

# The Lamp of Prophecy

or

Signs of the Times

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## CHAPTER NINE

### **ARE THE JEWS AS A PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SO-CALLED "PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION"?**

Much discussion pro and con has raged in recent years regarding the mysterious documents with which many are now somewhat familiar, known as the "*Protocols of the Elders of Zion*."

These are supposed to be the findings and plottings of Jewish leaders who are aiming to destroy all Gentile governments and debauch the so-called Christian nations of the world. That is, these records purport to be the secret minutes of the meetings of a group of influential Hebrews known as the "*Elders of Zion*."

The history of the documents so far as it can now be verified, indicates that they were first made public in Russia shortly before the downfall of the Czarist regime. In a rather remarkable way, they indicate the course of extreme Marxian activity. There can be no question but that they are the production of Sovietizing leaders intent upon destroying all orderly government and substituting Bolshevism in its place.

No one questions, so far as I am aware, the fact that some apostate Jews may have been associated with apostate Gentiles in the preparation of these remarkable documents. But it is a matter to be greatly regretted and something that has caused deep chagrin to many instructed Christians, who are lovers of Israel, to find that the Protocols are being used not only by godless Gentiles but even by some Christians to stir up suspicion and hatred against the Jewish people as a whole. This is most unfortunate for it cannot but work against the earnest efforts of Hebrew Christians and Gentile believers to bring the Jews to a saving knowledge of the Lord JESUS CHRIST. In fact, it is already having this effect. A wave of anti-Semitism is sweeping over Central Europe, and its blighting influence is even now being felt on this side of the Atlantic.

### **INNOCENT JEWS SUFFER**

No matter how patriotic and disinterested Jewish statesmen, business men, literati, and

professional men may be, they are being looked upon with suspicion as enemies of the human race apart from their own group, simply because they are of Jewish descent. In Germany, Hebrew Christians are suffering as bitterly as their brethren after the flesh who have not accepted the Messiahship of JESUS.

Is there any legitimate reason for this amazing change of public opinion toward the Jewish people as a whole? It is a fundamental of the Hebrew religion as expressed in their own Scriptures, that they should pray for the peace of the nation in which they dwell, and history abounds in instances of the splendid patriotism and loyalty of the Jews in various lands where they have been permitted to enjoy the privileges of enlightened government. Is it conceivable that now there is a movement on foot to which practically the whole of this people are privy, to overthrow these governments and substitute for them a world-wide Jewish Soviet state?

It seems to me to ask the question is to answer it. Such a thing is absolutely unthinkable in the light of past history and particularly in the light of the remarkably fine spirit shown by the Jews in the various nations during the World War.

Thousands of Jewish soldiers were in all the armies of Europe faithfully contending for the ideals of the countries in which they lived. Jewish bankers and other financiers manifested the most philanthropic interest in the welfare of Gentile and Jew alike during those trying times. So that whatever may be said for the Protocols and whoever their authors may be, it ought to be clear that they do not represent the aims and ambitions of the Hebrew people as such.

## **NO ELDERS OF ZION**

Then again, who are the Elders of Zion? Those of us who refuse to credit the authorship of the Protocols have been asked to name these mysterious personages if we do not believe that they are Jews in a position to speak for their co-religionists. But it is not necessary to name them. Personally, I have no idea who the actual authors of the Protocols may have been, but of this I feel sure, there is no Council of Israel operating anywhere in the world holding the title of the Elders of Zion by authority of the Jews as a people.

There are in the world today many thousands of sincere Christians who are Jews after the flesh but are adorning the Gospel of CHRIST by devoted lives in accordance with the teachings of our Saviour. Ask any of these honest men and women, who certainly ought to know of such leaders, if they exist or have ever existed, "Have you ever heard of the Elders of Zion?" I have put this question to scores of them. In every instance the answer has been, "Never; neither in my unconverted days nor since I became a Christian have I heard of such a group of Jewish leaders, until these Protocols were brought to my attention."

It is, therefore, it seems to me, not only most unfortunate but really wicked to attempt to foist responsibility for the Protocols upon the people of the Jews. Whoever may have written these documents, certainly they were not penned by Jews entitled to speak for the race. In my judgment, Christian teachers would do well to stress this fact in order that they may not participate in putting upon CHRIST's brethren after the flesh a responsibility that does not belong to them and thus expose them to a persecution they do not deserve.

## THE CURSE OF EDOM

- It is true that blindness in part has happened to Israel because of their rejection of their Messiah when He came to them in lowly grace.
- It is true that they joined with the Gentiles in crucifying the Lord of glory.
- It is true that many of them hate Christianity and Christians as much as some professed Christians hate them.
- It is true that they have been scattered among the nations in accordance with the prophetic Word, and are suffering to this day because of their sins in the past.
- It is true that they are still under the hand of GOD in government.

But to Edom of old, GOD said: "**But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress. Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity; neither shouldest thou have stood in the Cross-way, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress**" (Obadiah 12, 13, 14).

These are solemn words and may well be taken to heart by the Gentile nations at the present time.

Surely no real Christian wants to be found in such company but rather would seek to manifest the grace of CHRIST to those through whose full salvation has come to us. A number of Jewish brethren have put forth very clear and helpful statements both orally and in print, exposing the real nature of the plot of the Protocols.

To these utterances and booklets I would refer any inquirer who is perplexed regarding them. I do not attempt to speak with any authority as to the true origin of these Protocols, but after reading them several years ago, the impression left on my own mind was that they could not be in any possible way the Protocols of Jewish leaders as such. As already intimated, I quite recognize the fact that some Jews have been more or less connected with the group that produced them, but what I mean is they do not represent Jewish thoughts or Jewish schemes characteristically.

## UNFAIR AND FALSE

I have noticed of late that certain teachers are constantly drawing special attention to anyone opposed to orderly government who happens to have a Jewish name. But in all fairness such should surely point out that there are far more men of Hebrew parentage who are in the forefront of civilization and progress than are to be found among those who are seeking to destroy the present order.

The idea seems to be prevalent in many quarters that practically all the great financiers of France, Britain, and America are Jews. Look over the roster for yourself. Take the great banking

houses of America and England with which I am personally more familiar than with those of France. How many Jewish names do you find among them? How large a proportion of the money barons of Wall Street are Jews? How many of the millionaires still left in America are Jews? By far the great majority are Gentiles, and it is absurd to think that the small minority of Jews could even if they would overthrow this or any other Gentile government.

## THE CHRISTIAN'S DUTY

It should be the business of Christians not to sow seeds of distrust and dissension among men, but to exemplify so far as they possibly can, the grace that is in CHRIST JESUS, Who gave Himself a ransom for all, Whose Gospel is to be proclaimed to Jew and Gentile alike and in Whose mystical body, the church, there is neither Jew nor Gentile, but all are one in CHRIST JESUS. Let us then devote ourselves to preaching the glad tidings in the power of the Holy Spirit of GOD, seeking to reach as many of all classes as we possibly can ere the coming of our Lord JESUS and our gathering together unto Him. **"The night cometh when no man can work."** Christendom is fast nearing its end. The return of our Saviour is drawing nigh. We cannot afford to waste our time stirring up racial hatreds instead of seeking by all means to save some, **"giving none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles nor to the church of God."**

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