

# ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE CHURCH OF GOD THE PROTOCOLS OF ZION

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There is a book which is called by the Jews "The Bible of Anti-Semitism" being promoted in the Church of God as an aid to understanding end-time prophecy called, "*The Protocols of Zion*". This book represents an interpretation of the coming Anti-Christ government as a Jewish conspiracy to take over the world. "*The Protocols of Zion*" claims to have been written by the Jews themselves and obtained from the archives of their secret government. It is a list of 24 'protocols' by which they intend to gain control of the world. I felt that in the interest of righteous judgment, it is important to provide for brethren who are affected by this conspiracy theory the historical background of this book and the proof that it is a plagiarized hoax. This is my defense of the Jews against the HUGE allegation that they wrote and are carrying out the protocols.

## THE JEWS' DEFENSE

### 1. INSPIRATION FOR THE PROTOCOLS

Early in the year 1921 it was discovered that the INSPIRATION for the "*Protocols*" came from a story written by Herman Goedsche, a German anti-Semite. In 1868, 29 years before the "*Protocols*" appeared, he published a series of novels called "*Biarritz-Rome*" under the name of Sir John Retcliffe in order to make himself appear to be an English gentleman. One of these novels called "*To Sedan*" contains a chapter called "*The Jewish Cemetery in Prague and the Council of Representatives of the Twelve Tribes of Israel*". In this chapter, representatives from each of the tribes of Israel meet with Satan once every hundred years at a cemetery in Prague and discuss with him the development of their plans. The Devil then conveys the decisions of the "Wise Men of Zion" among the Jews so that they may conquer the world.

Several years later Herman Goedsche lifted the dialogue from the fictional cemetery in Prague and created an imaginary Rabbi who supposedly gave it as a speech at a Jewish congress in Lemburg. George Butmi, a Russian reactionary and anti-Semitic writer reproduced a translation of this called, "*The Rabbi's Speech*" in 1907 in his book called, "*Accusatory Addresses - Enemies of the Human Race*". He dedicated this book to The Black Hundreds who executed pogroms for the Russian Tsar Nicholas II. In his preface Butmi said that "Sir John Retcliffe" vouched for the authenticity of "*The Rabbi's Speech*". He also published the "*Protocols*" in this version.

### 2. PLAGIARISM

Later in the year, 1921, it was further discovered that much of the TEXT of the Protocols came from another work of fiction.

In 1864, 33 years before the "*Protocols*" appeared, a fictional pamphlet was written by a French lawyer, Maurice Joly, entitled, "*Dialogues in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu*". This

pamphlet was a satire, a discussion between two dead souls on the authoritarian regime of the French Emperor Napoleon III. It made no mention of the Jews. Napoleon III sent Joly to prison for publishing this book. In 1921 it was discovered by a Times correspondent, Peter Graves, that the "Dialogues" of Joly had been plagiarized to create "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion". More than 160 passages, about forty percent of the "Protocols", was plagiarized from Joly. In nine of the chapters, the copied text is more than half. There can be no doubt that plagiarism took place. All anyone has to do is read the two documents side by side. Here are comparisons between Joly's book and the "Protocols":

*Dialogues of Joly* Dialogue # 7 Para. 14

With the aid of the sole regulating power, I would institute, for example, huge financial monopolies, reservoirs of the public wealth on which depends so closely the fate of all the private fortunes that they would be swallowed up with the credit of the state on the day after any political catastrophe. You are an economist, Montesquieu; weigh the value of this combination.

*Protocols of Nilus* Protocol # 6 Para. 1,2

We will soon begin to establish huge monopolies, reservoirs of colossal riches, upon which even large fortunes of the Goyim will depend to such an extent that they will go to the bottom together with the credit of the state on the day after the political smash. You gentlemen here who are economists, just strike an estimate of the significance of this combination.

*Dialogues of Joly* Dialogue # 7 Para. 17

It is necessary to arrive at the existence in the state only of proletarians, several millionaires, and soldiers

*Protocols of Nilus* Protocol # 7 Para. 1

What we have to get at is that there should be in all the states of the world, besides ourselves, only the masses of the proletariat, a few millionaires devoted to our interests, police and soldiers.

This information is from a book called, "*The Truth About the Protocols of Zion*" by Herman Bernstein. 1935. Mr Bernstein provides the entire text of Joly, the entire text of the "Protocols", the two documents compared side by side, the entire text of "*To Sedan*", "*The Rabbi's Speech*" and the preface by George Butmi as exhibits in his book. Since this information (especially the plagiarism) does PROVE that the "Protocols" was no speech given at a secret meeting of the Jews, nor was it written by a secret government of the Jews, but was rather fabricated from works of fiction to BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THE JEWS, there is really no excuse for those who promote it as an aid to understanding prophecy.

### 3. CONTRADICTORY ORIGINS

Another proof that this work is spurious is that no one can seem to agree on the origins of it. The following conspiracy books were sent to me by a Church of God minister in an attempt to "prove" the authenticity of the "Protocols".

"PAWNS IN THE GAME" By Guy Carr P. 27-31, 40, 157-158

"FOURTH REICH OF THE RICH" By Des Griffin P. 194-222

*"THE INTERNATIONAL JEW"* By Henry Ford Sr. P. 69-92

*"SECRET SOCIETIES AND SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS"* Nesta Webster Appendix 2, P. 382

*"RED FOG OVER AMERICA"* by Guy Carr P. 2-8

*"THE PROTOCOLS OF ZION"* By Victor Marsden Chapter IV

Rather than prove the authenticity, I noticed that the authors of these books give contradictory statements as to the origin of the *"Protocols"*. Victor Marsden places it at the First Zionist Congress in 1897. Mr. Guy Carr, in his book, places it as the long range plans of the Illuminati as explained by Amschel Rothschild to his associates in Frankfort in 1773. And according to *"The International Jew"* by Henry Ford, the *"Protocols"* is not of Russian origin which is supposed by appearances but the notes of lectures delivered to Jewish students somewhere in France or Switzerland. In addition, I noticed on the pages indicated in each of these books statements to the effect that there is no proof that the Jews wrote it.

Those who published the *"Protocols"* in its different editions and translations also give different stories as to the origin. Sergei Nilus who published the *"Protocols"* in 1905 even bore witness against himself by giving contradictory statements in each of his first several editions. In his first 1905 edition Nilus said that the *"Protocols"* had been given to him by a prominent Russian conservative whose name he did not mention and who had received it from an unnamed woman who had stolen it from one of the most influential leaders of Freemasonry at the close of a secret meeting of the initiated in France. In his 1911 edition Nilus wrote that his friend himself had stolen the *"Protocols"* from "the headquarters of the Society of Zion in France. In the 1912 edition Nilus said that the *"Protocols"* came from Switzerland and not from France. This time he named his Russian conservative friend, Sukhotin, who had recently died. He said that the *"Protocols"* was not Jewish-Masonic but a Zionist document secretly read at the Zionist Congress in Basle in 1897. (This especially is a foolish notion since an affidavit written by Philip Stepanov the first publisher, proves that the *"Protocols"* was first brought to Russia two years before that Congress took place.)

#### **4. HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

That the *"Protocols"* is a fraud, there can be no doubt. The question remains, "Why was it fabricated?" This question must be answered in the context of the times in which it first appeared.

\* In 1797 French Jesuit, Abbe Barruel published a 5-volume work *"Memory to Serve the History of Jacobinism"* in which he blamed the French Revolution of 1789-99 on a conspiracy operating through the Freemasons and Illuminati and conceived ages ago in the medieval Order of Templars. Barruel was sure the Templars, which had ceased to exist in 1314 AD, survived as a secret society, controlling the Jacobins and Freemasons in France and aiming to abolish all monarchies, overthrow the papacy, preach unrestricted liberty, and establish a world republic under its own control.

\* In 1798 John Robinson published a similar work: *"Proofs of a Conspiracy Against All the Religions and Governments of Europe carried on in the Secret Meetings of Free Masons, Illuminati and Reading Societies collected from good authorities"* Later, Barruel received and

circulated a letter from Italian Army Officer, J.B. Simonini calling to his attention that he had overlooked the Jews' part in the conspiracy. Simonini claimed to have discovered their secrets, that they plan to control the world in less than a century, abolish all other religions, buy all property, and make slaves of Christians. The French Revolution was planned to annihilate the monarchy which stood in their way.

\* In 1869 In Paris, Gougenot des Mousseaux wrote, "*Le Juif, le Judaïsme et la Judaïsation des Peuples Chrétiens*" which accuses the Jewish Kabbalists of trying to seize the world.

\* In the 1880's in Italy the Pope was fighting against Italian Freemasonry. He allowed Jesuit fathers associated with publication of the Journal "*Civiltà Cattolica*" to discredit Freemasonry as part of a Jewish world wide conspiracy.

\* In 1881 Father Chabauty, curate of San Andrés in Mirebeau, in Poitou, published "*Les Francs-Maçons et les Juifs: Sixième Age de l'Eglise d'après l'Apocalypse*" in which he said that Satan, by means of the Judeo-Masonic conspiracy was preparing the way for the Jewish Anti-Christ and the domination of the world by Jews. (The Jews were linked to the Anti-Christ as early as the second century.)

\* In 1890 "*Civiltà Cattolica*" published a series of articles entitled "*Concerning the Jewish Question in Europe.*" asserting that the Jews started the French Revolution to gain civic equality and to institute a "virulent campaign against Christianity", that the "race that nauseates" should be segregated and their civic equality abolished.

From these dates it is evident that the concepts about the Jews found in the "*Protocols*" - that they are the Anti-Christ, that they want to seize the world, that they work through Freemasonry, that they caused the French Revolution and want to destroy Christianity - were well known years before that document first appeared in 1897. The "*Protocols*" was fabricated to provide a "confession" supposedly written by the Jews themselves that they are guilty of these things.

In 1894 Nicholas II became the last Tsar of Russia intending to continue his father's autocratic rule. Jews were already despised in Russia, forced to live in the "Pale of Settlement", an area in the Western territory. Nicholas's father, Alexander III had severely persecuted the Jews. The pogroms he initiated beginning in 1881 caused mass emigration to the United States and establishment of colonies in Palestine. When Nicholas II assumed the throne tensions were brewing in the country. Lack of union rights and inadequate working conditions and wages created tremendous conflict between workers and industrialists. Discontent between nobles and peasants was also worsening because of overpopulation. As competition for land increased, peasants resented the large estates held by nobles as they wanted this land for themselves.

It is thought that the "*Protocols*" were constructed in France in 1894 when anti-Jewish sentiment was high especially as the Dreyfus Affair was occurring at that time. Alfred Dreyfus, a Jew, was convicted of treason and sent to Devil's Island. Even though proof was found that he was innocent, the court would not admit error. The case became a major political issue. Royalists, militarists, nationalists, and Catholics joined the anti-Dreyfus group. Republican, socialist, and anti-clerics defended Dreyfus and tried to discredit the rightist government. The result was to bring to power the French left wing. By 1905 widespread anti-militarism and anti-clericalism led to the separation of church and state in France.

The "*Protocols*" was brought to Russia and translated from French. Philip Stepanov, the first person to publish the "*Protocols*" in Russia, provided an affidavit stating that his neighbor, Alexey Sukhotin, had given him a handwritten copy in 1895 and then he (Stepanov) published it privately in 1897 at the provincial printing press with the aid of a high Tsarist official of the Holy Synod who was closely connected with Grand Duke Sergius, the uncle of Tsar Nicholas II. This confirms that the first appearance of the "*Protocols*" was very close to the Tsar.

Later in 1903 similar "*Protocols*" about a global Jewish conspiracy appeared in "*Znamya*" a newspaper published in St Petersburg by P.A. Krushevan, one of whose associates was George Butmi. Butmi later published a version of the "*Protocols*" himself and dedicated it to the Black Hundreds, the pogrom makers for Nicholas II. This version was found in the Tsar's library after his death.

In 1903 Russia entered the Russo-Japanese war. Russia's defeat in the war was humiliating, made the government appear incompetent and thus helped evoke the Russian Revolution of 1905. In January 1905 workers peaceably demonstrated for reforms in Saint Petersburg. As they marched to the Winter Palace, government troops fired on them, killing and wounding hundreds. This event, called "Bloody Sunday", ignited the Revolution. Riots and demonstrations broke out throughout the country. Workers went on strike, soldiers mutinied, peasants attacked landlords, and students and members of the middle class demanded constitutional government and social reform. Prime Minister Count Sergius Witte urged Nicholas to save his throne by granting the people a constitution. In October after a general strike, he unwillingly conceded major reforms, including freedom of speech, abolishing of peasant redemption payments and the creation of a popularly elected assembly, the Duma. After the revolution subsided, however, Nicholas dismissed Count Witte, dissolved the first two Dumas and reduced the Duma's role to that of an advisory body.

It was at this time in 1905 after the Russo-Japanese war when the revolutionists made an attempt to overthrow the Tsar's government that Sergei Nilus, a mystic monk, published his book, "*The Great In Little, The Coming of the Anti-Christ and the Rule of Satan on Earth*". It was reprinted by the government press at Tsarskoye Selo, a summer resort near St. Petersburg, the home of the Tsar, and the "*Protocols*" was added as an appendix of the prophetic book to illustrate its fulfillment. The appendix was called, "*Anti-Christ as a Near Political Possibility*".

During the war with Japan the anti-Semitic press had accused the Jews of conspiring with the enemy. This resulted in a wave of pogroms after the defeat of Russia. The Tsar-backed army, the Union of Russian People or Black Hundreds openly declared the extermination of the Jews whom they blamed for the war and the revolution. The worst violence broke out after the Tsar was forced to grant a constitution in October 1905. Organized by the monarchist Black Hundreds with the cooperation of local government officials, pogroms were carried out in more than 600 towns and cities, leaving almost a thousand people dead, many thousands wounded and property looted and destroyed.

It is evident that the "*Protocols*" was brought to Russia to impress the Tsar that the Jews and the Freemasons were behind the revolutionary upheavals in Russia just as it states in the "*Protocols*"

that they had been responsible for the French Revolution of 1789 and that these revolutions against monarchies were part of a conspiracy for ultimate world domination. The Tsar could thus save his throne - and the world through pogroms aimed at the architects of the revolution. The intent was also to discourage public support for the revolutionaries by connecting them to a Jewish conspiracy. Thus, instead of finding fault with their government, the workers' and peasants' discontent with political and economic conditions could be diverted into blaming the Jews.

## 5. MISINTERPRETATION

The "*Protocols of Zion*" has been largely misinterpreted by present day readers who think that it is a conspiracy to subvert our essentially Christian democratic government. Notice the real plot as outlined in the very first protocol...

1. The conspirators claim to believe in absolute despotism combined with violence and terrorism as the best means of governing men. (Prot 1:3, 21)
2. The plot is to first infect and thus weaken the reigning authority (monarchy) by liberalism. Liberalism means favoring the fullest possible liberty of individuals, as well as fullest tolerance as opposed to strictness. At the same time the conspirators infect the masses with the idea of "freedom" as bait to attract them to one party in order to stir them up to crush the party in authority. The French Revolution is later given as an example of this method. (Prot 1:6, 3:14)
3. The conspirators do not themselves believe in the concepts of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity and Self government. The idea of freedom, they say, is impossible of realization because no one knows how to use it in moderation. But they believe that these concepts will lead the people into anarchy and the destruction of the state which is their desire. (Prot 1:7, 20, 25, 26)
4. Once set up, the elected officials of the new planted democratic governments are then manipulated and controlled by the conspirators. (Prot 1:28-29)

It is evident that the "*Protocols*" is indeed a plan for gaining control of the world, but not the Bible version. It is a plan - as perceived - by the orthodox institutions of the late 1800's - the monarchies and the Christian church who saw their long-standing supremacy crumbling around them and being replaced by democratic ideas and separation of church and state. The plot outlined in the "*Protocols*" is in reality monarchist propaganda designed to discredit the democratic reforms demanded by the people and convince them that these freedoms will lead to anarchy and ultimately to terrorist control by the Jews and their Anti-Christ.

Question...

If the Jews wrote the "*Protocols*", then they believe, as stated in the first protocol, in absolute terrorist dictatorship as the best means to govern men. They see the democratic form of government as a joke which cannot work, but a government that they deliberately plant to bring about anarchy and destroy the state. Why then, when the Jews set up their own state in 1948, did

they use the democratic form of government? Why didn't they set up a terrorist dictatorship which the "Protocols" says they believe in?

Question...

If the Jews are said to control the press, how is it that the "Protocols", their secret plot for world domination, has been allowed to be published all over the world to this day?

## CONCLUSION

Today we might treat the "Protocols of Zion" as just an exercise in theological speculation. But historically it was deliberately used to incite hatred and violence against the Jews. This evil work did not stop after the 1905 revolution in Russia. In the civil war after the Bolshevik Revolution of 1918, tsarist loyalists distributed copies of the "Protocols". The Black Hundreds slaughtered Jews all over the land. Between 1918 and 1921 an estimated 30,000 to 200,000 Jews were killed in Russia. By the early 1920's the "Protocols" became a world famous and widely published in many nations. In spite of the fact that the proof of plagiarism was discovered and published in 1921, Adolph Hitler became so impressed with it that he wrote the following in his book, "Mein Kampf" which was published in 1924 before he came to power. *"The extent to which the whole existence of the Jewish people is based on a continual lie, is shown in an incomparable manner in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion,. What many Jews do perhaps unconsciously is here consciously exposed. But that is what matters. It is a matter of indifference which Jewish brain produced these revelations. What matters is that they uncover with really horrifying reliability the nature and activity of the Jewish people and expose them in their inner logic and their final aims. But reality provides the best commentary. Whoever examines the historical development of the last hundred years from the standpoint of this book will at once understand why the Jewish press makes such an uproar about it. For once this book becomes generally familiar to a people, the Jewish menace can be regarded as already vanquished."* Hitler devoted much of "Mein Kampf" to the Jews' secret machinations for world domination. Dietrich Eckart - a friend of Hitler also published a booklet in 1924 called, "Bolshevism From Moses To Lenin: A Dialogue Between Adolf Hitler and Myself" in which he stated that Hitler combined the "Protocols of Zion" with voelkisch-racist theories to construct his philosophy of history as a degenerative process of revolts against the natural order of hierarchy leading to greater egalitarianism (advocating equal rights) By 1933 the "Protocols" became a foundational text of National Socialism, published by the Nazi party. One translation's use had gone through 13 editions and it was even used as a school book. A preface said that it was the duty of every German to study it and draw the necessary conclusions. There is no doubt that the "Protocols of Zion" contributed greatly to the rationale for exterminating six million Jews.

Brethren, this fraudulent book has been responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands, even millions of people. It breaks my heart to think that this evil thing is today being promoted in the very Church of God. When I wrote to the Church of God minister showing him the proof that the Protocols was plagiarized, he wrote back assuring me that they must have written it because they rejected Jesus Christ. Does their rejection of Jesus make them automatically guilty of this plot to control the world?

The Jews are also pronounced guilty on the grounds that prophecies in the *"Protocols"* are coming to pass. What are these prophecies? The *"Protocols"* promises to foment wars and revolutions, control government leaders, subvert education, destroy family life, control the economy, amuse people to prevent them from thinking, control and use the press to direct their thinking, promote destructive theories such as evolution, corrupt morals by using agents to encourage alcoholism, prostitution etc. I do not see this as proof that the Jews are guilty because

1. Many of these trends and events can apply to any age and can be viewed as prophesy coming to pass by people who live in any age.
2. It really cannot be proven that leaders, the economy and the press are "controlled" by the Jews.
3. A Jewish world conspiracy is not the ONLY possible explanation for these trends and events taking place.

There are prophecies in the *"Protocols"* which would be more convincing if they were coming to pass such as the destruction of Christianity and the setting up of world Judaism. But these are NOT coming to pass. Of course, the prophecy about the Beast/Anti-Christ dictator IS going to come to pass. But this is because it was prophesied in the Bible, not because it was written in the *"Protocols"*!

Another point is that prophecies seeming to come to pass can be just another authentic miracle by which we can be deceived. (Compare Deut 13:1-3, Rev 13:13-14) Therefore the allegation that the Jews wrote the *"Protocols"* should be founded on facts and proof that they are guilty, not on prophecies seeming to come to pass.

Hitler cited the *"Protocols"* to "explain" the economic hardships of the 1920's. The Arabs used the *"Protocols"* to "explain" Israel's military victories. We need to understand that conspiracy theories are a way of "interpreting" and "explaining" world events which appears valid, but since the conspiracies always happen "behind the scenes" they cannot really be proved - or disproved. Thus, we need to be careful and remember that the Bible says, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good".

One minister was absolutely sure that Y2K was going to be a great disaster, deliberately contrived to bring about world chaos so that the one-world government conspirators could then step in with the "solution". It certainly seemed like Y2K was "prophecy coming to pass" and the perfect catalyst to bring it all about, but then Y2K didn't happen! Thus we know that there was no conspiracy behind it. The alleged international Jewish conspiracy is the same thing. Until the end-time world government comes and we see that the Jews are in charge of it and making war against the saints, there is no proof that the Jewish world conspiracy is so.

There are important reasons why we should understand the historical facts about the *"Protocols"* Anti-Semites reject the proof of plagiarism as "Jewish propaganda" and *"The Protocols of Zion"* continues to be published all over the world, especially today in Arab nations and among extremist Neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic groups such as Hamas and Aryan Nation. One has to wonder, Why in this age of supposedly objective reasoning does a proven lie continue to circulate and refuse to die? Perhaps it will again become an important document as the world's attention becomes increasingly focused on end-time events. Will the turmoil of these events and worldwide paranoia over the feared Anti-Christ government cause the persecution and murder of



Jews again just as it happened historically? By understanding the truth about the *"Protocols of Zion"*, we can be able to defend the innocent.

And what does this portend for us? Like it or not, in the eyes of the world we are most closely identified with the Jews. Whenever we tell people that we keep the Sabbath and Holy Days, they will often reply, "Oh, are you Jewish?" I have personally experienced how hatred of the Jews could apply to us. Two years ago a neighbor offered to give me some bread and I declined explaining that it was the Feast of Unleavened Bread. I woke up on Easter morning to find Nazi swastikas drawn on my car. By understanding the truth about the *"Protocols of Zion"*, we can have a ready answer to those who might wish to use it against us someday.

The most important reason we should understand the history of the *"Protocols"* is that this is a matter of righteous judgment. The Bible says that we shall someday judge angels. As judges in training we are not to have respect of persons, nor be prejudiced, but hear the causes between any man and his neighbor, listen to both sides, and judge righteously. We should be able to distinguish between legitimate criticism of the Jews and anti-Semitic statements. Examples of unjust statements I have heard in the Church of God are: *"The Jews want to bring the holocaust on us"* and, *"The real motive for the Jews building the holocaust museum is to lay a guilt trip on us."* These statements illustrate how imputed (yet unproved) evil motives are used to defame their reputation. *"The Protocols of Zion"*, similarly, is promoted to impute the supposed evil motives of the Jews for world domination.

I felt that it was wrong of those who control God's pulpit to reject giving you the Jews' defense having already decided that they are guilty of this huge allegation. As Christians our duty to Jews Gentiles, and fellow brethren alike is to love our neighbor as we love ourselves and to prove that they are guilty before preaching such things. By understanding the truth about the *"Protocols of Zion"* and rejecting this evil book, we will not be found guilty of participating in BEARING FALSE WITNESS AGAINST OUR NEIGHBOR when we stand before God in the day of judgment.