

III. Historic Excuses for Anti-Semitism

- A. Economic—The Jews control all the money (*Protocol of the Learned Elders of Zion* hoax)
- B. Chosen People Syndrome—elitism
- C. Scapegoat—blame your problems on the Jews
- D. Outsiders—they can't be trusted since they maintain distinctions
- E. They killed Jesus—blaming the crucifixion on Jews alone
- F. Race—the Jews are inferior



Jewish children imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp.



Iran's president preaches anti-Semitic hatred



Emaciated Jewish men on the day of their liberation from a Nazi camp

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Great Prophecies of the Bible

Moses' Prophecy and Anti-Semitism



Introduction:

Indisputably, the Bible teaches that the Jewish people—the nation of Israel—are God’s “chosen people.” While Old Testament Israel enjoyed a special relationship with God, her relationship with the other nations of the world has been nothing short of disastrous. Why have the Jews been persecuted throughout history? Does God have a purpose in Jewish suffering? Will Anti-Semitism ever be a thing of the past?

I. The Mosaic Covenant—Prediction of Blessing & Cursing

- A. In Deuteronomy 28 Moses presents a covenant between God and His people, national Israel. While the Abrahamic Covenant was unconditional, the Mosaic Covenant is purely conditional—God’s blessing/cursing in response to Israel’s keeping of the covenant.
- B. In Deuteronomy 28:2-14, Moses presents a list of blessings that would come as a result of obedience.
- C. Beginning in verse 15 and continuing through verse 68, Moses enumerates a fearful list of curses that would come as a result of disobedience.

II. The Curse of Anti-Semitism Predicted by Moses

- A. Deuteronomy 28:37—*And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee.*
 1. No other race of people has suffered universal mockery and condemnation as has the Jewish people.
 2. The Abrahamic Covenant *assumed* Anti-Semitism— “...and curse him that curseth thee” (Gen. 12:1-3) and the Mosaic Covenant *predicted* it.
 3. Ezekiel 5:14, 15 and Jeremiah 24:9 underscore Moses’ prophecy. Interestingly the words “byword” in Deuteronomy and “taunt” in Jeremiah come from the Hebrew word “Sheninah” from which the reproachful appellation “Sheeni” derives. How precise the Scripture that the very “taunt and byword” is the taunt and byword!
 4. The very name “Jew” is used as a racial slur. If one feels he has been charged too much, he is said to have been “Jewed.” God does not approve, but He warned through Moses that it would be so.

- B. Deuteronomy 28:65-67—*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.*

1. Historically, the Jews have faced greater persecution and attempts at extermination than any other people.
 2. Jews were exterminated *by the hundreds of thousands* in Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Turkey *prior to the rise of Nazism.*
 3. Russian Czars (Nicholas I, Alexander III and Nicholas II) persecuted and killed Jews numbering into the *millions.*
 4. Hitler’s holocaust, the most notorious persecution of the Jew, is part of a long list of anti-Semitic horrors predicted by Moses but perpetrated by sinful man.
 5. The Roman Catholic Church is responsible for much of the so-called “Christian” persecution of the Jew. Benjamin Disraeli said, “The Jews are a nervous people. Nineteen centuries of Christian love have taken a toll.”
- C. Deuteronomy 28:64 and Numbers 23:9—*The Lord shall scatter thee among all people from one end of the earth even unto the other AND Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.*
 1. It is a remarkable fact of history that although the Jews have been scattered among the nations of the world, they still remain a distinct people.
 2. Attempts made by Jews to assimilate into foreign cultures have almost universally met with heightened anti-Semitism.
 3. Ancient groups living distinctly as Jews have been recorded in China, Africa, India—cut off from large Jewish populations, but maintaining their distinctive religious and cultural traits.



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