

The Inscrutable Question: Arabs Will Always Persecute Jews, Gal 4:22-24, 29; Anti-Semitism Defined; Plagiarized Forgery: “Protocols of the Elders of Zion”

- 30- Consequently, I am concerned about the presence of a large number of Jews in any geographic location, especially in the volatile environment that pervades the Middle East and in light of the prophecy expressed by Paul in:

Galatians 4:22 - It is written that Abraham had two sons, one [**Ishmael**] by the bondwoman [**Hagar**] and one [**Isaac**] by the free woman [**Sarah**].

v. 23 - But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh [**human viewpoint and adultery**], and the son of the free woman through the promise [**the Abrahamic Covenant and the power of God**].

v. 24 - And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise.

v. 29 - But as at that time [**Galatians 4:22-23**] he who was born according to the flesh [**Ishmael, the son of the bondwoman**] persecuted him who was born according to the Holy Spirit [**Isaac, the son of the free woman**], so it is now also.

- 31- Verse 29 begins with the adversative conjunction:

ἀλλά / **alla** / -

“But,” followed by the intensive comparative particle:

ὥσπερ / **hosper** / -

“even as,” “exactly like,” “precisely like,” or “in the very same manner,” plus the temporal conjunction:

τότε / **tote** / -

“then,” or, “at that time”

- 32- The verse begins with the assertion that the present-day persecution of the Jews is modeled after the original persecution of the Jew in:

Genesis 21:9 - Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

v. 10 - Therefore she said to Abraham, “Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac.”

v. 11 - And the matter distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.

v. 12 - But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for through Isaac your descendants shall be named.

v. 13 - “And of the son of the maid I will make a nation also, because he is your descendant.”

- 33- The word “mocking” in verse 9 is the Piel stem of the verb:

שָׂחַק / **sachaq** / -

In a negative context which is the case here the Piel stem intensifies a mental attitude of derision. This is the original assault of anti-Semitism against the Jewish line of Christ.

- 34- Sarah discerned the mental attitude behind what Ishmael presented through a rhetorical veil of playfully ribbing his younger half-brother. The positive application of **sachaq** has to do with playful jesting. Sarah saw it for what it was and demanded that Abraham get his whore and her bastard out of their house.

- 35- Thus the son and the bondwoman departed. Ishmael was later married to an Egyptian woman who bore him twelve sons. These sons are named in Genesis 25:12-18. These sons were the patriarchs of the twelve tribes of Arabia.
- 36- Today these twelve tribes along with other Semitic first cousins make up the Arab world. They are all either directly related to Ishmael or related to him through Shem.
- 37- And down to this day we may without doubt know and understand that these sons of the bondwoman will continue to persecute with intensity the son of the free woman.
- 38- Ishmael will always persecute Isaac, the Arab will always persecute the Jew, Islam will always persecute Judaism, and so-called Palestinians will always persecute Israel.
- 39- Principle: There will never be peace in the Middle East until the Second Advent of Christ, not as long as the Jews occupy Israel.
- 40- Consequently, there is enough information available to the Jew to know that he is placing himself in harm's way by returning to the land ahead of the Lord's call. However, the veil that still hinders the Jews' vision of the true Messiah causes him to ignore the warnings of their prophets and their own history.
- 41- Therefore, I contend that Zionism is a dangerous ideology for the Jew to follow. I am not anti-Zionist for I believe that Jesus Christ will recall believing Israel to the land at His Second Advent. But I am Zionophobic believing that the Jew is placed in mortal danger by his presence in the land surrounded by the anti-Semitic sons of the bondwoman.

Galatians 4:29 - But just as it was [ὥστε / *hosper* /] back then [τότε / *tote* / : in the time of Ishmael and Isaac], He who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Holy Spirit, even so [οὕτως / *houtos*] now [νῦν / *nun* /].

Walvoord, John F. and Roy B. Zuck (eds.). *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: New Testament*. (Wheaton: Victor Books, 1983), 604:

In Genesis 21, Ishmael mocked Isaac, laughing derisively at the younger boy, since Ishmael was the elder son and assumed he would be heir to his father's estate. That early animosity has been perpetuated in the two sons of Abraham and is seen in the current Arab-Israel tensions.

- 42- Bernard Lewis's second type of hostility toward Jews is one he says is more difficult to define:

Lewis, *Semites and Anti-Semites*, 20:

A second type, more difficult to define, is what one might call common, conventional, in a sense even "normal" prejudice, sometimes giving rise to "normal" persecution. Parallels to it might be found in the suspicion and resentment which are often directed against neighbors of another tribe, another race, another faith, or from another place, or the attitudes which majorities sometimes adopt toward minorities. Hostility to Jews is often stimulated or aggravated by similar causes.

- 43- Professor Lewis does not consider this form of hostility to define anti-Semitism but that it simply expresses the kind of attitude that peoples of a certain culture, religion, or heritage often direct toward those of a different background. However, his third type of hostility is what he defines as classic anti-Semitism:

Lewis, *Semites and Anti-Semites*, 20:

The third type (of hostility) is anti-Semitism. Hatred of the Jews has many parallels, yet it is unique—in its persistence and its extent, its potency and virulence, its terrible Final Solution. Conventional prejudice and persecution can be very terrible, but they differ from anti-Semitism.

One crucial difference is the desire of the anti-Semite to eliminate, to destroy, and in the final stage physically to exterminate his victim.

In its extreme form, the anti-Semitic view of history portrays the Jew as a satanic force, as the root of virtually all evil in the world, from the earliest time to the present day. In this view, he is engaged in an eternal and universal conspiracy, to infiltrate, corrupt, and ultimately rule the gentile world. For this he uses a variety of methods, all of them sinister. In medieval times, Jews were accused of poisoning wells, spreading the plague, and practicing ritual murder; in more modern times with inventing both capitalism and communism, and using the one or the other or both together to dominate the world. Since it is manifestly impossible to maintain these and similar propositions on any rational basis of evidence, the anti-Semite resorts to another characteristic device—the invention of facts and the fabrication of evidence to support them.

The most famous of all these forgeries is undoubtedly the so-called *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

- 44- This piece of heinous fiction was the result of a fabrication of a French satire on Napoleon III by Maurice Joly entitled "Dialogue in Hell between Machiavelli and Montesquieu." We get details from:

Thieme, *Anti-Semitism*, 78:

The Jews did not achieve their present erroneous label as international conspirators until 1903 when a Russian monk, Sergyei Nilus, published a document entitled *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. This book was Nilus' answer to a request from Czar Nicholas II whose psychopathic phobia of the Jews was well-known. The Czar needed "proof" to justify his anti-Semitic sentiments and actions.

Nilus claimed that the book was an exact transcript of a secret meeting held by the elders of Zion in 1897, when they supposedly plotted the disintegration of Christian societies, the instigation of world revolution and wars, and the disruption of education. Since then, *Protocols* has served as the basis for worldwide anti-Semitic propaganda.

- 45- A brief synopsis of the development of the *Protocols* is provided by:

Carroll, Robert Todd. "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." In *The Skeptic's Dictionary*. (Sacramento: Robert Todd Carroll, 1999):

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion is a forgery made in Russia for the Okhrana (secret police), which blames the Jews for the country's ills. It was first privately printed in 1897 and was made public in 1905. It is copied from a nineteenth century novel (*Biarritz*, 1868) and claims that a secret Jewish cabal is plotting to take over the world.

The basic story was composed by a German novelist and anti-Semite named Hermann Goedsche who used the pseudonym of Sir John Retcliffe. Goedsche stole the main story from another writer, Maurice Joly, whose "Dialogues in Hell between Machiavelli and Montesquieu" (1864) involved a Hellish plot aimed at opposing Napoleon III. Goedsche's original contribution consists mainly of introducing Jews to do the plotting to take over the world.

The Russians used big chunks of a Russian translation of Goedsche's novel, published it separately as the *Protocols*, and claimed they were authentic. Their purpose was political: to strengthen the Czar Nicholas II's position by exposing his opponents as allies with those who were part of a massive conspiracy to take over the world. Thus, the *Protocols* are a forgery of a plagiarized fiction.

- 46- *Protocols* worldwide fame began with the Russian Revolution in 1917. We turn again to:

Lewis, *Semites and Anti-Semites*, 108:

In the course of the bitter civil wars that raged across Russia in the years 1918-1921, the leaders of the White Russians used the *Protocols* extensively to persuade the Russian people that the so-called revolution was no more than a Jewish plot to impose a Jewish government on Russia, as a step toward the ultimate aim of Jewish world domination.

The *Protocols* and the doctrines which it was used to propagate had their effect in the brutal massacres of Jews during the Russian Civil War. At the same time, White Russian agents carried the *protocols* to all the countries of Europe and the Americas, as evidence of their interpretation of the significance of the Revolution and the nature of the new government in Moscow. In this they achieved quite extraordinary success. In Britain, both the *Times* and the *Morning Post* gave the *Protocols* extensive treatment, and the *Spectator* even demanded a royal commission to decide whether British Jews were in fact "subjects of a secret government." In America, the *Protocols* were widely circulated under the title *The Jewish Peril* and were in particular publicized and distributed by the automobile magnate Henry Ford, an obsessive anti-Semite who wrote a series of articles on "The International Jew."

In 1921, the *Times* newspaper of London published some articles by its Istanbul correspondent (Philip Graves) who had discovered a copy of the original French pamphlet and thus exposed the *Protocols* as a forgery; in 1927 even Henry Ford admitted that his accusations were unfounded. From this time onward, in the English-speaking world, the *Protocols* were confined to the lunatic fringe. But in Hitler's Germany, they provided a major theme in Nazi anti-Semitic propaganda, and like the White Russian agents before them, Nazi peddlers of anti-Semitism were instrumental in distributing the *Protocols* all over the world.

- 47- Anti-Semitism is one of the major causes for national discipline. It is a certain ticket to the sin unto death for the individual. Hatred of the Jew and the obsession to eliminate him from history is the vilest of evils.
- 48- No Christian church can perform its duty in a client nation that harbors in its doctrines any anti-Semitic concepts. No church that fears the justice of God would allow anti-Semites to openly function within its walls. As a result, we have taken a hard stand on this sin in our doctrinal statement, *The Forty Proclamations: The Theology of Grace Doctrine Church*. Proclamation number 33:

Anti-Semitism: Intolerance, hatred, prejudice, opposition, and persecution of the Jewish people. Anti-Semitism is a satanic plot to eliminate Jews from history. God has promised the Jews a reigning Messiah Who will rule them in their own land called Israel. In order for Christ to fulfill these divine promises to Israel, Jews must survive until the Second Advent. Thus, anti-Semitism becomes a part of Satan's desperation to circumvent Messiah's return. Every member of the human race is warned by God Himself to avoid any form of anti-Semitism. In Gen 12:3 He says, "I will bless those who bless you and I will curse those who curse you." Consequently, Grace Doctrine Church stands in righteous opposition to any vestige of anti-Semitic thought, comment or action. Further, anyone associated with this church who engages in anti-Semitic actions will be asked to withdraw from the fellowship.

- 49- Other assaults on the line of Christ, the birth of Christ, the life of Christ, and the work of Christ would entail a long and involved analysis. However, while looking at this doctrine in the context of our study, the assault of anti-Semitism upon the return of Christ was important to discuss. It is a sin and an evil that the people of the United States must avoid if they on the one hand expect to remain free and protected by an almighty God and on the other hand free and clear of His almighty wrath.
- 50- A sobering look at the divine wrath that awaits the anti-Semites of the Tribulation is found in the book of Zechariah where the prophet describes a plague that could accurately be called the Anti-Semitism Rot:

Zechariah 14:12 - Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

