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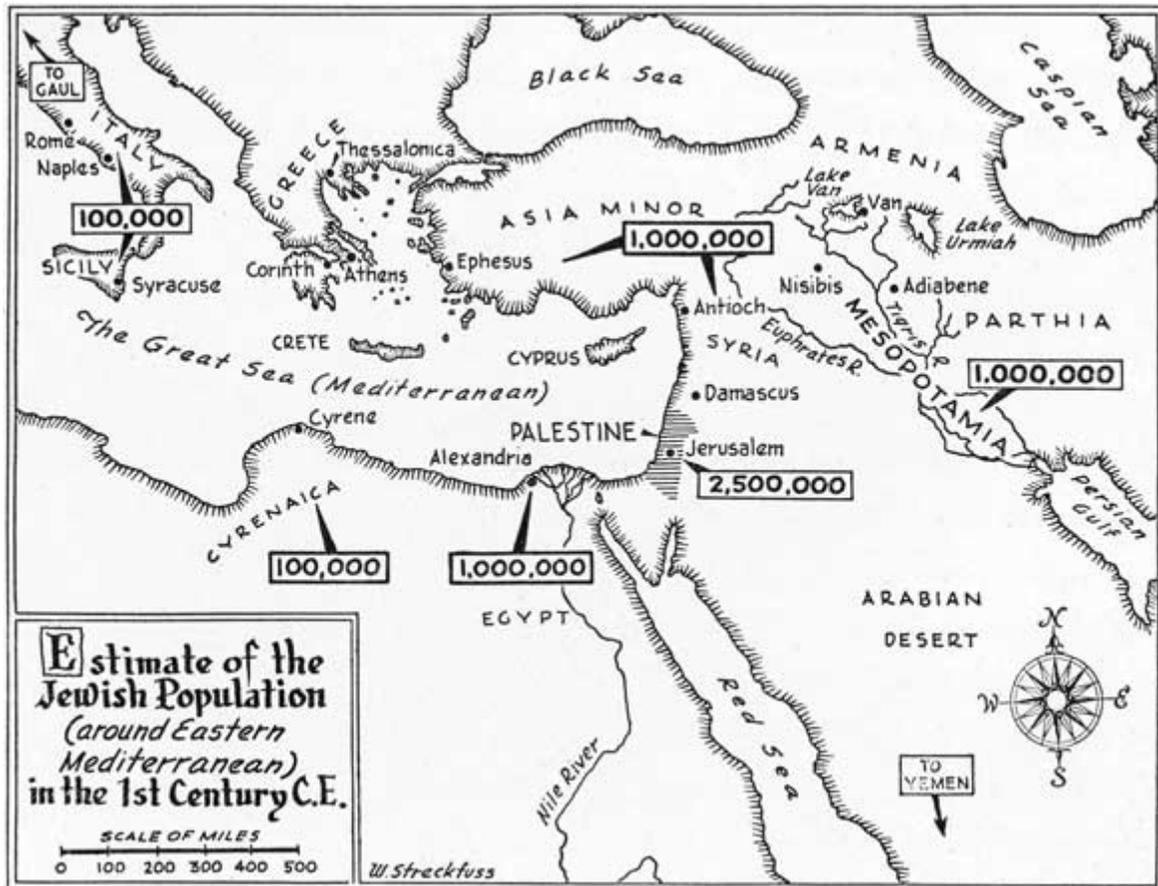
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PART 9A: THE REBELLION CONTINUES

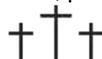
According to Jewish sources, the Jewish main population in the Roman Empire during the first century A.D. was around 5.7 million. Of these 2.5 million lived in Palestine.¹



HARASSMENT BY THE ROMAN GOVERNMENT

For many years the Jews living outside Palestine had been sending in an annual sum of money to pay for the cost of running the temple in Jerusalem. With the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D., the Jews didn't have a temple to support anymore. Someone in the Roman government decided to further humiliate them and get extra money for projects in the city of Rome at the same time. The old temple of Jupiter was being rebuilt in Rome and a Roman tax law emerged that called for every Jewish person to send the same amount used to support the temple in Jerusalem to help with the building and upkeep of the temple of Jupiter.

¹ Solomon Grayzel, *A HISTORY OF THE JEWS*, 1947, p.128



The tax was called “Fiscus Judaicus” and fomented more hate against Rome from the Jews and eventually would lead to open revolts.

THE SPIRITUAL POWER BEHIND JUDAISM

Satan was and still is the spiritual power behind Judaism. This statement will invoke strong feelings among Christian Zionists and Jews. However, it is important not to let our emotions run wild but be willing to look at the Bible and get truthful answers from the Word of God.

No political movement can exist unless it has a spiritual power driving it and giving it life!

The Church of Jesus Christ is empowered by the Holy Ghost. **Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4**

Judaism is empowered by the Devil. **John 8:31-53; Revelation 2:9; 3:9**

Even though the Jews lost their central leadership with the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D., the Devil and his fallen angels have been coaching them from the spirit world and formed them into a worldwide organization. Ordinary Jews do not understand that they are lead by an “elite” just like people in other nations.

Each nation has a satanic spiritual prince ruling over it! Daniel 10:11-20

The demon rulers who possessed the leaders of Sodom and Gomorrah, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, etc. have not been removed from the earth but are still ruling the same nations and are possessing rulers as they come and go. The same vile spirits who possessed the high priest, the rulers, the Sadducees and Pharisees at the time of Jesus, now possess the descendants of these men. The demons that possessed the Zealots of old also possess the leaders in the Zionist World Federation today.

This is the reason why you will find continuity in the development of the Jewish people because they depend upon the demonic writings of the Talmud and the Cabala.

Rank and file Jews over the centuries know very little of the Cabala and only bits and pieces of the Talmud. Just like the masses in Gentile nations, they follow the leaders without knowing what is really going on.

God warned the people of Israel 500 years before Christ to be aware of these false pastors and prophets. **Jeremiah 23:1-40**

THE DIASPORA REBELLION (73-117 A.D.)

During the Diaspora² rebellion, two years after the destruction of Masada, there were some one million Jews living in Egypt who revolted and tried to force the Romans out of Egypt but the rebellion was quickly put down. The Jews had built a second temple in Egypt (Temple of Onias), located in the small town of Heliontopolis, and it was closed as a punishment.

² Hebrew word that means “Jews scattered abroad.”

From 98 to 117 A.D., Trajan was the Emperor of Rome. He wanted to do what Alexander the Great had failed to do, conquer Persia and extend the Roman Empire into India. Trajan realized that he had to get the Jews on his side if he was to be successful since there were still more than two million Jews living in Judea and one million in and around Babylon. To entice them, Trajan verbally told them that he would allow them to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem if the campaign went well. But once he started his military campaign in 115 A.D., Trajan was very successful and had entered deep into Persia and the Parthian Empire.

Parthian army units, together with large forces of Jews, rose up behind the lines of Trajan and his army was threatened with total destruction. Trajan broke off his eastward march and turned to fight the Parthian/Jewish forces.

As the news reached the island of Cyprus, the Jews in Cyrene (modern day Tunisia) and Egypt revolted and it looked like the Roman Empire would be defeated. The Roman military focused on extracting the Emperor out of Parthia first and all available soldiers were sent east.

Trajan and his army were saved and the command was given to General Tineius Rufus, his most ruthless general, to wipe out all opposition in Parthia. The large force of Jews from Palestine didn't come to the help of their kinsmen in Parthia because they had been given the promise to rebuild the Temple.

Once the Jews in Parthia had been defeated, Trajan dispensed General Turbo to put down the uprising in the West. The Jews were defeated again. On the island of Cyprus, every Jew (men, women and children) was killed; furthermore, there was a law written that Jews could never again set foot on the island. The Jews in Egypt and Cyrene were defeated and thousands upon thousands were slaughtered in revenge by the Romans and the Gentile population.

The Jews found out again, the hard way, that God was no longer protecting them; He had turned them over for destruction because of their rejection of Jesus as the Messiah.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

The Church of Jesus marched to a different tune as the Jewish leaders were constantly working to overthrow the Romans and re-establish a Jewish homeland.

By 100 A.D. the last apostle had moved on to heaven and a second generation of pastors, evangelists and teachers had taken over. Christian churches could be found throughout the Roman Empire but there were no church buildings since Christians were constantly persecuted by the Roman Government and the Jews. Ignatius was a church leader in Antioch, and during the last years of Emperor Trajan (115-117), he was arrested and sent to Rome where he was thrown into the Coliseum and killed by wild beasts. During the time of ministry he, like Paul, wrote letters to churches in Ephesus, Magnesia, Tralles, Rome, Philadelphia and Smyrna and a personal note to Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna. Other church leaders and writers of Christian doctrine at this time were Clement of Rome (93-97 A.D.);

Ignatius of Antioch (110-117); Polycarp of Smyrna (110-117); Hermes of Rome (115-140).³ These men's ministries were not long, as once discovered by the authorities, they were arrested and killed.

Both Jewish and Christian historical sources agree on one point, **Jews and Gentiles who had made Jesus their Messiah did not participate in the uprisings by the Jews and showed no interest in establishing an earthly kingdom in Judea. They had no desire to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.**

A NEW JEWISH MESSIAH

Emperor Trajan sent General Tineius Rufus to rule over Judea and make sure it was pacified. He made sure that every remaining rebellion was wiped out and the Jews who resisted were executed without mercy. Meanwhile, the rabbinic leadership told the people not to fight because they had Trajan's promise that they would be given permission to rebuild the Temple.

But there was opposition to a new Temple from the Gentiles living in Palestine and from the Samaritans. They appealed to Rome asking that permission not be given to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple.

When Trajan died in 117 A.D., he was succeeded by Hadrian. The Jewish leadership continued pushing hard for the new Temple, and in 130 A.D., Emperor Hadrian traveled to Jerusalem to see for himself what should be done.

Hadrian ordered Jerusalem to be rebuilt, but as a Roman city with the name, "Aelia Capitolina." The city would have one altar of worship to the god Jupiter. Hadrian was the high priest in Rome and led the worship of Jupiter.

The Jewish leadership decided that it was time to fight the Romans again and drive them out of the Promised Land. Rabbi Akiba ben Joseph was an 80 year old religious leader who traveled throughout Judea to stir up the people. Hundreds of thousands of Jewish men responded and Rabbi Joseph appointed a younger man by the name of Simon from the town of Koziba to be the leader. He told the people that Simon was the Messiah and changed his name to Simon Bar Kochba (son of the star). Simon started the war against Rome in 132; he retook Jerusalem and erected an altar on the old Temple ground.

Hadrian appointed General Julius Severus to lead the Roman army as it marched into Judea, aided by Gentile soldiers from surrounding provinces. Severus realized that he would lose in an open battle against the much larger Jewish army, so he crisscrossed the countryside, burning, looting and destroying farms and fields. He only attacked small Jewish forces and eventually wore them down. In two years time he had driven them out of Jerusalem.

In 135 A.D., Simon and his remaining forces fled to the small town of Bettar southwest of Jerusalem. The Jews were able to hold the city for several weeks but Roman spies found a secret way into the city. Once inside, the Roman soldiers raging hatred for the Jews was evident as no Jewish soldier was spared.

³ A HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Williston Walker, 1952, pp.40-42

Simon bar Kochba died in the battle. According to Solomon Grayzel, 580,000 Jewish soldiers were killed, tens of thousands of civilians were slaughtered by the Romans and large numbers of Jews were gathered up and shipped to the slave markets in Rome and other cities.⁴

Emperor Hadrian realized that the Roman Empire could not co-exist with Judaism. Jerusalem was rebuilt as a pagan city and Jews were forbidden to enter it. Circumcision was forbidden and there could be no more Sabbath observance or other Jewish holidays. Rabbinical councils were forbidden and it was a death sentence for any Jew studying the Torah, the prophets, the Talmud and the Cabala. Judea had become a wasteland for the Jews. Those who survived the war fled to Parthia (Babylon/Persia) or moved to other parts of the Roman Empire. Jews no longer populated Jerusalem and Judea and Gentiles were given the Promised Land.

“Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.

They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.” (Hosea 8:1-8)

HOW TO DEFINE JEWS AND JUDAISM

Let me quote from Solomon Grayzel:

“Judaism Refuses to Die – Nevertheless, despite enemies and losses, the Jews continued to live. Even their national hopes were not completely destroyed. They still waited and hoped for the Parthian empire to grow strong and come to their deliverance, or for divine intervention to save Jerusalem from pagan hands.

They certainly did not give up their laws and ceremonies, their beliefs and their study. In time the Romans came to realize the uselessness of persecuting Judaism. The academies were reopened, and through Palestine never revived from the blow struck at the Jews during the second revolt, it still remained for two generations the center of Jewish life everywhere.

⁴ Solomon Grayzel, A HISTORY OF THE JEWS, 1947, p.184

The first choice, the way of the sword for keeping the Jews alive as a group, had failed. The second choice, the way of the spirit, was now entered upon with enthusiasm. For a very long time to come the Jews were destined to be 'a kingdom not of this earth' –a people without physical boundaries, a group who lived not by the strong arm, like Esau, but by the spiritual qualities of Jacob.”⁵

God had spoken some 4,000 years earlier and said the following through Moses:

“And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

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...” (Deuteronomy 28:63-65)

This prophecy has been fulfilled. There are Jews in Japan, China and in most other Asian nations; there is no nation in Europe that doesn't have a Jewish population and they also exist in Africa, Australia, North and South America.

There was no central leadership among the Jewish people at the time of the second revolt. Each region had its own rabbis who taught the people and educated them in the Talmud, the Old Testament, and to certain leaders, the Cabala.

Rabbis from different regions over the years have fought each other and said that their opponents are unclean renegades. The fight has at times been so bitter that they started to kill each other.

Since Jewish settlers were seldom able to secure land in the nations which they lived, they became traders and bankers. As such they had an advantage over the Gentiles with their global thinking. By having their own language, which became a secret world language, they could communicate with Jews in other nations and develop a monopoly on trade and banking.

Jews were globalists with no loyalty to the nation they lived in; they dreamed only that one day the Messiah would come, re-establish Israel and the city of Jerusalem, and with the Messiah, they would become rulers of all nations.

Eventually the traders and the bankers would enter politics and be able to steer national policies to fit the global plan of the Jewish messianic dream. Few Gentiles have understood these principles of Judaism.

As time went on, a struggle began between rabbis and the wealthy traders and bankers. Who would be able to create a global Jewish leadership and force all Jews to submit to this central power? It was not until around 1945 that the Zionist

⁵ Ibid, p.185

World Federation (heirs to the Zealots) was able to squash all major resistance and take a global control over Jewish issues.

For the next 1,700 years, Satan would prepare the Jewish people to do his bidding and be ready to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and receive him as their long awaited Messiah. This road was going to be long and hard and the Jewish leadership realized that the dream would not come in their lifetime; therefore, they prepared the next generation to have patience and continue to build but not expect to see the end result in their lifetime.

It is this doctrine of Jewish thought that has made it possible for Judaism to survive and for the dream to keep on until it becomes a reality.

In the next message I will show how during the time of the Crusades a small but powerful Jewish leadership had developed and how diabolically clever their plans were. Few Christians living during these times understood what was happening behind the scenes.

Judaism can be likened to a Hydra with its many heads and for an outsider it is impossible to find out who is in charge. The same holds true for ordinary Jews, who have no clue what is going on; they are just trying to live their lives to the fullest and are forced to pay taxes (contributions to Jewish causes) and vote according to what their rabbis/political leaders tell them to do. The fear of Anti-Semitism and persecution from Gentiles holds them as slaves to their leaders, who are constantly publishing anti-semitic threats from Gentiles and the need for Jews to stick together and protect themselves.

The World Jewish Congress publishes "Dateline World Jewry," a monthly newsletter that reports from around the world on the latest threats, vandalism and attacks on Jews, all while asking for money to fight against these attacks.

A PAGAN EMPEROR

In 325 A.D. Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire under the leadership of Constantine I. Up to this time, men and women became Christians through a personal relationship with Christ and being born again. As a state religion, all Roman citizens became Christians with the stroke of a pen but the majority of the population in Rome was never born again.

Just 36 years later in 361 A.D., Julian (Flavius Claudius Julianus) became the next Emperor. As a young man he had converted to Paganism and rejected the Christian faith. As the Emperor, Julian contacted the Jewish leadership and told them that he wanted to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and once again have the Jews carry on their sacrifices. Work began on the temple but Julian died in a battle in Persia two years after he became the emperor. The hope of a temple was once again crushed for the Jews.

From the time of Christ's crucifixion until 361 A.D., Jewish people who lived and died without Christ are now waiting in hell for the Great White Throne Judgment where they will receive their final levels of punishment and be thrown into the Lake of Fire to be tormented day and night forever. **Revelation 20:10-15**

The same holds true for all Jews born after 361 A.D. and those who will be born in the future. If they do not accept Jesus as their Messiah, they are forever doomed because there is no “special salvation plan” for Jews.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR CHRISTIANS TO KNOW ABOUT THE JEWS?

The Devil used Jews who rejected Jesus as the Messiah to try and destroy the Church of Jesus Christ. When Paul had established a strong church in Galatia, unsaved Jews arrived on the scene after Paul had left and perverted the church. Paul sharply addressed this heresy. **Galatians 3:1-29**

Paul warned the church about unsaved Jews. **Titus 1:10-11**

The risen Jesus warned the church in Smyrna. **Revelation 2:8-11**

What the Jews did back then they are still doing today!

Any Christian who supports the political state of Israel and calls himself a Christian Zionist is an enemy of God! They are in reality saying that when Jesus died on the cross, He didn't die for the Jewish people but for the Gentiles. This is an insult to God Almighty and a terrible rejection of the suffering Jesus endured on the cross! Jesus died so that no one would have to go to hell!

JUDAISM IS DEAD

“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:8-12)

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?