

THE HOLOCAUST

PART II Past and Future

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Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows.

And I am come down to deliver them...
(Ex. 3:1-8a).

“The Holocaust,” in modern vernacular, has come to be used as a *somewhat synonymous reference to that which happened to the Jewish people in a German Third-Reich-controlled Europe preceding and during WWII* (though many Jews prefer to use the Hebrew word, *Shoah* [meaning, a “Storm,” “Desolation,” or “Destruction”] to reference the Holocaust). This word is derived from the Greek word, *holokaustos*, referring to “a burnt offering,” with the thought of the offering being completely consumed by fire (the first part of the word, from *holos*, means “whole,” “complete”).

The Past Holocaust

Why did the Holocaust occur?

The Holocaust occurred, not because an anti-Semitic person rose to power in Germany in 1933, not because other power-hungry anti-Semitic individuals joined themselves with this man, and not because of the sad state of the theology schools and Churches in Germany concerning their understanding of and teaching about the Jews.

The past Holocaust occurred because of Jewish disobedience over centuries, even millenniums, of time and their refusal to turn back to and call upon the God of their fathers. God simply used the existing state of Germany during that time — religious and political — to chastise His disobedient son, with a view to correction (Zech. 1:15).

And, in His sovereign control of the entire matter, God allowed this chastisement to extend to the depths that it reached — anti-Semitic practices taken to what man would consider unimaginable sufferings and extremes, resulting in the death of 6,000,000 Jews during the

twelve-year existence of the Third Reich.

(“The Third Reich” [meaning, *The Third Empire*] was supposed to last for 1,000 years. But, at the end of only twelve years, the empire ceased to exist, Germany lay in ruins, parts of Europe fared no better, and multiplied millions had been killed throughout North Africa, Europe, England, and Russia.

As is sometimes voiced, “Hitlers do not come cheap.”

The Third Reich began with an existing anti-Semitic setting in Germany. And the leadership of the empire took advantage of this setting, introducing ever-increasing anti-Semitic practices. Thus, the supposed 1,000-year empire, in reality, signed its own death warrant at the outset. It just took twelve years to bring matters regarding their actions to pass.

Note an unchangeable law of the harvest relative to the preceding. There is always a *period of time* between the sowing and the reaping, and a person *always reaps more than he sows*.

In the Third Reich’s case, this period of time was climaxed in twelve years, with the end result witnessing the complete destruction of this empire, taking a nation down with them.

If a person wants to incur the wrath of a father, mistreat his son. That’s true in the human realm, and it is equally true in the Divine realm. The Third Reich mistreated God’s son, incurring the wrath of the Father. And they paid dearly for their actions, taking a nation down with them.

When God said, “I will bless them that bless thee...” [Gen. 12:3a], *He meant exactly that!* And when God continued, and said, “and will curse him that curseth thee...” [Gen. 12:3b], *He meant exactly that as well!*

Germany, under the leadership of the Third Reich, rejected the former and chose the latter of the two. And the Father, *remaining true to His Word, reacted toward the mistreatment of His son in*

exact accordance with that which had been stated at a time over four hundred years before the son even existed.

Matters have existed that way since Abraham's day 4,000 years ago, they exist that way today, and they will always exist that way.

Remain in line with that which God has revealed about His two firstborn Sons, and you will come out ahead every time.)

The Holocaust is history, and *it has been fully documented for all to see.*

At the time that the Allies went into Germany and Poland and liberated the death camps in the spring of 1945, they were instructed to take pictures and fully document that which had been done. And numerous other pictures have surfaced at times over the intervening years, many taken by the Nazis who were there.

Then there were the Nuremberg war-crimes trials (1945, 1946), fully documenting the matter. And with the capture of Adolf Eichmann in Argentina in 1960 and his subsequent trial in Israel in 1961, the matter was fully documented once again.

Over the years many survivors of the death camps have told their stories, with some still alive and able to do so today. Understandably though, thinking back and talking about those years is not something many of them want to do. They don't want to relive, after any fashion, the horrors which they went through.

Beyond the preceding are the numerous Holocaust centers or museums, particularly in major American and European cities, along with Yad Vashem (a memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust) in Israel.

In short, the Holocaust has been so fully documented that *it can only be impossible for anyone to deny that the Holocaust actually happened.* But some, usually those openly opposed to the existence of a Jewish nation in the Middle East,

attempt the impossible today.

And, a central reason that the Holocaust has been so fully documented in this manner is for educational purposes — educating people concerning that which happened, seeking to prevent anything like this from ever again happening to the Jewish people, or happening to anyone else.

But one thing will override all such efforts, guaranteeing that it will happen to the Jewish people again. And when it does happen again, matters will be far, far more horrendous than they were in the past.

The Future Holocaust

Why will a future Holocaust of this nature occur? The answer is exactly the same as the reason why the past Holocaust occurred.

There HAS TO BE a future Holocaust, for the very simple reason that the Jewish people have yet to be brought to the place of repentance.

And this future Holocaust will, of necessity, HAVE TO BE worse, far worse, than the past Holocaust, for the very simple reason that the suffering and death during the past Holocaust was insufficient to bring the Jewish people to the place of repentance.

The past Holocaust began in Germany and spread throughout Europe. Jews in other parts of the world were largely unaffected.

But the entire nation, together, must be subjected to a type persecution — a Holocaust — of such a nature that they are left without a place to turn other than to the God of their fathers.

The future Holocaust, unlike the past, will begin in the center of Jewry, in Jerusalem, and quickly spread worldwide (*cf.* Matt. 24:15ff; Luke 21:20ff; Rev. 6:3ff; 7:9ff). No Jew, anywhere in the world, will be able to escape that which is about to occur.

Two-thirds of world Jewry (some 9,000,000 by today's count) will not survive those days (Ezek.

5:12; Zech. 13:8, 9). But through this Holocaust, unlike the past Holocaust, the remaining Jews — all affected by that which will occur — *will be brought to the place where the nation will cry out to the God of their fathers for deliverance.*

And when the Jews are driven to this point, *God will respond and send the Deliverer Whom Israel rejected and crucified 2,000 years ago.*

Israel will look upon the nation's Deliverer (Zech. 12:10; 13:6), there will be a great mourning throughout the camp when they realize the identity of the One delivering them (Zech. 12:10-14), a nation will be born in a day (Isa. 66:8ff), the Old Testament saints will be raised from the dead (Ex. 13:19; Dan. 12:1ff), and the Jewish people (the raised dead along with those living in that day) will be restored to the land of Israel (Deut. 30:1ff; Matt. 24:31).

Gentile world power will be *destroyed* (Isa. 63:1ff; Joel 3:1-16; Rev. 14:14-20; 19:17-21), and the sceptre will be returned to Israel within a restored theocracy, a new covenant, and a Temple which Messiah Himself will build (Jer. 31:31-33; Ezek. 37:21-28; Zech. 6:11-13), ushering in the Messianic Era (Ezek. 40-48).

The restored nation will then go forth, as God's witness, to the Gentile nations with the message of the one true and living God (Isa. 43:1ff; 53:1ff), with the nations being ruled by and blessed through Israel (Zech. 8:20-23; 14:9ff).

(The preceding has been stated in a somewhat succinct manner, for all these things have been dealt with in chapters of books and other pamphlets written by the author.

Refer particularly to the books, COMING IN HIS KINGDOM, ISRAEL — FROM DEATH TO LIFE, and MIDDLE EAST PEACE — HOW? WHEN?)

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