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IN ONE of the leading Jewish newspapers a sketch of a patriarchal, venerable Jew appeared holding in his hand the globe of the universe. He was earnestly searching to find a place on the globe where he was wanted. Reviewing the nations of the world by name he said, "Russia, I am not wanted there. Germany, I am not wanted there. Rumania, I am not wanted there. Italy, I am not wanted there. America, Canada, Australia, England, and even Palestine, I am not wanted there." Then he exclaimed in utter despair, "This is a large, beautiful world, but there is no place for me." The title of the sketch was, "Not Wanted."

But to say that the nations do not want the Jews is to express very mildly the hostile attitude of Gentile nations toward the Jewish people. For hundreds of years the nations have put forth a determined effort to completely destroy and annihilate this wonderful race of people. Since the days when the Egyptians oppressed the Jews, world rulers and conquerors to our present day have done all in their power to annihilate the Jews. Call the list of world conquerors, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Sennacherib, Cambyses, Alexander, the Caesars, Pompey, Titus, Hadrian, Omar, Saladin, in our day Hitler and Stalin. You will find that this effort to exterminate God's ancient people has been unrelenting throughout the centuries.

During the last five years, thousands of Jews have been brutally tortured, unspeakably abused, and cruelly murdered in Russia, Germany, Poland. Even in our own beloved country —the land of the free, and the home of the brave—hatred of the Jews is being artfully fostered by many in the name of Christian patriotism. This twentieth century, with all of its boasted civilization is by no means free from the taint of murderous anti-Semitism.

There are places in Europe today where the conditions of

the poor, suffering Jew are horrible. So much so that they almost dread to close their eyes in sleep lest they awake to experience more dreadful conditions. Those of us who have read the prophetic portions of God's Word know that the worst is yet to come. Jesus promises a time of trouble such as never was since the nations began. Ponder what He says in this regard. Matt. 24:21, 22: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Hear again what He says in Mark 13:19— "For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be."

By Jeremiah this period of great tribulation is called: "The time of Jacob's trouble." And it is still future. The present anti-Semitism is just a shadow of that terrible time of persecution which God calls "The great tribulation." It will be unprecedented, unparalleled tribulation because of the very nature of the conditions. The devil with all of his hosts will be in the midst of men in that day, and with all of the ingenuity that he can muster, he will bring about a state of things that will be unprecedented with a purpose of making one final, desperate attempt to destroy Israel. But as men have failed in the past, so all present and future efforts will fail. It is remarkable to note that in spite of all the sorrow, and unreportable persecution that has been the portion of the Jew in the past and present, the Jew has thrived. Today there are at least seventeen million Jews in the world, eight times as many as the number that crossed the Red Sea under the leadership of Moses. When they lived in bondage in Egypt, they numbered only two million. Today the nation, Egypt, which oppressed them has dwindled to about eleven thousand fullblooded Egyptians.

Why is it that the nations have failed to exterminate the Jews? I will tell you why. However, before I do, let me give you the reason the Gentile nations are attempting to annihilate the Jewish people. The Jews have done three things which have stirred the wrath of the implacable foe, the devil, the instigator of all the anti-Semitism that has ever been, is, or ever shall be.

kings, some shepherds, some herdsmen, some scholars, some ignorant fishermen. It was written in three languages, Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Each one of the forty different authors

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Aramaic and Greek. Each one of the forty different authors were Jews and while they lived over this long period of time, it seems that one continues where the other leaves off. The very unity of it is a proof of its inspiration, that its forty writers wrote under the guidance of the Spirit of God.

They have given to the world the book that has

No book has enabled men to live victoriously and die as

triumphantly as the Bible. No book sheds light upon the great

questions pertaining to life, character, sin and destiny as does

this book. The Jews have given to the world a Book that ex-

cells all other books in every way regardless of the viewpoint

from which one may consider it. Think of its marvelous unity,

consisting of sixty-six books. It has been called a library, and

yet it is one Book because of its marvelous unity. Such is uni-

que when one considers that the books were written over a

period of fifteen hundred years, by forty different authors; some

people all through the centuries.

brought light, life and hope to millions of

What this Book has meant to mankind. Think of the countless multitudes who have come to the end of life's pilgrimage and have gone out to the great beyond having no fear or questioning doubt because they were able to stand upon one or more of the wonderful promises contained within its pages. The Book which the Jews have given to the world has counseled men wisely when advice was needed; it has led men when guidance was needed. It is a Book that has warned men faithfully when they needed restraint; it has comforted men sweetly when they needed courage.

Then, too, think of its promises and assurances. Someone has counted the promises within its covers and found that they number more than ten thousand. There are covenants and promises well-nigh unlimited; promises of forgiveness of sin, promises of a new heart; promises to help in time of need; promises for life and death; promises for earthly life, heaven and immortality; promises of heavenly recognition of loved ones who have gone on before; promises of glad reunion; promises of many mansions which the Son of God has gone to prepare for us. These have helped men to live; they have shown men how to die. It is the only Book that continues to grow richer with every repeated reading. It has a larger circulation in one day than any other book has in a year.

The British and Foreign Society recently reported that since its foundation in 1804 they have circulated the surprising number of three million volumes. During the war of 1914-18 the same Society printed the Bible in thirty-four new languages and dialects. All together the Bible has been translated into eight-tenths of the languages of the earth. Add to this record the record of the American Bible Society, the National Bible Society, and many other agencies for the printing and circulation of the Bible, and we see at once that the Book, which has been assailed so fiercely, has never had such an enormous circulation, has never been so highly prized and has never been studied so earnestly as at this moment.

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Here is a Book that is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory. If you would know the foundation of civil government, read the writings of Moses; if you would know the power of song to inspire valor, and to comfort the sorrowing, read the Psalms of David; if you would know the future destiny of world governments and how Gentile power over the earth is to come to an end, read the great prophecies of Daniel; if you would know the significance of what is taking place in Russia and the Far East, turn to its passages for information and enlightenment. If you would know the significance of present world movements, such as the rise of dictators and their policies and dreams, turn to Isaiah and other prophetic writings that look to the future. These show clearly that this Book is the most up-to-date Book in the world. These prove that it is right about matters of world significance and they almost make us feel that the Bible was produced in our day rather than thousands of years ago. If you desire to know what is to be the end of all things and how the great battle between the forces of righteousness and unrighteousness will end, read the book of Revelation. If you seek to know the history of the Christ who lived upon this earth, suffered, died, rose again, and ascended, read the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. If you hunger to know how a sinner may be justified before a sin-hating and a holy God, read the writings of the Apostle Paul.

There is no book in the world that has the power as the Bible has to transform derelicts, wrecks, and ostracised lives of society into holy, happy, victorious saints. When David Livingstone was blazing a trail through the heart of Africa, there was an African chieftain by the name of Africana. He had literally washed his hands in the blood of thousands of human beings, white as well as black. This chieftain had become such a menace to human life that the British Government had placed a price upon his head, a thousand pounds being offered for him dead or alive. David Livingstone planned to visit this bloodthirsty chieftain in his own territory and sent the notice of his plan in advance. Africana sent a message to Livingstone with these orders, "Tell the white man that if he dares to come to my territory, I will make a drinking cup of his skull before he has been here twenty-four hours." This did not deter Livingstone, however. He made the visit and took a copy of the Bible with him. He told Africana the message of the Word of God concerning the Christ who died for man's sins and rose again for man's justification. As a result of this visit, that savage man was made a new creature in Christ Jesus. So marked was the transformation in his life that the British government gave him a pardon. Africana had laid down his natural life for Jesus Christ to fill with divine life. Can you tell me anything that can change man like this Word, this Book?

Today there are tens of thousands of people in Africa, China, India, Japan, the islands of the sea, and in every clime who can bear witness to the power of the Gospel in the Bible to lift men from sin and degradation to the plains of holiness and honor. The purest statesmen in the world recognize that real, lasting civilization follows everywhere in its wake. No wonder, therefore, that the service of the Jews in giving the Bible to the world has stirred the wrath of an implacable foe.

II. The Jew has vindicated the truth of the Bible which he gave.

He has involuntarily done this. One of the outstanding proofs that the Bible is the Word of God is what it says about Israel, the great prophecies that have been fulfilled to the very letter.

In Deut. 28:37, 64-68 there is the great prophecy that the

Jew would be *scattered* and *persecuted* by the peoples among whom he has been scattered. Read these verses carefully and compare them with the lot of the average Jew as he lives in the nations of the earth.

"And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee . . . And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind; And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you."

God promises a curse upon all of those who would persecute this people, Israel. Turn to the Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12:3: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." Throughout the years you will find that God blesses those who have protected the Jew, and His judgment has come upon those who have persecuted this nation. No nations have ever touched them and not paid the penalty in sorrow, suffering, and national shame.

Rome, which crucified the Lord, destroyed Jerusalem, and enslaved the people has passed away. Only a few mournful ruins remain to suggest the splendor of the once proud Caesars. The Arch of Titus and the sculptured procession of the captive Jew stand today as a beacon of warning, heralding to the nations of the earth what happens to the empire that persecutes Israel.

Spain, whose Catholic King, Phillip, sent thousands of trembling Jews to sea in sinking ships, has become a third-rate nation and has sold the very islands named after that Phillip who weighted his soul with the weight of infamy by reason of Jewish deaths.

Russia, where they have been the objects of unparalleled persecution, being charged the toll rate of a bridge as though they were a herd of cattle or a flock of sheep, where they have been shot down in the streets of the cities—Russia has gone down in humiliation, shame, and defeat before the armies of pagan Japan.

For four hundred years the Jews in the land of Egypt were ground by cruel, heartless, conscienceless taskmasters. Now the civilization of that country has been buried beneath the desert sand. Look in Central Park and behold the obelisk that was taken from the ancient city of Memphis, a few miles out of the present Cairo—see the hieroglyphics on its four sides. That obelisk tells America that the nation which persecuted the Jew has passed away with all of its glory, but the Jew lives on.

Come with me to the ruins of Babylon where the cuneiform records have been pieced together and where the history of old Nebuchadnezzar has been uncovered. What do the ruins mean? This, that the people, the government, the empire which took the Jews into captivity, stole from the temple their golden vessels and in a blasphemous way drank from them to a midnight hour—that nation, that people crumbled and fell to destruction. So horribly destroyed was it that now the bats and owls fly and hoot to a silent answer.

The prophecies uttered thousands of years ago declare that the Jews, during the time of dispersion, would remain separate from among the nations of the earth and would not be numbered among them.

Why is it that a Jew is called a Jew whether he is a citizen or an alien? Let a German come to the United States and take out citizenship; we call him a German American. Let a Russian come to this country and do likewise; we call him a Russian American. Let a Japanese claim our shores home, and he is a Japanese American. When a Jew comes, he is not a Jew American, he is an American Jew. This was foretold thousands of years ago in the prophecy that he would not be "Numbered among the nations of the earth."

Then there is the great prophecy in Deuteronomy 30 telling not only about his marvelous preservation in spite of persecution and unreportable suffering, but that in the latter times, the time of this dispensation, there would be a *regathering* of the Jews to the land of Palestine.

In regard to the marvelous preservation of the identity of the Jew, I have one or two questions to ask our professors. We know that man's color changes according to climatic conditions, and that man's body changes according to social conditions. We know that man is fat or lean according to diet, and that people in cold climates tend to be more corpulent because they eat meat. Observe the Eskimo. He is a stubby, thickchested people, while in the equatorial regions where man does not eat meat but thrives on a vegetable diet, the physique is slender and Cassisus-like. We know, too, that governmental changes affect men, that according to the liberty or freedom which a people have they are able to develop and that if they are under a voke of bondage the body tends to dwarf. We know also that when we bring different races together, different breeds, colors, and ancestry we have a polyglot of nations, a melting pot of a dozen different ancestral tribes. The result is a differing race or strain from any of the preceding dozen or more fathers.

These things are true in every case of human history except in the case of the Jew of whom prophecy has said such would not be true. Other nations come to America and lose their identity in the melting pot of the nations. Not so the Jew. My friends, you can not lose the Jew. I care not where you put him; what you do to him; what happens to him. The Word of God is very clear on that point. Isa. 3:9 says, "The shew of their countenance doth witness against them." The word, "countenance," means features. It means nose, eyes, chin, and mouth. The Word of God says that the face of the Jew would be his witness wherever he went. These are simple things prophesied in the Word of God about him.

Then take the great prophecy concerning their return to the land of Palestine. Read carefully Deut. 30 and note what is taking place today under the name, "The Zionist Movement." The "Zionist Movement" began in 1874 under the leadership of Dr. Theodore Herzl, an Austrian Jew. The object was twofold: First, to foster the national idea in Israel; and second, to make Palestine a permanent home for the Jew. Within the last ten years tens of thousands of Jews have returned to the land of Palestine and have turned the deserts into "watered gardens." They have built most up-to-date cities. Tens of thousands of others are waiting to go.

These are just a few of the ways in which the Jew has vindicated the truth of the Bible. But there is another way in which he has vindicated it. The Apostle Paul, a Jew, proclaimed that the "Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." That very man, then went through the Roman Empire proclaiming that message and demonstrating beyond all doubt and controversy that the Book was able to transform savage men and make them new creatures. But spreading this message abroad at great cost to himself, he vindicated the Book, proving that it was and is what it claims to be—the "Power of God unto salvation." Every transformed Gentile who knows the power of Jesus Christ in his own life has been transformed by the Holy Spirit through the agency of a Book that was written by the Jew.

Napoleon, seated around his campfire with his generals before the battle of the Pyramids, debating the question of religion, was asked by his marshals, who were infidels, if he believed that there was a God. He pointed to Marshal Mesena, a Jew, and said, "Gentlemen, there is the unmistakable argument that there is a God."

It is no wonder that when Frederick the Great asked his chaplain to prove the truth of the Bible in one Word that the chaplain answered, "Israel." Thus we see that not only has the Jew given the Bible to the world, but he has also vindicated its truth in his own experience. In so doing he has incurred the wrath of an implacable foe who is attempting to even the account by exterminating that nation through anti-Semitism.

III. To the world the Jews have given Jesus Christ, the greatest Teacher the world has ever seen, the only Redeemer the world will ever have.

A movement is progressing today which attempts to prove that Jesus Christ was not a Jew. Romans 9:4, 5 proves the fallacy of such an idea. "Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, AND OF WHOM AS CONCERN-ING THE FLESH CHRIST CAME, who is over all, God blessed for ever."

Jesus Christ not only came of the nation of Israel, but He came of the tribe of Judah. As a humble prophet of Nazareth He has gone up and down the earth and has had more influence and sway than all of the teachers that the earth has ever owned. He is the incomparable Teacher of all of the ages. Beside Him, the earth's other great teachers are as tapering candles beside a great sun.

He is not only a great Teacher, He is also the one and only Redeemer. Isaiah foresaw His coming and described His passion in the matchless 53rd chapter of the book bearing his name.

While Christ was a great Teacher, He did not come into the world primarily to teach. His ministry was "To give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28b). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), and He died that we might not forever die. He died for all mankind making it possible for the weakest and the most sinful of the human race to find in His precious blood a remedy for sins of the deepest hue, a remedy sufficient to wash them whiter than snow.

These are a few of the things that have stirred the wrath of Satan. What a description we have of his wrath in Rev. 12. The "Woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars" is about to give birth to a man child. Satan, the "dragon," waits to devour the child when it is born. The woman represents the nation of Israel through whom Christ came according to the flesh. The sun represents the new covenant. The moon at her feet represents the old covenant. The twelve stars forming the diadem about her head represent the twelve tribes. When the dragon is thwarted in his plan of devouring the child, the record says that he turns on the woman who gave birth to this world's Redeemer.

My friends, the devil hates the Bible and he hates the Christ of the Bible. He, therefore, hates the nation that gave to the world these precious things. Wicked man hates the Bible and the Christ of the Bible, therefore Satan finds them willing instruments through which to carry out his purpose in attempting to destroy the Jews. But the Jew is not destroyed, and, in spite of all of the unreportable persecutions, the Jew has thrived and increased.

Men have failed to destroy the Jew because they have used the wrong method. God has told us in His Word what godless men must do if they are to succeed in their effort. One of the reasons he has failed in destroying them is that he has run afoul of God's promises. God has hedged the Jew in with promises and covenants, He has sworn that the nation shall abide forever.

Against the efforts of man to destroy the Jew, we find the promises of God in Isaiah 66:22—"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain." Isaiah 43:1, 2 reads, "But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." God foreseeing the disobedience of the Jews nevertheless gave that wonderful promise, "I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly" (Lev. 26:44).

When the devil has massed his forces to exterminate the Iews, he has always run afoul of covenants and promises such as these. But God has told us what the nations must do in order to accomplish their determined efforts to destroy the Jews. Would you like to know the insurmountable obstacles with which man must grapple in order to destroy this wonderful people? Read the words in Jeremiah 31:35-37-"Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord." There is the program, and only as man accomplishes this will he ever accomplish

his purpose in destroying the Jew. What must be done? First, man must destroy the ordinances of the sun, the moon, and the stars. He must dash the sun and the moon and the stars out of the hand of God, plunge the world into stygian darkness, scale the pinnacles of Heaven to measure the palace of God, discover the invisible support of the whirling earth-do this, saith the Lord, and "I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done." Destroy the solar system and you can then destroy the Jews. Let us look carefully at the conditions for the success of this program to destroy the Jews. First, destroy the sun and the moon. What a task! The sun is so large that if you could take a huge auger and bore a hole in it, you could then pour 1,200,000 earths like this one into it, and still have room for 4,900,000 moons to be around the inside edge. But the Jew baiters must destroy this great sun and the moon also before their purposes can ever meet with success. The stars must also go. Let me give you a few figures regarding stars that you may know what their task is. The planet Neptune, a near neighbor, is nearly 3,000,000,000 miles away from the earth and yet the nearest star you see in the sky is 10,000 times farther away. It is Alpha Centauri, 250,000 times farther away than the sun. The light you see from Alpha Centauri is four years old. It takes it that long to arrive here traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, as all light does. But Alpha Centauri isn't very far away. The North Star is fourteen times farther. If you should charter an inter-stellar airplane and head for the North Star, traveling at the rate of 200 miles an hour, it would take 204,500,000 years to arrive at the North Star union depot. But even the North Star isn't far away. There are stars 500, 800 and 1,000 times farther. It takes the light from Arcturus 200 years to get to the earth. Find out how many seconds in 200 years and multiply by 186,000 and you will know how many miles Arcturus is from our little planet. Astronomers tell us there are millions of such stars in this and other stellar systems. Oh, the immensity of this universe! But listen, haters of Israel must blot out all this before the Jew can be destroyed! Read again these conditions for the destruction of the Jew. Jeremiah 31:35-37: "Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the

sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord."

But, you ask, why is God preserving the Jew? He is preserving him not because he is worthy or deserves to be kept, but because God long ago made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He would surely keep them, and God always keeps His promises. My brother Christian, we have a wonderful God. We have a God who stands by His Word and keeps His promises and in such a God I gladly put my trust. And, my Gentile friend, you may know this God as your God and His Son as your Saviour.

Jesus likens Himself to a shepherd—the Good Shepherd who giveth His life for the sheep. One of the promises He makes to those who put their trust in Him is found in John 10:27-29: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." And my friend, if you will allow Him to enfold you with His great faithfulness, He will remain steadfast to His promise until the mighty sun burns out and the stars of the Heavens fall. My sheep shall never perish. O wandering sinner, whether you be Jew or Gentile, enter into the fold of the Lord Jesus tonight.

Jesus is called the Good Shepherd and the Great Shepherd. When Jesus died for us, He was the Good Shepherd. But after He had died and had made us eternally secure so that not one of us shall ever be lost, then He becomes the Great Shepherd. But you may say, "How can I come into the fold of the shepherd?" Jesus said: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." Come in, my friend, come into the fold tonight, because He gives the assurance that "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

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