

RUMINATIONS OF A FORMER HEATHEN

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Did you know that there is no explanation for the hatred against the Jews all over the world? And, certainly, there is no explanation for the intensity of that hatred coming from the Arabs. No explanation, that is, from the secular world. Political analysts tie themselves up in knots trying to explain terrorism in the world. They talk about the dispossessed masses in the Arab world, no jobs, poverty, lack of education, etc. But that's not really true, because it is the best educated and richest among the Arabs who are the sponsors of terrorism all over the world. The poor in the Arab masses are not the ones fueling terrorism. The poor may be used, as they are routinely by those who have the money, but they are not the initiators. When a man's family, his wife, his children are hungry and the situation is really desperate, many consent to carry out acts of destruction of innocent human life. Somebody offers him 25,000 dollars, which would support this poor man's family for a long time, perhaps even give them a chance to get their own little business to sustain them all, and all he has to do is to blow himself up and kill some Jews. What would you do? If you believe that the Jews are there illegitimately, and you hate them anyway, even without the money, why not? Walk into an unguarded place, where children are, blow yourself up and kill as many Jews as you can.

That hate is implacable, nothing can assuage it. And the focus of all that hate is the existence of the State of Israel. Jews have been tolerated for centuries in Arab countries, but the existence of the State of Israel, a real country, drives the Arabs crazy. Most of the terrorism in the world can be linked to the hatred of the Arabs for Israel. They hate the U.S. as well, but only because we support Israel. Why are Americans, and British, singled out in hijackings, kidnappings and outright murders by terrorists, the latest example of which happened in India, in the 2009 hotel attack in Mumbai? Because in the eyes of the Muslims, Arabs and Non-Arabs, Israel is an abomination, a cancer, in lands the Arabs consider to be theirs, and they hold the Americans and Britons responsible for this abomination, the occupation of this sacred land by Israel. And, the "sacred lands" is not a reference to the so-called West Bank. The word "Sacred" is similar to "Holy," Holy means "set apart." When Arabs talk

about occupied lands, they talk about the lands where the State of Israel exists right now. These are the lands “set apart” for them, the Arabs.

But this is not new, it comes from way back. The envy of Ishmael still exists. The Arabs are descendants of Ishmael, a son Abraham had by his concubine, Hagar. Ishmael was the firstborn of Abraham, but the inheritance went to Isaac. Does God change his decrees? Does God know something I don't know? The latter seems to be a safe bet, that God the Maker of the Universe would know something I don't know. But the Law specifically says that the firstborn is the one in line for inheritance, yet the inheritance went to Isaac. The Law talks about two wives, one loved and one hated, and if the firstborn comes from the wife who is hated, his rights cannot be taken away and given to one born later from the wife who is loved. However, the question was not, hated versus loved. Abraham did not hate Hagar. The question was the legitimacy of the marriage. Sarah was the legitimate wife, Hagar was a concubine. Hagar, also, did not help herself after the birth of Ishmael. She looked down on Sarah after she had Ishmael because Sarah was too old to have children. That pride did not serve her well. Eventually, by a miraculous birth, Sarah gave birth to Isaac. Isaac grew and was weaned, and during a feast Abraham made the day Isaac was weaned Sarah saw the son of Hagar, mocking. Sarah told Abraham to cast out the bondwoman and her son, he is not going to be heir with my son. The thing was very grievous to Abraham because of his son. Hagar got kicked out and the heir was Isaac, not Ishmael.

But the Arabs don't buy that story, they say that the Jews changed the Bible, that the real heir is Ishmael, and therefore, the land is theirs.

But, even that explanation which is true in its own right, that is, that the Arabs can believe what they want, does not explain the worldwide hatred for the Jews. All the problems in the world seem to be connected to this little country, Israel. That's what the mayor of London said a few years ago. He actually used some vulgar language between “this” and “little,” but he was right in a sense. If you look at the size of Israel, and at the size of the Arab countries, Israel is a tiny sliver of land. Why such a fuss over this little piece of land? If you didn't know that Israel is in the middle of that curve of the Mediterranean, and next to Egypt, it is difficult to find it on a map. There is no comparison, Israel has a tiny sliver of land, compared with what the Arabs

have, and the Arabs are crying about the plight of the Arabs on the occupied lands? Why were those wars, 1948, 1967, 1973, and all the rest of the present day harassment? To expel the Jews, of course.

But, the rabid hatred of the Arabs for the Jews, which is objective in the eyes of the Arabs, does not explain the rest of the world's hatred for the Jews. It is a softer hatred, a more disguised hatred, but it is there all over the world. The only rational explanation is that Satan instigates this hate. The reason is very simple. Satan knows that the only path to salvation from death and on to eternal life, is through the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Because from that line has Christ come, the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Abraham begat Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren, and the scepter of the Law was given to Judah. Judah begat Pharez and Zerah of Tamar his daughter-in-law, and Pharez begat Hezron, and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, and Amminadab begat Nashon, and Nashon, begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jessie, and Jessie begat David, of whom came Jesus, our kinsman redeemer. The Law gives us the Kinsman redeemer, the Law gives us the Lamb of the Passover, the Law gives us the Day of Atonement, and Jesus is all of those.

At some point, the Arabs will say to the United States, give us Israel and we will no longer hate you. I think they have been saying that to us for a long time, but we have ignored them. We thought they would forget about our support for Israel. But perhaps our support for Israel will weaken in the future. That weakness will lead the Arabs to come on stronger and say, we will trade with you, we will give you all the oil you want, really cheap, we will respect you, we will be accommodating to you, we will be your friends, your true friends. Just give us Israel. You have enough land in North America. You can find enough land to be the equivalent of the land the State of Israel is on right now. Take them over there. Hey, we might even donate some money to the reestablishment of these Jews. Just so we can have their inheritance, which is really ours. You let them be a prey for us, and we will be your friends.

The end is near and Satan is working overtime. He is furious at having lost and he is like a man going through a cornfield ripping off ears from the stalks with both arms. He is going to take down as many as he can, and all he needs to do is to turn people aside from finding their way to Christ, whom we find in the Law God gave to

Moses. Christians should not run away from the Law. The Law God gave to Moses gives us the complete assurance that Jesus is our legal refuge.