The financial devastation of America's Great Depression in 1929 plunged the world into a deep recession. When Hitler skyrocketed to power in 1933, he used this world-wide economic decline and the German people's deep resentment to the Treaty of Versailles to declare that his country needed to expand its "living space". As a result, in 1936 Hitler remilitarized the Rhineland which was a

direct violation of the Versailles Treaty.³⁸

During this same time period, Prime Minister Benito Mussolini elected to follow Hitler's example by conquering territory he thought rightfully belonged to Italy. The Italians had already colonized Libya and Eritrea and in 1934 decided to invade Ethiopia. Mussolini believed this annexation would provide more job opportunities for unemployed Italians as well as acquire more mineral resources to drive back the effects of the world economic depression.³⁹

These and other flagrant violations by Hitler and Mussolini confirmed the incompetence of the League of Nations. Nazi Germany's goal of expansion through the methodical conquering and

38 World War II: Facts, information and articles about World War II, 1939-1945

39 Why Did the League of Nations Fail to Keep the Peace in the 1930s Marked by Teachers international History

colonization of Europe and Mussolini's desire to re-create the "Roman Empire" by overtaking parts of the Mediterranean and Africa brought both nations into alliance—there was nothing to stop these dictators.

To add to this volatile coalition we insert Japan. The Japanese deeply resented America's refusal to recognize their "Racial Equality Clause" in the covenants of the League of Nations. This rejection along with the League's failure to flex its authority led to Japan's alienation from the West.

As a means to resolve their growing economic problems, Japan declared war on China in 1937. America demonstrated their opposition to Japan's onslaught by imposing trade embargoes and economic sanctions. Japan imported over 90% of their fuel and the U.S. oil embargo was the last straw. The world became ripe for war.

In late August of 1939, Hitler reached an agreement of non-intervention with Joseph Stalin of the Soviet Union known as the Hitler-Stalin Pact. One week later, on September 1, Hitler invaded Poland. In response to the invasion, France and Great Britain declared war on Germany two days later. By the summer of 1940 Italy allied with Germany and its Axis Powers (countries aligned with Germany).

The Nazis continued to advance through Europe and the Mediterranean and, as was Hitler's intent all along, targeted the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union kept Germany out of Moscow with a major offensive and as a result became a key player within the Allied Powers (countries opposed to Germany).

America had avoided participation in the war in Europe at all cost but when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941

we declared war on them the next day. By December 11, Germany and Italy declared war on America. Once the lines were drawn the combatants were defined as the Axis and Allied powers.

The Axis nations included Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Imperial Japan. The Allied nations were comprised of the Constitutional Monarchy of Great Britain, the Communist States of the Soviet Union and the Democratic States of America.

World War II began in the fall of 1939 and ended in the fall of 1945. By its conclusion this unprecedented conflict engaged nearly every major nation on earth. For 2,190 consecutive days an average of 27,000 people were killed every 24 hours making WWII the most destructive conflict in human history.

However, few in the world know that Hitler was conducting his *secret war*

against the Jews within the confines of his conquered territory. By the end of the war the Nazis would be directly responsible for murdering two thirds of the Jewish population of Europe.⁴⁰

The Holocaust—Hitler’s Final Solution

From 1938 to 1942 the Jewish people of Europe suffered great humiliation, persecution, torture, displacement and the loss of all their possessions, including their rights as German citizens and in due course—as human beings. They underwent forced relocations into cramped and disease infested ghettos and experienced compulsory deportations to concentration camps.

Throughout Hitler’s reign, there were several contributing factors that ultimately influenced the evolution of “Nazi racial

40 Timeline of Events The United States Holocaust Museum

anti-Semitism into Jewish genocide”.⁴¹

Among the major influences were:

1. Hitler’s never-ending lies of depicting the Jews as an inferior race.
2. The incessant portrayal of the Jewish people as “communist subversives, war profiteers and hoarders.”
3. The false Nazi propaganda of the Jewish goal to gain world dominance at the expense of German Aryans.
4. Violent pogroms such as Kristallnacht.
5. The Nuremburg Laws
6. The massive complications arising from the overcrowded, disease infested Jewish ghettos and concentration camps.

41 Ibid

7. Hitler's demand for a solution to the Jewish problem.

In January of 1942, Reinhard Heydrich was delegated by Hitler to conceive a comprehensive plan for the “final solution”. Heydrich, who was second in command of the SS, convened the Wannsee Conference in Berlin. He gathered fifteen top Nazi bureaucrats to coordinate a systematic plan to exterminate the entire Jewish population of Europe which was projected to be approximately 11 million people.

Every Jewish man, woman and child in Europe and North Africa was tagged for annihilation and eventually 6 million (to include 2 million children) were murdered by the Nazis between 1942 and 1945. This supreme act of genocide is called the Holocaust.

To implement their grisly plan, the Nazis transported Jews to “purpose-built extermination camps” in occupied Poland. Once there, the Jewish captives were systematically murdered in gas chambers. By the time the war was over a total of six killing centers and thousands of concentration camps existed in Germany and Nazi controlled territory.⁴²

It is impossible to sufficiently present the horrors of the Holocaust within this book however; countless volumes have been written on the atrocities committed against the Jewish people to include first-hand accounts.

Christianity must know the truth about what happened to God’s Chosen people. It is important to understand the response of our Jewish friends when we extend our hand of friendship—a gesture they haven’t

42 The Camps The Teachers Guide to the Holocaust

seen in the past. I highly recommend you read as many reliable resources possible to further educate yourself of the atrocities that were committed against the Jewish people in the name of Jesus Christ.⁴³

We ask how could this happen? How could human beings murder over 6 million people in cold blood and the world stand idly by? How could the world's Christians ignore this? How is it that those who shared God's Torah with us, who brought forth the patriarchs, who gave us the apostles and most importantly, our Redeemer, be so despised? Why were we silent?

The church, as a whole, was silent in defense of the Jewish people but it was not silent in condemning them. Holocaust historian, Raul Hilberg, described how

43 The Crucifixion of the Jews by Franklin H. Littell; The Anguish of the Jews by Edward H. Flannery; The War Against the Jew by Dagobert D. Runes

anti-Semitism within the church presented the perfect atmosphere for Hitler's final solution of the Jewish problem,

"The missionaries of Christianity had said in effect:

You have no right to live among us as Jews.

The secular rulers who followed had proclaimed:

You have no right to live among us.

The German Nazis at last decreed:

You have no right to live."⁴⁴

Many have asked, "Why didn't America do more to intervene with the evil of the Holocaust?"

During the war, the Allied Nations, to include the U.S., ranked victory over its enemies above anything else. The humanitarian concern of saving the Jews

44 The Destruction of the European Jews, p.9

from Hitler's final solution was not a top priority. In combination with anti-Semitic sentiments and domestic concerns to include unemployment and national security, there was little to no attention paid to the plight of European Jews.

Even though history records the actions of Jewish organizations and a few Righteous Gentiles throughout the world who bravely confronted the evils of anti-Semitism—most were apathetic and silent. Ellie Wiesel, survivor of the Final Solution and my friend, provided one answer;

At best, America was indifferent.

*The opposite of love is not hate,
it's indifference.*

*The opposite of beauty is not ugliness,
it's indifference.*

*The opposite of faith is not heresy,
it's indifference.*

*And the opposite of life is not death,
but indifference between life and death.*⁴⁵

The Rebirth of Israel

Historic Christian anti-Judaism and European anti-Semitism produced massive horrors such as the Great Inquisition, the Russian pogroms, and Hitler's Final Solution. However, in the Middle East, the struggle for control of the Holy Land has also been stained with Jewish blood for centuries.

Many of the greatest civilizations of the last 3,000 years have sought to rule Jerusalem, yet only one people was given the divine right to claim Jerusalem as its eternal inheritance—the Jews. And because God's chosen have refused to relinquish this claim, they have paid a terrible price in blood and suffering.

45 Ellie Wiesel, Interview with U.S. media, 1986

Even in the first century A.D., after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and massacred over one million of its inhabitants and sent hundreds of thousands more into exile, there was still a small remnant of the Jewish people who never left their biblical homeland.

While many of their brothers and sisters suffered in the global diaspora, this remnant remained in Israel since Joshua led them into their inheritance nearly 4000 years ago. The Jewish people of Israel were oppressed by a succession of brutal and merciless overlords but still remained as caretakers of their ancestral homeland which is part of the foundation of Judaism.

The Jewish State

The Jewish people who were dispersed among the nations were for centuries considered outcasts and continuously confronted with bigotry and hatred in their

host countries. Many began to realize that the only way to escape established anti-Semitism and its deadly consequences was to regain their national independence. The Lord was calling them home.

After nearly two millennia in exile, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, a new movement for Jewish sovereignty began to gain worldwide traction. In 1896, Theodor Herzl's Zionist pamphlet, *The Jewish State*, laid out a vision that would eventually culminate in the re-birth of the State of Israel. Herzl believed he had an answer to the Jewish Question,

I believe that I understand Anti-Semitism, which is really a highly complex movement. I consider it from a Jewish standpoint, yet without fear or hatred...I think the Jewish question is no more a social than a religious one... It is a national question, which can only be solved by making it a political

world-question to be discussed and settled by the civilized nations of the world in council.

We are a people—one people. We want to lay the foundation stone, for the house which will become the refuge of the Jewish nation. Zionism is the return to Judaism even before the return to the land of Israel.⁴⁶

The ideal of Zionism, the belief that the Jewish people had a right to national independence and sovereignty as natives of their ancestral homeland, began to flourish. Jewish immigrants began to flood into then Palestine, and purchase land from wealthy Arab landholders at exorbitant costs. The land had been mostly barren and sparsely populated for centuries and to most it seemed worthless except to the Jews who dreamt of coming home.

46 Der Judenstaat Theodor Herzl 1896 Translated The Jewish State p.5

Palestine began to prosper as Jewish returnees cultivated the land, eliminated disease-infested swamps, and brought a higher standard of living and more economic opportunity to the area.⁴⁷ A beautiful thing was taking place—the Arab population grew and flourished alongside their Jewish neighbors, and for a time the two groups co-existed peacefully.

The Balfour Declaration of 1917 initially supported political Zionism. During World War I, Britain and the Allied Powers defeated the Ottoman Turks and divided its Middle Eastern empire into territories set aside for future states. The British promised the land called Palestine to the Jewish people and assumed responsibility for guarding it through the process of Jewish statehood. This temporary stewardship was entrusted to Britain by the League

47 Reclaiming Israel's History by David Brog, p. 61-81

of Nations and called the Mandate for Palestine.⁴⁸

In 1919, an agreement between Zionist leader, Chaim Weizmann and the Arab leader, Emir Faisal was accepted.⁴⁹ The terms allowed for the idea of a Jewish state in the land which protected the rights of local Arabs. However, by 1920, just as the Mandate period began, the hope for peace started to break down. There was a struggle for power between two prominent Palestinian Arab families which soon led to an outbreak of anti-Jewish violence.

A Century of Terror Begins

Nearly a century ago, the Palestinian leader, Haj Amin el-Husseini, began recruiting suicide squads to attack local Jews in rebellion against the international

48 The Mandate for Palestine July 24, 1922 Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs

49 Israel for Critical Thinkers p. 48-49

agreement by the League of Nations to create a Jewish state.⁵⁰ Terrorism became the preferred political tool of extreme Palestinian Arab nationalists, and set in motion an era of violence and hatred toward the Jews.

The bloody Arab riots of the 1920s and 1930s quickly convinced the British that their promise to the Jews wasn't worth the trouble. Zionism was extremely unpopular with the British officers assigned to administrate Britain's Mandate power in Palestine.⁵¹ Jews were not allowed to own weapons or defend themselves against Arab extremist aggression, and those who did were arrested and sent to prison.

In defiance of their own government's obligation to protect Jewish inhabitants, some British officers went so far as to

50 Pre-State Israel: Arab Riots of the 1920s, Jewish Virtual Library

51 Ibid

encourage the Palestinian Arabs to use terrorism against the Jews in hopes the violence would cause Britain to abandon entirely the idea of a Jewish state.⁵²

Tragically, during the British Mandate period, hundreds of Jews were murdered by terrorists.

Empowered and aided by the British overseers, Haj Amin el-Husseini later became the Mufti of Jerusalem. As Mufti, he was given authority over the Muslim holy places and therefore wielded tremendous political and religious influence. From this position of power, he continued to incite resentment and violence against the Jewish people.

Fearing that Zionism was gaining international financial backing, el-Husseini started a rumor of a Jewish plot to seize control of the Muslim holy sites

52 Ibid

and successfully instigated riots.⁵³ The propaganda tactic worked, prompting British authorities to uproot Jewish families from their ancestral homes in Hebron and Gaza, severely restrict Jewish immigration to Palestine, and drastically reduce the size of the land intended for a Jewish state. However, none of these extreme actions satisfied Arab leaders.

During World War II, the Mufti went to Germany and met with Hitler.⁵⁴ The Fuehrer's hatred for the Jews and plans for their annihilation appealed to el-Husseini. The Mufti collaborated with the Nazi regime to recruit tens of thousands of Muslims for the SS.

In the aftermath of World War II, el-Husseini was ultimately forced to flee prosecution for war crimes and lived

53 Ibid

54 The Holocaust: The Mufti and the Führer, Jewish Virtual Library

abroad for the rest of his life. However, his legacy of terrorism which was used as a highly effective political tool against the Jewish state became the prototype for future despots in the last century.

Arabs Reject Israel's Right to Exist

By 1921, the British had partitioned the land set aside for a Jewish national home by the Mandate for Palestine into two prospective states. The partition gave 77% of the land to an Arab state called Transjordan, and 23% for the Jewish people.⁵⁵

However, the Arab riots of the 1920s and 1930s prompted Britain in 1937 to once again partition the land with 80% going to an Arab state and 20% to a Jewish state. Palestinian Arab leaders refused to accept this partition, and neither materialized.⁵⁶

55 Israel for Critical Thinkers p. 56

56 Israel for Critical Thinkers p. 60

Weary of the problem posed by Arab rejectionism, and in the shadow of the horrors committed against the Jews during the Holocaust, Britain handed over responsibility for determining what to do with Palestine to the newly-formed United Nations. On November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted in favor of Resolution 181 and adopted a partition plan for Palestine that divided the land west of the Jordan River into two states roughly equal in size but distinctly unequal in value.

The disjointed pieces of land reserved for the Jewish people consisted of mostly arid desert without defensible borders, and did not include Jerusalem, which was designated an international zone. Jewish leaders, desperate to build a national home and provide a refuge for the displaced Jews who had survived the Holocaust, accepted the plan.

Arab leaders had already made clear they would not accept any plan that included a Jewish state, and almost immediately made good on their threat to launch large-scale attacks on Jewish communities. Hundreds of Jews were killed in riots and other terror attacks between November 29, 1947 and the date Israel officially declared its independence on May 14, 1948.⁵⁷

By May, the Palestinian Arabs had gained the backing of five Arab armies to launch a war of annihilation against the fledgling State of Israel. Calls for war were framed in terms of *“jihad”* or *“holy war”*. Israel’s existence as a Jewish state in the middle of what had once been an Islamic empire was entirely unacceptable for Arab leaders. They successfully exploited anti-Jewish sentiment based on fabricated fears for their Muslim holy places in Jerusalem

57 Israeli War of Independence: Background & Overview, Jewish Virtual Library

thereby conjuring up an anti-Semitic fervor among their people.

As soon as the British departed Israel, the Arab armies attacked. Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon, and Iraq invaded Israel while the international community stood back and quietly watched.⁵⁸ To everyone's surprise, Israel miraculously prevailed, although they paid a heavy price with the loss of 1% of their total population in the defense of their country. To avoid further disgrace and loss of territory, the Arab states signed an armistice agreement with Israel in 1949. But their insatiable goal of destroying Israel remained. The next 70 years would be marked by multiple attempts to wipe Israel off the map.

Expulsion of Mizrahi Jews

In retaliation for their crushing defeat,

58 Ibid

Muslim countries in the Middle East and North Africa began harshly persecuting their native Jewish communities. These inhabitants known as Mizrahi Jews had existed in many of these countries for more than 2,500 years.⁵⁹

By 1948, nearly one million Mizrahi Jews lived in Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, and Yemen. They had thriving businesses, well-established schools and religious centers, and spoke Arabic just like their Muslim neighbors. Yet after Israel was established as a nation, they were treated as the enemy.

During the next few decades, nearly 850,000 Mizrahi Jews were forcibly removed from their homes, their wealth and possessions confiscated and expelled

59 JIMENA: Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa

from the Middle Eastern countries they inhabited for centuries. They immigrated to America, they went to Europe, but many went to Israel.

The reborn Jewish state welcomed these refugees, gave them citizenship and as much government assistance as possible to start new lives helping them to thrive. Today, over half of Israel's population is descended from the Mizrahi Jewish refugees.

The Evolution of Anti-Semitic Terrorism

The Arab extremists bent on destroying Israel learned the power of terrorism during the British Mandate period. Terrorism was not only an effective political tool against the Jewish state which weakened it internally; it produced external pressure against the nation from the international community.

The desire to eradicate Israel in the 20th century fueled the rise of several Islamic extremist factions. Fundamental to each of these terrorist groups was an anti-Semitic interpretation of Islamic theology that left no room for acceptance of the state of Israel, the Jewish people and consequently the possibility for peace.

Muslim Brotherhood

One of the first extremist groups to form was the Muslim Brotherhood. It was initially founded in 1928 as a political and social effort to bring back Islamic sharia law (Islamic religious law), and reinstitute an Islamic Sunni caliphate (Islamic State), in the Middle East.

However, the Brotherhood soon adopted violent anti-Semitism as part of its ideology. During 1938 and 1939, the Brotherhood repeatedly attacked and threatened Egyptian Jews. They admired

Hitler's plan to eliminate the Jews, and passed out Arabic translations of Hitler's *Mein Kampf* and the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.⁶⁰

These early displays of anti-Semitism by the Muslim Brotherhood were officially classified by the radical Islamic scholar Sayyid Qutb during the 1950s and 1960s. Qutb described the Jews as “nefarious agents of Satan” who planned to destroy Islam and corrupt society's morals. He relied on the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* to “prove” his accusations, leaving no room for the possibility that there could be such a thing as “a good Jew.” Qutb's solution for the Jewish “threat” was the same as all other anti-Semites since Haman—total extermination.⁶¹

60 The Muslim Brotherhood and the Evolution of Jihadist Antisemitism by David Patterson, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy

61 Ibid

The Muslim Brotherhood laid the ideological foundations for the rise of both Sunni and Shia Islamists extremist groups. The Brotherhood declared that it is incumbent on all Muslims to wage **jihad** all over the world to “liberate” non-Muslim lands from the infidels.⁶² The radical extremist theology and political goals of these groups evolved rapidly from the desire to win back lands that had once been under Islamic rule to a desire to conquer and dominate the entire world under sharia law. This remains their goal to this day.

This elevation of violent **jihad** as the supreme responsibility of all Muslims also encouraged the willingness to be a “martyr” and spawned the phenomenon of suicide attacks.

62 The Muslim Brotherhood white paper, The Investigative Project on Terrorism

By the 1960s, the Muslim Brotherhood had exported its anti-Semitic ideology and fanatic devotion to **jihad** across the globe. Nearly every major radical Islamist terrorist group of the last 50 years can trace its ideological roots back to the Brotherhood and the teachings of Sayyid Qutb. In the West, the Brotherhood founded “non-violent” Islamic institutions that preached the same hateful radical ideology while funneling money from its so-called charities to terrorist organizations around the globe.⁶³

The Growth of Palestinian Terrorism

Today, anti-Zionists like to profess that their hatred of Israel stems from the aftermath of the 1967 Six Day War, when Israel defended itself against five Arab armies. The outcome of the war resulted in Israel winning control of the Gaza Strip,

63 Ibid

Judea and Samaria. Israel's detractors call this event, "the occupation" of the Palestinian people by the Israeli army and therefore the cause of Palestinian terrorism.

This deceitful label cannot be further from the truth. The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) was founded in 1964 when Gaza was under the control of Egypt and Judea and Samaria were controlled by Jordan. So when the PLO began attacking Israelis in 1964, what "occupation" were they fighting?

Obviously, the answer is that the Palestinian leadership has considered the entire state of Israel an illegitimate presence in the land ever since 1948 even though a Jewish remnant has remained in the land for nearly 4000 years.

Created by the Arab League in 1964, the PLO was led by Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian nationalist party, Fatah. Arafat

was a terrorist, a cold-blooded killer who had more Jewish blood on his hands than any man in the 20th century other than Adolf Hitler.

The PLO's national charter declared its intent to overthrow the State of Israel, which it called an "illegal colonial entity".⁶⁴ The charter further stated that the entire region designated as the British Mandate for Palestine in 1920, which includes all of modern Israel and Jordan, entirely belongs to the Palestinian Arabs.

It declared that only Jews who were living in the land prior to 1917 had a right to remain. The charter also designated every present and future child descending from a Palestinian Arab, living in the land prior to 1947, is considered a Palestinian refugee, regardless of their citizenship status in

64 Palestine Liberation Organization: The Original Palestine National Charter (1964), Jewish Virtual Library

any other country. Finally, the PLO's charter stated that violence was the only way to liberate Palestine from the Zionist presence.⁶⁵

During the 1960s and 1970s, the PLO operated out of Jordan and Lebanon while they attacked Israel at home and around the world. Hundreds of Israelis were murdered in numerous terror attacks. An affiliate of the PLO, Black September, became notorious in the early 1970s for launching several major terror attacks against Jews.

In May of 1972, they hijacked a Belgian airliner in Vienna bound for Tel Aviv. Four terrorists held 90 passengers hostage, and forced the pilot to land in Israel while they demanded the release of 315 Palestinian terrorists from Israel's prison. After disabling the plane, IDF commandos

65 Ibid

disguised as maintenance workers boarded the airliner and subdued the terrorists, but not before one of the passengers was fatally wounded.⁶⁶

Later that year, Black September operatives broke into the apartments of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, killed two men in the initial scuffle, and took nine more men hostage. German authorities attempted to rescue the hostages, but underestimated the number of terrorists, and all nine Israeli hostages were murdered.⁶⁷

Another infamous Palestinian terror attack took place in 1976. Two members of the PLO faction known as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and two German terrorists' sympathizers, hijacked a flight from Paris and forced the plane to

66 Israel's Wars & Operations: Operation Isotope (May 1972), Jewish Virtual Library

67 Munich Olympic Massacre: Background & Overview (September 1972), Jewish Virtual Library

land at Entebbe Airport in Uganda.⁶⁸

Once they landed, the terrorists held hostage 103 Jewish passengers and released the others. For a week, Israel's government negotiated with the terrorists while the IDF planned a daring rescue mission. In just under an hour, the hostages were rescued. Israel lost three people that day—two hostages, and the leader of the rescue operation, Yoni Netanyahu. Yoni's brother Benjamin would go on to become the Prime Minister of Israel and has served in that capacity longer than anyone in Israel's history.

In 1978, a PLO raid out of Lebanon hijacked an Israeli bus full of civilians and killed 34 hostages. In response, the IDF crossed the Lebanese border to push the terrorists further north. The

68 Israel's Wars & Operations: The Entebbe Rescue Operation (July 1976), Jewish Virtual Library

ensuing conflict dragged on for four years while PLO terrorists hiding in Lebanon conducted hundreds of attacks on Israelis.⁶⁹

Finally, after a Palestinian attempt to assassinate Israel's ambassador to Great Britain, Israel could no longer tolerate the build-up of a massive PLO army in Lebanon. On June 6, 1982, the IDF launched a full-scale war of self-defense to root out Yasser Arafat and his terrorists from southern Lebanon. The First Lebanon War, known as Operation Peace for Galilee, lasted until May 31, 1985 and cost 1,216 Israeli soldiers their lives.⁷⁰

A New Era of Holy War

In 1979, the radical Shia Muslim leader Ayatollah Khomeini overthrew the secular government of Iran and instituted

69 First Lebanon War: Background & Overview (1982-1985),
Jewish Virtual Library

70 Ibid

an Islamic Revolution. Inspired by the writings of Sayyid Qutb and the ideology of the Muslim Brotherhood, Khomeini re-interpreted Shia theology and transformed the historically peaceful religious minority sect into one committed to violent **jihad**.⁷¹

Like Qutb had done for extremist Sunni Muslims, Khomeini combined historic anti-Semitism and stories of ancient Jewish foes with the myths of European anti-Semitism portraying Jews as satanic, bloodthirsty creatures bent on world domination and societal corruption.⁷²

Iran's radicalized government during the 1980s made **jihad** its primary focus against Israel, Jews, and their allies worldwide.

Hezbollah

Seeing an opportunity to export his

71 On the Roots and Branches of Shi'a Anti-Semitism by David Daoud

72 Ibid

Islamic Revolution's theology of holy war against the Jews, Khomeini sent his Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) into southern Lebanon to establish and train a new terrorist group called Hezbollah. While Israel fought to uproot the PLO from Lebanon in 1982, Hezbollah ("Party of God" in Arabic) was created and given the mandate to destroy Israel as a proxy of the Iranian government.⁷³

When Israel withdrew from Lebanon, Hezbollah remained and grew stronger until it became a dominant political and military force in the country, effectively placing the Lebanese government under the thumb of Iran.⁷⁴ In collaboration with Iran, Hezbollah has become one of the deadliest terror organizations in the world. Motivated by the twisted theology that blames every social and political problem

73 Hezbollah, Counter Extremism Project

74 Ibid

on the Jews, Hezbollah has spread its anti-Semitic terror throughout the world.

During the 1990s, Hezbollah sent its operatives to Argentina where they bombed the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires. Two years later they bombed a Jewish community center in the same city. In 2012, Hezbollah bombed an Israeli tour bus in Bulgaria.⁷⁵ Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, has made it clear he considers all Jews anywhere in the world to be targets for extermination. Nasrallah was quoted in Lebanon's Daily Star as saying, "If they [Jews] all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide."⁷⁶

Iran's government and its proxy Hezbollah have made no secret of their desire to complete Hitler's work of eradicating

75 Ibid

76 Nasrallah Alleges 'Christian Zionist' Plot, Daily Star (2002)

the Jewish people from the face of the earth. In 2006 and 2016, Iran sponsored an International Holocaust Cartoon Competition and awarded the winners thousands of dollars in prize money.⁷⁷

It seems ironic that the Iranian regime both denies and glorifies the history of the Holocaust, all the while seeking to perpetrate a new one.

Think of it— this international sponsor of terror was on the verge of bankruptcy as a result of world economic sanctions, yet, astonishingly, in July of 2015 the United Nations Security Council adopted the “Iran Deal” which released into Iran’s coffers over one billion dollars. As bad as this was—the situation got worse.

In the fall of 2016, President Obama authorized to shell out an additional 1.7

⁷⁷ Iran launches festival to celebrate Israel’s ‘imminent collapse’, Israel National News (2018)

billion dollars under the guise of paying back a deposit (\$400 million) plus interest (\$1.3 billion) that we supposedly “owed” due to a failed arms deal made with the Shah of Iran in 1979.

To add insult to injury, this “payback” was not wired bank to bank but sent to Iran using US military cargo planes which contained various world currencies and denominations.⁷⁸ One can only assume that the intended purpose of this clandestine transport of funds was for nefarious transactions. This was an act of betrayal to Israel, America’s only truly reliable ally in the Middle East.

To this end, Iran has funded a massive buildup of missiles inside Lebanon under Hezbollah’s control with our tax dollars. Israeli experts estimate that by 2006

78 US Sent Another \$1.3 Billion to Iran After Hostages Were Released, *Fortune Magazine*, September 2016

Hezbollah already possessed over 1,000's of rockets and missiles capable of hitting every major city in Israel.⁷⁹

Sadly, their lethal goal is not letting up; Iran recently hosted the 2018 International Hourglass Festival (also known as the Holocaust Festival) celebrating its plans to destroy Israel within 25 years. Time is running out.⁸⁰

Project Amad Exposed

On April 30, 2018, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu revealed to the world on international television, the existence of Iran's secret nuclear weapons program. These explosive revelations confirmed what we long believed, but now know without a doubt—Iran's unrelenting pursuit of nuclear weapons continues to threaten the

79 <https://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/17/world/middleeast/17mideast.html>

80 www.israelhourglass.com/en/content/314

security of the entire world through Project Amad. To substantiate the allegations, the Prime Minister presented a half a ton of files containing 100,000 Iranian secret documents obtained by Israel's intelligence agencies.⁸¹

Dubbed by Israel's intelligence officers as the "Atomic Archive", these Iranian files contain stunning details of the scope and intent of Iran's nuclear weapons development program. Contrary to the claims Iran made to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in its December 2015 report, upon which the 2016 Iran Deal was based, we now know the following:

- Iran had a covert nuclear weapons development program known as Project Amad.
- Iran funded and directed scientists

81 IsraeliPM YouTube channel, <https://youtu.be/pkihrV4cZLE>

to work extensively on technology specifically designed for constructing a nuclear bomb.

Iran's brazen lies to the IAEA completely undermine and render useless the Iran Deal signed by President Obama. Furthermore, the secret files Israel obtained also revealed that Iran's nuclear weapons research continues. If the current Iran Deal is allowed to remain in place and the world does nothing, Iran will have a clear and rapid path to unlimited uranium enrichment and intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of hitting Israel, the entire Middle East, our European allies, and even the United States.

The evidence of Iran's deception and evil intent was publicly announced just two weeks before President Trump's deadline to fix or withdraw from the Iran Deal. As this booklet is being published, the fate of this

bogus deal still hangs in the balance.

These documents which proved Iran lied to the IAEA and continues to lie to the world by denying it ever conducted a nuclear weapons program—leaves no doubt that the Iran Deal was fatally flawed from the start.

Al-Qaeda

The era of Islamic fundamentalist revival and resurgence of calls for holy war against the Jews which produced Iran's Islamic Revolution and generated Hezbollah also produced al-Qaeda in the 1980s. Osama bin Laden was likewise motivated by the anti-Semitic writings of Sayyid Qutb, and embraced his theology of *jihad* as a major tenet of faith.⁸²

Surprisingly, or perhaps not, al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden's successors have found

82 The Muslim Brotherhood and the Evolution of Jihadist Antisemitism by David Patterson, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy

a sympathetic partner and safe haven in the Republic of Iran despite their different interpretations of Islamic theology. Their common bond is, naturally, their hatred of Jews and Israel's strongest ally, America.

ISIS

From al-Qaeda was born a radical and barbaric splinter group now known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS).⁸³ In 2014 President Obama infamously dismissed ISIS as the "JV team", but the world soon learned how wrong his assumption was and witnessed a surge in mass-casualty terrorism at the hands of ISIS fanatics.

ISIS's goal of creating an Islamic caliphate in the Middle East appears to be defeated by recent losses in Syria and Iraq, helped in part by President's Trump's military

83 ISIS, Counter Extremism Project

mission to eradicate ISIS in Syria. However, ISIS has been extraordinarily successful at exporting its anti-Semitic and anti-Western theology over the internet to a new generation of homegrown terrorists across the globe.

With their dreams of a caliphate slipping away, ISIS has turned its attention to Israel. Israel's intelligence experts are carefully watching the growth of ISIS in the Sinai desert along Israel's western border with Egypt, and the attempt by ISIS operatives to challenge Hamas for supremacy in Gaza.⁸⁴

Hamas

Hamas, an Arabic acronym for the Islamic Resistance Movement, was created by the Muslim Brotherhood in the 1980s. Hamas was originally a social welfare

84 Episode 84 of The Watchman (February 2018)

organization for the benefit of Palestinians in Gaza.⁸⁵ However, this radical group quickly transformed into a terrorist group dedicated to attacking Israel and brutally enforcing strict Islamic law on the Palestinians under its influence.

Hamas gained power due to the frustration of some Palestinian extremists with Yasser Arafat's political engagement with Israel and promises of restraining his PLO and Fatah party's support for terrorism.

In reality, Arafat was only posturing for sympathy from the United Nations and never renounced terrorism, but by giving lip service to the idea of compromise with Israel, he enraged Islamist radicals. Thus, Hamas recruited an even more extreme brand of terrorist than the PLO and dedicated itself to the complete destruction

85 Hamas: Background & Overview, Jewish Virtual Library

of Israel with no room for negotiation.⁸⁶

In an attempt to garner goodwill from the Palestinians while relieving the IDF's burden of overseeing the Gaza Strip, Israel unilaterally withdrew from Gaza in 2006. Hamas, however, took advantage of the power vacuum created by Israel's absence and easily won the 2007 elections.

This loss forced the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority government out of Gaza. The results were immediately disastrous. Hamas murdered Palestinians suspected of sympathizing or collaborating with Israel or its political rivals, and they began launching a constant barrage of missiles into Israel.⁸⁷

Hamas' charter, like that of Hezbollah, specifically dedicates itself to the total annihilation of the Jewish state. Like

86 Israel for Critical Thinkers p. 87-91

87 Israel for Critical Thinkers p. 96

Hezbollah, Hamas intentionally targets Israeli civilians and uses its own civilian population as human shields. One of the worst crimes against humanity perpetrated by these two terrorist organizations is their practice of deliberately hiding their weapons in civilian areas. This attempt to force Israel to kill innocent men, women, and children in order to defend itself from the terrorists is a calculated maneuver.⁸⁸

The purpose of such an evil strategy is obvious: they want to inflame worldwide hatred against Israel and thereby force Israel to either commit national suicide by standing down or suffer extreme worldwide political and economic retaliation for its actions of self-defense.

This despicable plan has worked exceptionally well in helping Israel's

88 *Hamas War Tactics: Attacks from Civilian Centers* (2016), unclassified by the Israel Defense Forces, Jewish Virtual Library

enemies falsely portray the Jewish nation as an cold-hearted monster when it is Hamas and Hezbollah who are guilty of war crimes under international law.

Since 2006, Hamas has launched thousands of rockets into Israel, kidnapped Israeli soldiers, tried to infiltrate Jewish neighborhoods, massacre civilians by digging tunnels under the border with Gaza, as well as instigating countless terrorist plots inside Israel.

Remember this truth—Hamas has no interest in a Palestinian state alongside Israel, regardless of whatever concessions Israel would be willing to make on borders or the city of Jerusalem.

Hamas' fight for control of the Palestinians in Judea and Samaria, and its growing popularity there, threatens to unseat Fatah as the ruling party of the Palestinian Authority and destabilize any hope of

a future peace agreement within these terrorist factions.

The incitement to terrorism and extreme anti-Semitic rhetoric coming from the PLO, Hamas, and now ISIS has inspired a new breed of terrorism inside Israel, Judea and Samaria. Whereas previous terror attacks were usually planned and carried out by organized terror cells, “lone wolf” attacks have become the norm since 2015.

These are often young Palestinian men and women, who spontaneously attack Jews with whatever weapon is at their disposal. These lone wolf terrorists have murdered over 60 innocent people since the beginning of the so-called “Knife Intifada”.⁸⁹

The PLO encourages these attacks by providing pensions and salaries to the terrorists and their families. In early 2018,

⁸⁹ Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Wave of terror 2015-2018

the United States passed a law restricting American foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority until it ends this “Pay to Slay” program. However, in defiance, the Palestinian Authority announced in 2018 that it was increasing the budget for this terrorist incentive from \$347 million to \$403 million.⁹⁰

Clearly, this unholy war against the Jews over the last century, and the emphasis on violent *jihad* in the last 40 years, is far from over. Although the various radical Islamic terror groups are in competition with each other, they are united in their intense hatred of Israel and the Jewish people. The spirit of Hitler lives on in their theology, their political discourse, their youth brainwashing programs, and their culture of death worship.

⁹⁰ Palestinians Increase Payments to Terrorists to \$403 Million, Jerusalem Post (March 2018)

Looming above it all is the shadow of Iran's ambition for a nuclear holocaust that threatens to spark a third world war. Iran invests billions of dollars in funding its own military, Hezbollah, and Hamas. Its objective is the destabilization of the entire Middle East. It is the mark of an obsession with anti-Semitism that leads people to value death more than life, and produces suffering for millions of innocent Arabs and Muslims as collateral damage in the effort to destroy the Jewish people.

Anti-Semitism Lives On

It is clear that anti-Semitism did not originate or end with Adolf Hitler. As I have detailed, the Jewish people have been persecuted since ancient times and this unrivaled hatred against them lives on worldwide.

Jewish hatred in America never advanced to the lethal level of Nazi-led Germany,

but it was widespread nonetheless. Anti-Semitism has never truly disappeared from society, but the terrors of the Holocaust significantly suppressed its public expression for a season.

However, as time has elapsed, and recollections have become dim, and the survivors have passed on, condemnation of the Jewish State of Israel has intensified. Anti-Semitism was, and in some cases, is still very prevalent in social, religious, political, and educational circles, as well as within some so-called influential progressive movements.

In recent years, there has been a deeply concerning upsurge of anti-Semitism around the world to include the United States. Some of the settings may have changed but the hateful rhetoric remains the same—accusing the Jewish people of long-standing claims ranging from

dual loyalty, to using their evil power to control the world because they have a “disproportionate amount of political and economic power.”

The manifestations of Jewish hatred are becoming increasingly blatant as we witness an increase of violent anti-Semitic incidents throughout the world. We see it with the reemergence of Replacement Theology within the church, within places of higher learning, through apartheid accusations and the BDS movement (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions).

College campus students and tenured professors have become more comfortable with not only criticizing Israel but attacking Jewish students for simply being Jewish or because they support the ideals of the Jewish state. Furthermore, increasingly non-Jewish students are being spat upon for supporting their Jewish friends on

campuses throughout America and the world.

Why have America's college campuses become a hotbed for anti-Semitism? Because the enemy knows that the future belongs to the next generation. Here, hatred for Israel is disguised as a punishment for the false accusations of being aggressors of the oppressed Palestinians and an "apartheid regime"—one that discriminates on the grounds of race.

The advent of social media has caused anti-Semitic propaganda and threats against Jews to soar. The internet provides the "facelessness" that anti-Jewish extremists thrive on, sadly allowing them the opportunity to influence millions with their false rhetoric.

Militant Muslim extremism has skyrocketed world-wide and so has

widespread hatred for the Jewish people. A report released in early 2018 showed a dramatic 57% increase in anti-Semitic incidents in America compared to 2016.⁹¹ For the second year in a row, the number of incidents on college campuses nearly doubled. Moreover, for the first time in at least seven years, an anti-Semitic incident was recorded in every state. These numbers are deeply troubling.

Malcolm Hoenlein, a close friend who leads the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, believes that for several years it was accepted for Americans to say that they were *anti-Israel*; however, “Today it is accepted to say I am *anti-Jewish*...”. This, Hoenlein believes, is partly due to the anti-Israel BDS which provides a “cover for

91 2017 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents by the Anti-Defamation League (February 27, 2018)

anti-Semitism.”⁹²

You may tag a sophisticated label on anti-Semitism but it is still sin and as sin it damns the soul. This Jewish hatred is once again spreading like a contagious virus. It is a growing problem that is a cancer on the soul of America and the world. Anti-Semitism is not just a Jewish problem—it’s the world’s problem. I fully agree with Malcolm, who states,

“Combating anti-Semitism starts with the Jewish community, but it doesn’t end with it. This is not our problem. It’s society’s problem. It’s Christianity’s problem. It’s everybody’s problem, when there’s hatred against Jews. We’re the victims; we’re not the cause of it. It’s not because we did something wrong. It’s because of who we are and our values.”

92 ‘Pandemic’ of anti-Semitism taking shape worldwide, even threatens America, warns top US Jewish leader Times of Israel February 2017

Our generation is headed for a perfect storm and in order not to repeat the mistakes of the past we must learn from this simple mandate,

*“Thou shalt not be a victim,
Thou shalt not be a perpetrator but, above all,
Thou shalt not be a bystander.”⁹³*

This time in world history Christians must not stand idly by...

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