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God's Faithfulness To The Jew

Ex. 1:1-22

The opening chapter of the book of Exodus is in all reality, the continuation of the book of Genesis, revealing the fulfillment of the promise God gave to Abraham. 400 year before.

The specific time God gave this promise to Abraham was right after he had rescued his nephew Lot and who were taken captive by Chedorlaomer King of Elam, along with three other kings.

At this time God spoke to Abram because he had fearful of the repercussions that could come to him from the four kings he defeated and God said, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." Gen. 15:1

Abram went on to complain to God that he had no child of his own to be his heir, apart from his servant Eliezer of Damascus, so God promised he would have a child of his own body. Gen. 15:2-4

Then God told Abram to look to the sky and see if he could number the stars and said, "So shall your descendants be." Gen. 15:5

And God proceeded to tell Abram how He was going to fulfill the promise. Gen. 15:13-14
* "Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions."

God promised this through a covenant with Abram, as he cut an animal in two and God alone walked between the sacrifice, in the appearance of a smoking oven and a burning torch, indicating the presence of God and that He alone would fulfill His promise. Gen. 15:17

What we have before us is the evidence of the fulfillment of this prophecy to Abram, multiplying them into a nation, evident by: Ex. 1:1-22

- I. The proliferation of the people of God. vs. 1-7
 - II. The persecution of the people of God. vs. 8-14
 - III. The extermination attempt of the people of God. vs. 15-22
- I. The proliferation of the people of God. vs. 1-7**
- A. The minute number of people entering Egypt was 70. vs. 1-5

1. The principle list of names include only those who came to Egypt. vs. 1
 - a. They are identified as the children of Israel. vs. 1a
 - 1) The Phrase “These are the names” is the Hebrew title for the book of Exodus, also found in Genesis. Gen. 46:8
 - 2) The genealogical line begins with Abram, the one called out of Ur of the Chaldeans. Gen. 11:29, 12:1-3
 - 3) The descendents of Abraham were Isaac and Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, meaning “God prevails or governed by God”, when he wrestled with Jesus. Gen. 32:28
 - b. The list of names is qualified by the term households. vs. 1b
 - 1) This is new indicating families by the term “bayith”, households.
 - 2) Their connection is to Jacob is repeated for emphasis.
2. The particular names in the list are the sons of Jacob. vs. 2-4
 - a. The sons of Leah and Rachel are place in the order of seniority before the sons of the concubines.
 - b. The first four sons of Leah come first; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah. vs. 2, Gen. 29:31-35

- c. The next two sons of Leah, Issachar, Zebulun. vs. 3a-b, Gen. 30:18-20
- d. Then Benjamin, the second son of Rachel. vs. 3b, Gen. 35:18
- e. The sons of Bilhah, the maid of Rachel, come next, Dan and Naphtali. vs. 4a-b, Gen. 30:4-8
- f. The last two are the sons of Zilpah, the maid of Leah, Gad, and Asher. vs. 4c-d
3. The prophetic number is recorded. vs. 5
 - a. The total number of individual who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons.
 - 1) The book of Genesis confirms this number by giving a total of 66, plus Joseph, his two sons born in Egypt and Jacob, a total of 70 people. Gen. 46:26-27
 - 2) The LXX adds the names of Joseph’s thee grandsons and two great-grandsons, therefore it states 75 persons. Gen. 46:27
 - 3) That is why Stephen in preaching to those of the synagogue of the Freedmen gave the number 75, he was quoting the LXX. Acts 7:14
 - b. The parenthetical commentary explains this important detail, “for Joseph was in Egypt already”. vs. 5b

- 1) The Scriptures teach us the present can not be understood without it's link to the past.
- 2) The Scriptures can be trusted for accuracy.

- B.** The minute number of 70 persons had died but their offspring multiplied. vs. 6-7
1. The key individual used by God to insure the multiplication in Egypt was Joseph before his death. vs. 6
 - * And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.
 - a. Joseph said, “But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to **preserve life.**” Gen. 45:5
 - b. He told them they would live in the land of Goshen, near to him, “There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine.” Gen. 45:10-11
 - c. “And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.” Gen. 45:18
 - d. “Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, “Jacob,

- Jacob!” And he said, “Here I am.” So He said, “I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. “I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes.” Gen. 46:1-4
- e. “And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.” Gen. 46:11
 2. The prophecy of God to Abraham was fulfilled. vs. 7
 - a. But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly. vs. 7a
 - 1) This is the same language given to Adam and Eve at creation. Gen. 1:28
 - 2) The word increase “sharats” is used for humans only here and Noah regarding the idea of swarms, teeming numbers. Gen. 8:17, 9:1, 7
 - b. They multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty. vs. 7b
 - 1) From 70 to be as the stars in the heavens. Gen. 15:5
 - 2) This took place a little under four centuries, at this point in time.

- c. The land was filled with them. vs. 7c
 - 1) Their presence could not be missed.
 - 2) Their number was staggering.

Illustration

The greatest witness God has given to the world of His existence, is the growing presence of the Jews in the world, since the days Abraham.

Application

1. The first large wave of modern immigration, known as the **First Aliyah**, began in 1881, as Jews fled **pogroms** in **Eastern Europe**. (*Pogrom* is a Russian word meaning *devastation* or *riot*).
2. The **Second Aliyah** (1904–1914), began after the **Kishinev pogrom**. Some 40,000 Jews settled in Palestine.
3. Jewish immigration continued with the **Third Aliyah** (1919–1923) and **Fourth Aliyah** (1924–1929), which together brought 100,000 Jews to Palestine.
4. By the end of **World War II**, Jews accounted for 33% of the population of Palestine, up from 11% in 1922.
5. The population of Israel rose from 800,000 to two million between 1948 and 1958.
6. **Israel's population** has grown more than eight-fold over the 1948 **population** of 806,000.

7. The Jewish **population** in 2007 was approximately 5.4 million (counting for 38% of the world's Jews).

The proliferation of the people of God was accomplished!

II. The persecution of the people of God. vs. 8-14

- A. The new dynasty came on the scene. vs. 8
 1. A new king came to the throne of Egypt. vs. 8a
 - * “Now there arose a new king over Egypt.”
 - a. The king is believed to be of the Hyksos dynasty.
 - b. They were foreign invaders, who drove the Egyptians south.
 - c. They did not use hieroglyphic writing.
 - d. They too were Semites.
 2. A new king who did not sense the obligation to honor nor respect the person of Joseph as the Pharaoh of his day did. vs. 8b
 - * Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.
 - a. The word know “yada” means he had no experience with Joseph, not mere acquaintance.

- b. The verb refers to long-term and deep relationships. Gen. 29:5
 - c. A euphemism for sexual intercourse between husband and wife. Gen. 4:1
- B.** The new perception resulted in minimizing the growth of the people of God. vs. 9-10
- 1. The new king saw he and his people at a disadvantage. vs. 9
 - a. He told them, “Look, the people of the children of Israel are more “rab” than us” Israelites outnumbered the Egyptians.
 - b. He told them, the people are mightier “atsuw”m”, than us”, more powerful.
 - 2. The new king did not trust the Hebrews loyalty to Egypt. vs. 10
 - a. He feared as they grew in numbers, they would confederate with the enemies of Egypt. vs. 10a-f
 - 1) The king advised, “come, let us deal shrewdly with them”, wisely to their advantage. vs. 10a-b
 - 2) The king gave the reason, “Lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us.” vs. 10a-f
 - b. He feared they would leave the land of Egypt, “and so go up out of the land.” vs. 10g

- 1) The Hebrew were a great source of labor in Egypt, effecting the economy.
 - 2) Already there is a hint of the land that God will give to them, for the land and the people go together!
- C.** The new plan failed to minimize the growth of the people of God. vs. 11-12
- 1. The Egyptians made the Hebrew their slaves. vs. 11
 - a. Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. vs. 11a
 - 1) The term taskmaster “mas” was the technical name for forced labor.
 - 2) Slave drivers pressing them.
 - b. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. vs. 11b
 - 1) This is he first time the king is call Pharaoh.
 - 2) These were storehouse cities for provisions and perhaps armaments.
 - 3) Phthom means the city of justice.
 - 4) Raamses means child of the sun.
 - 2. The Egyptians attempted to break the spirit of the Hebrews. vs. 12
 - a. The strategy failed to control their population, “But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew.” vs. 12a-b

- b. The strategy failing only intensified their fears, “And they were in dread of the children of Israel.” vs. 12c
* The word dread “quwts” means to feel loathsome or abhorrent.

D. The new strategy was to overwork the people of God. vs. 13-14

1. The Egyptians became more cruel. vs. 13
* “So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor.”
 - a. The word rigor “perek” means harsh.
 - b. The root meaning is to crush, to break in pieces.
2. The Egyptians made the lives of the Hebrews unbearable. vs. 14
 - a. Backbreaking, “And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage--in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. vs. 14a-d
* The word bitter “marar” refers to the severity of their sufferings and sorrows.
 - b. “All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.” vs. 14e

Illustration

Our own nation turn away ships filled with Jews to escape Hitler’s demonic persecution of the Jews

Application

1873: The term "*antisemitism*" was first used in a pamphlet by Wilhelm Marr called "*Jewry's Victory over Teutonism.*"

1881: Alexander II of Russia was assassinated by radicals. The Jews were blamed. About 200 individual pogroms against the Jews followed. ("*Pogrom*" is a Russian word meaning "*devastation*" or "*riot.*" In Russia, a pogrom was typically a mob riot against Jewish individuals, shops, homes or businesses. They were often supported and even organized by the government.) Thousands of Jews became homeless and impoverished. The few who were charged with offenses generally received very light sentences.

1893: "*...anti-Semitic parties won sixteen seats in the German Reichstag.*"

1894: Captain Alfred Dreyfus, an officer on the French general staff, was convicted of treason. The evidence against him consisted of a piece of paper from his wastebasket with another person's handwriting, and

papers forged by antisemitic officers. He received a life sentence on Devil's Island, off the coast of South America. The French government was aware that a Major Esterhazy was actually guilty. The church, government and army united to suppress the truth. Writer Emile Zola and politician Jean Jaurès fought for justice and human rights. After 10 years, the French government fell and Dreyfus was declared totally innocent. The Dreyfus Affair was world-wide news for years. It motivated Journalist Theodor Herzl to write a book in 1896: "*The Jewish State: A Modern Solution to the Jewish Question.*" The book led to the founding of the Zionist movement which fought for a Jewish Homeland. A half century later, the state of Israel was born.

1903: At Easter, government agents organized an anti-Jewish pogrom in Kishinev, Moldova, Russia. The local newspaper published a series of inflammatory articles. A Christian child was discovered murdered and a young Christian woman at the Jewish Hospital

committed suicide. Jews were blamed for the deaths. Violence ensued. The 5,000 soldiers in the town did nothing. When the smoke cleared, 49 Jews had been killed, 500 were injured; 700 homes looted and destroyed, 600 businesses and shops looted, 2000 families left homeless. Later, it was discovered that the child had been murdered by its relatives and the suicide was unrelated to the Jews.

1905: The Okhrana, the Russian secret police in the reign of Czar Nicholas II, converted an earlier antisemitic novel into a document called the "*Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion.*" It was published privately in 1897. A Russian Orthodox priest, Sergius Nilus, published them publicly in 1905. It was promoted as the record of "*secret rabbinical conferences whose aim was to subjugate and exterminate the Christians.*" The Protocols were used by the Okhrana in a propaganda campaign that was associated with massacres of the Jews. These were the Czarist Pogroms of 1905.

1915: 600,000 Jews were forcibly moved from the western borders of Russia towards the interior. About 100,000 died of exposure or starvation.

1917: *"In the civil war following the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the reactionary White Armies made extensive use of the Protocols to incite widespread slaughters of Jews. "Two hundred thousand Jews were murdered in the Ukraine alone.*

1920: The *Protocols* reach England and the United States. They are exposed as a forgery, but are widely circulated. Henry Ford sponsored a study of international activities of Jews. This led to a series of antisemitic articles in the Dearborn Independent, which were published in a book, "*The International Jew*." The Protocols were [sold on Wal-Mart's online bookstore](#) until they were removed on 2004-SEP-21.

The persecution of the people of God has been unceasing!

III. The extermination attempt of the people of God. vs. 15-22

A. The king of Egypt commanded midwives to kill the male children at birth. vs. 15-16

1. The king of Egypt attempted to have some Hebrews women to betray their own. vs. 15
 - a. When defeat fails from without, then the most effective is from within, "Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives." vs. 15a
 - 1) These women were trusted by the Hebrew families, this being the first appearance of the word "Hebrew" in Exodus and the next verse.
 - 2) These midwives were involved in the most intimate process of life, delivering babies.
 - b. Wonder of all, their names are recorded, "of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah." vs. 15b
 - 1) Shiphrah means fair.
 - 2) Puah means splendid.
2. The king of Egypt wanted them to kill the Hebrew babies. vs. 16
 - a. They were to do it on at the time of delivery, "And he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the

Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools,” vs. 16a-b

- 1) The birthstools “ ‘oben” were two stones, just as in the potter wheel. Jer. 18:3
 - 2) The women would sit in an upright position for delivery.
- b.** They were to kill only the males, “If it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” vs. 16c-f

B. The midwives disobeyed the king of Egypt. vs. 17-19

1. The reason the midwives disobeyed the king of Egypt is stated. vs. 17
 - a.** The midwives feared God. vs. 17a
 - b.** The result was that they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them. vs. 17b
 - c.** The right thing was done, they saved the male children alive. vs. 17c
 - * The word “but” marks the sharp contrast between the command of the king and the disobedience of the midwives to the king!
2. The response of the king of Egypt is also stated. vs. 18
 - a.** He petition the midwives to appear before him, “So the king of Egypt called for the midwives.’ vs. 18a

- 1) Their hearts must have been beating rapidly.
 - 2) Their conscience was at least clear with God.
- b.** He personally chastised them, saying to them, “Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?” vs. 18b-c
- 1) They must have been dying.
 - 2) They had no guarantee the king would not kill them.
- 3.** The answer of the midwives to the king was either the truth or a lie. vs. 19
- a.** They said the Hebrew women were not like the Egyptian women, “And the midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women.” vs. 19a-b
 - b.** They said that the Hebrew women were already finished giving birth when they arrived, “for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.” vs. 19c
 - c.** If it was a lie, how can we defend it to those who ask?
 - 1) First of all God hates lying and does not honor it on the level of human relations that are to be upright, moral and ethical.

- 2) Second, the context is one that is evil, attempting to do wicked by killing innocent children.
- 3) If you were hiding your child or a person from someone attempting to do them harm or kill them. And they came to you and asked you if you were hiding them? As a Christian, would you think that God would have you to tell where they are hiding? NO!
- 4) It would be unethical and immoral.

C. The midwives were rewarded by God. vs. 20-21

1. God approved of the two midwives, “Therefore God dealt well with the midwives.” vs. 20a
 - a. First because they feared God more than the king of Egypt.
 - b. Second because the preservation of life take a greater precedence than telling the truth to those taking life.
2. God continued to keep His word to Abraham, “And the people multiplied and grew very mighty.” vs. 20b
 - a. Making them as the stars of the heavens.
 - b. Making them a nation.
 - 1) There were 600,000 men over 20 years old in the Exodus. Ex 12:37

- 2) Adding 600,000 women, 1,200,000.
 - 3) Allowing 4 children per family would total to 2,400,000 people.
 - 4) The LXX and Galatians uses 430 years as indicated in Exodus. Ex. 12:40, Gal. 3:17
 - 5) Stephen rounds it off, 400 years, as Genesis. Gen 15:13-16, Acts 7:6
- 3. God blessed the midwives. vs. 21**
- a. The reason is clear, “And so it was, because the midwives feared God.” vs. 21a-b
 - b. The way God blessed them was, “that He provided households for them.” vs. 21c
- D. The king of Egypt decreed a genocide. vs. 22**
1. The king of Egypt resorted to using and trusting his own people, “So Pharaoh commanded all his people.” vs. 22a
 - a. He became more desperate.
 - b. He became more wickedly brash in his evil deed.
 2. The king commanded to drown all the male babies, “Saying, “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.” vs. 22b-c
 - a. The river is the Nile, one of the gods of Egypt.

- b. Without males there would be no family line or a pure race.
- c. Without males, the women would be absorbed into the Egyptians, loosing their identity.

Illustration

Haman the Agagite attempted to bring about the extinction of the Jews and failed, loosing his own life!

Application

A brief synopsis of history against the Jews. Rev. William J.J. Glashouwer, Why Israel? New Beginning, 167-70.

1. 1897- Russian programs spark the Zionist movement, which holds its first congress in Basel, Switzerland. They realize they must have their own country to escape Gentile persecution. Led by Theodor Herzl, the congress draws many kinds of Jews and some "Christian Zionist".
2. 1903- The infamous "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" is written by Russian anti-Semites in Paris, claiming to expose a conspiracy of the Jews to take over the world.
3. 1917- After Britain wrestles Palestine from the Turkish possession during the First WW, Jewish Dr. Chaim Weizmann was instrumental in influencing Britain to commit itself to the formal establishment of a Jewish state, called the "Belfour Declaration".

4. 1928-39- Nazis, through German Templars in Palestine, together with wealthy Muslims rulers, stirred up political unrest among the immigrant Muslims in Palestine. Most Muslims come to Palestine originally looking for jobs, since the Jews paid better than the employers of their own country.
5. 1933 Adolf Hitler forces and connives his way into power in Germany gaining dictatorial status and had proclaimed a violent Anti-Semitic message since 1920.
6. 1938- German troops enter Austria and begin anti-Semitic programs, including forced labor. On November 9, 1938 an organized assault on Jewish homes, business, synagogues and 35,000 Jews are rounded up and placed in concentration camps.
7. 1939- In Palestine, after decades of Arab-Jewish conflicts, the British introduce the "White Papers". Their goal was to placate the Arabs by restricting immigration of Jews, 75,000 in five years, then to establish a Palestinian State within 10 years.
8. 1939- Germans invade Poland on September 1, 1939. Britain and France declare war on Germany two days later. Hitler exterminates 3 1/4 million Jews in Poland, 1.2 million in Russia. About 350,000 murdered in Romania, 300,00 in Hungary, 270,00 in Czechoslovakia, 180,000 in Germany, 180,000 in Lithuania, 15,000 in Holland, etc.
9. 1947- Half a decade after the Zionist congress, on November 29, the United Nations partition Palestine, resolving the grant the Jews an independent state upon British withdrawal. They

gave the Jews a small area on the West Side of the Sea of Galilee, a narrow strip of land along the coast from Gaza to Haifa, and the Negev, areas difficult to defend by the long distance separation but they prepared for expected Arab protest.

10. 1948- Only a few years after WWII ends and the full horror of the Holocaust is realized, the world approves the new state of Israel and the last British high commissioner leaves and Jewish Prime Minister David Gurion declares Israel an independent state, USA, USSR and many others recognize it officially.

11. On the same day, Arab nations attack. Crack British trained Arab troops pounced on Israel from Trans Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt. The world expecting the Jews to be destroyed in a few days, being outnumbered and out-armed, instead they triumphed and gain territory. By the signing of the treaty of 1949, Israel occupied a continuous block of land from Lebanon to the Negev, except the West Bank region and Gaza Strip.

12. 1959- Egyptian President Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal and blocks the Straits of Tiran. Israel takes the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula, which is returned eventually to Egypt. Russia takes a strong pro-Arab and anti-Israeli stance.

13. 1967- President of Egypt Nasser blocks entry to the Jewish port of Eilat and invites other Arab nations to help him wage war on Israel. The Arabs were heavily supported by Russia with about 547,000 armed troops, 504 tanks and 957 fighter

aircrafts, while the Jews had 264,000 troops, 800 tanks and 300 combat aircrafts, mostly from USA.

14. On June 5, 1967 in the six day war, Israeli planes launched a pre-emptive strike on the airbases of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iraq, eliminating much enemy air power. After taking the entire Sinai Peninsula and all the land to the Jordan River, Egypt and Jordan worked out a cease-fire on June 8. Israel captured a buffer zone over the Golan Heights and regained control of the city of Jerusalem for the first time.

15. In good faith and peaceful intentions General Moshe Dayan gave the Temple Mount to the King of Jordan and in 1994, Jordan turned it over to the P.L.O., the openly terrorist organization

16. 1973- On the Day of Atonement “Yom Kippur”, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, Egypt and Syria launch a surprise attack on Israel, in which Israel once again triumphed.

17. The latest attack by Hezbollah from Lebanon firing hundreds of Katyusha rockets, missile sights situated over schools and hospitals. 2007

18. Israel is ranked #2 in the world for venture capital funds right behind the U.S.

19. Outside the USA and Canada, Israel has the largest number of NASDAQ listed companies.

20. Israel has the highest average living standards in the Middle East.

21. On a per capita basis, Israel has the largest number of biotech startups.

22. Twenty-four per cent of Israel's workforce holds university degrees, ranking third in the

industrialized world, after the United States and Holland and 12 per cent hold advanced degrees.

23. Israel is the only liberal democracy in the Middle East.

24. Israel is the only country in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees, made more remarkable because it was achieved in an area considered mainly desert.

25. Israel has more museums per capita than any other country.

26. Medicine... Israeli scientists developed the first fully computerized, no-radiation, diagnostic instrumentation for breast cancer.

27. An Israeli company developed a computerized system for ensuring proper administration of medications, thus removing human error from medical treatment. Every year in U. S. hospitals 7,000 patients die from treatment mistakes.

28. [Israel's Given Imaging developed the first ingestible video camera, so small it fits inside a pill. Used to view the small intestine from the inside, cancer and digestive disorders .](#)

29. Researchers in Israel developed a new device that directly helps the heart pump blood, an innovation with the potential to save lives among those with heart failure. The new device is synchronized with the camera helps doctors diagnose heart mechanical operations through a sophisticated system of sensors.

30. Israel leads the world in the number of scientists and technicians in the workforce, with

145 per 10,000, as opposed to 85 in the U. S., over 70 in Japan, and less than 60 in Germany. With over 25% of its work force employed in technical professions. Israel also places first in this category.

31. An Israeli company was the first to develop and install a large-scale solar-powered and fully functional electricity generating plant, in southern California's Mojave desert.

32. All the above while engaged in regular wars with an implacable enemy that seeks its destruction, and an economy continuously under strain by having to spend more per capita on its own protection than any other county on earth.

The extermination attempt of the people of God has failed!

Conclusion

This is the evidence of the fulfillment of the prophecy to Abram, multiplying them into a nation, evident by:

- I.** The proliferation of the people of God has been accomplished!
- II.** The persecution of the people of God has been unceasing!
- III.** The extermination attempt of the people of God has failed!