

THE AGE OF GREAT DECEPTION & THE AGE OF A GREAT REACTION

“It’s back-to-school for millions of students **young and old**, who are returning to class with new backpacks on their shoulders, a new pair of tennis shoes on their feet, and race-based Marxist ideology seeping into their hearts and minds.”

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Last week? The Deception of Postmodern Theory re Words

This week? The Deception of Postmodern Theory re History

Politically (*Historically*) -Challenged: Texas Tech Edition

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRZZpk_9k8E

WHAT IS HISTORY? At this point, another huge fork in the road...

Per the Bible, the meaning of history is revelation—revelation of a plan of reconciliation between God and humankind. It is the story of Creation, of The Fall, and of Redemption. The Bible reveals that the unfolding of history is a combination of God's Sovereign Will and Man's Free Will.

- “Look at the nations and pay attention! You will be shocked and amazed! For I will do something in your lifetime that you will not believe even though you are forewarned. Look, I am about to empower the Babylonians, that ruthless and greedy nation” (Habakkuk 1:5-6).
- “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me” (Rev. 3:20).

Per the Postmodernist, history is just the study of one culture's or one race's power over another. And, since truth is relative, the postmodernist is willing to revise history to manipulate—to deceive—people into believing what he wants them to believe.

The Postmodern View of History & Communist Theory

“Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people.” (*A Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right* 1843)

“The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property.” (*The Communist Manifesto* 1848)

“From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs” (*The Communist Manifesto* 1848).

“Misery motivates, not utopia” (*The Communist Manifesto* 1848).

“History is nothing but the activity of men in pursuit of their ends.” (*The Holy Family* 1845)

History, then, per most in 2022, is nothing more than a record of men who have had power doing what they have had to do to keep power. It's an empty accounting of empty lives that fall into one of two categories: Oppressors or the Oppressed. *The result of such a belief about history?* Doing what one believes is necessary—pursuing one's ends or goals—to *not be* one of the Oppressed (which, ironically, puts one in the Oppressor category).

A CASE STUDY: THE TRULY MIRACULOUS STORY OF THE JEWS

Abraham (2000BC) Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram,
 “Go forth from your country, . . .
 To the land which I will show you;
 And I will make you a great nation,
 And I will bless you,
 And make your name great;
 And so you shall be a blessing;
 And I will bless those who bless you,
 And the one who curses you I will curse.
 And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Moses (1440BC) Exodus 1:1 So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king. (At this time, approximately two million Hebrews.)

Esther (479BC) Esther 3:13 Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king’s provinces with the order to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews—young and old, women and children—on a single day . . .

Antiochus IV (175 BC) Daniel 11:31 His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.” Antiochus IV—“The Madman”—ascended to the throne of Greco-Syria. His desire? “To wipe out Judaism.” “Thousands upon thousands of Jews were slaughtered” during this invasion of Israel.

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM (70AD) Matt. 24: 1-2 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” *Per Josephus, 1 million + Jews were killed in Siege of Jerusalem under Titus.*

Alexandrian Persecution (114AD) “Renewed persecution led to much shedding of blood.” Exact numbers of those murdered is unknown.

England’s Edict of Expulsion (1290AD) First Jewish settlement in England is dated at 1070AD. Massacres started in the 1100s. In 1290, all Jews fled England under threat of death.

Spanish Inquisition (began in 1478 under King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella). Jews driven from Spain under threat of death. Number of Jews tortured to death? Figures vary—35,000?

The Pale of Settlement (1791 AD) Between 1300 and 1600AD, *3/4 of the world’s Jews lived in Poland . . .* approximately 450,000. In the 1600s, as a result of the politics of the Protestant Reformation and Counter-Reformation, Poland was partitioned. Catherine II created the Pale of Settlement, a region designated for Jews. Anti-Semitism flourished. By 1941, 5 million Jews lived in The Pale.

Pogroms of Russia (late 1700s throughout Bolshevik Revolution in 1917) Pogrom? “A “loss of life” attack by a population’s majority on a racial or religious group.” Numbers of murders are unknown. Estimates are in the hundreds of thousands.

Nazi Germany (1941-1945) The Final Solution (goal: to eradicate all Jews from the face of the earth) 6 million died in concentration camps; additionally??? (1/2 of these Jews were from Poland.)

“You meant it for evil, but God worked it for good” (Gen. 50:20).

Arab-Israeli War or Israeli War of Independence (1948) Amos 9:14-15: *I will bring my people Israel back from exile.*

Harry Truman said that he had twice read the Bible from cover to cover before the age of 12. He prayed the night before the UN vote as to recognition of Israel and, despite US opposition, voted in favor of recognition of the Jewish government.

The following year, Israel faced an attack by five Arab countries (Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon & Syria). The Israeli military, the Israel Defense Forces, was in infant state. Arms and weapons were minimal. Yet, nine months later, the Arabs caved. Military deaths? Approximately 4,000. Civilians? Another 22,000.

Israeli 6 Day War—or The War of Miracles (1967) --“Miracles of the Six-Day War . . . a short synopsis of God’s miraculous intervention”

20,000 Arabs died----800 Jews

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom. 8:31).

Israel today On-going fight for survival . . . but, the end is certain:

Amos 9: 14-15. “They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the LORD your God.

So, what is history?

Is it just men pursuing “their ends”—becoming a “top dog” as Marx suggested

Or

**Does the miracle of Jewish existence prove a Sovereign God is still unfolding
His story?**

Hosea 4:6 “My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge . . .”

**And, we’re back to the Tech students who will believe any old lie a
psychology, sociology, history, literature—or theology—professor tells ‘em.**

**But, these lies about history as to Oppressors and the Oppressed no longer
wait until college:**

End with Jonathan story.

Mention book: The Book of Abraham

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