

HOW TO REACH THE JEW FOR CHRIST

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

This closing lesson will be studied under the following headings:

- A. World War I
- B. Palestine
- C. The Rise of Hitler

A. WORLD WAR I

The exodus of the Jews which began in 1881 continued until the outbreak of the war. The World War meant new miseries for the Jews. Heartrending was the cry of Serbia and Belgium, but their suffering was nothing as compared to the suffering of the Eastern Jews.

The Jews had to fight for nations which treated them as outcasts and had oppressed them.

No matter which side won, the Jews invariably lost. Families had been scattered; often brothers fought in opposing armies. When Russia fell, the Jews were blamed for it.

The treatment of the Jews by the Russians, after the war, is indescribable. During the five years of civil war in Russia, their suffering was ghastly. Anti-revolutionary Cossacks massacred the Jews because they all supported the revolution. The roving Bolshevik murdered the Jews because they were all against the revolution!

The suffering of the Jews was not limited to Russia. Poland had become a nation once more. Drunk with her new glory, she celebrated by massacring thousands of Jews. Rumania and Hungary were scenes of anti-Semitic riots.

Throughout France, England and the United States, a flood of malicious propaganda against the Jews was published. *Mythical Elders of Zion* were invented, who supposedly plotted to rule the world.

The twentieth century began in a way that would make the cruel Dark Ages blush!

B. PALESTINE

In 1917, General Allenby entered Jerusalem. On November 2 of that year, the British Government declared her intention to make Palestine the “national home for the Jewish people.”

In 1922, the British Mandate over Palestine was ratified by the League of Nations. The land which for almost nineteen centuries had been desolate, once more began to blossom forth. The progress which Palestine has made since the Jews took over under the British Government has been phenomenal. But it has not been easy. The Jews bought their land from the Arabs but now the Arabs objected to the Jews’ ownership of the land. The government of Great Britain has long wrestled with the Arab-Jewish problem. Fragmentary press reports from Palestine now state that the Jew and Arab are supporting the British Government to the utmost of their ability in the present crisis.

C. THE RISE OF HITLER

Germany was crushed by World War I. She had to begin life anew. In the new Germany, the Jews played a leading part. Once more they crowded the universities, filled the legislative halls and crowded the professions. Mankind has ever been jealous of success, and the Jews were successful in the new Germany.

There were many malcontents in the land, among them an Austrian paperhanger named Adolf Hitler. A keen student of human nature, Hitler played upon the jealousy of the people against the Jews in order to gain the popularity of the masses. After he fraudulently obtained power in Germany, at every crisis Hitler turned the attention of the people away from the crisis by inciting them to persecute the Jews. The suffering of present-day German Jewry is unbelievably great.

Chased from country to country, these refugees are looking for a place where they can once more live like human beings. Jewish philanthropical agencies have responded to their need. Christian people, the world over, are coming to their assistance.

The Jewish refugee at last is learning the difference between the true Christian and the Gentile.

Because he has been helped by Christians, he will listen to the message of God’s love from the lips of his helper!

The fate of the Jewish people, and of the world, is not in the hands of the Axis Powers.

Above all the tumults of the wickedness of men’s hearts we look forward to the coming of Him **“to whom every knee shall bow.”**

This course in Jewish history is finished. But the author is loath to write “The End” to this story.

Jewish History is, by God’s grace, to be continued.

EXAMINATION

1. How did World War I affect the Jews?
2. Describe the treatment of the Jews by Russia after World War I.
3. How did Poland treat the Jews?
4. When was the British Mandate of Palestine approved?
5. Describe the rise of Hitler.

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Note: Chapter 16 will be a review with a chronology of Jewish history appended.

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