

The Lie That Won't Die: Exposing the Protocols of Zion

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Summary:

This episode of Israel Unveiled explores how *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*, a notorious anti-Semitic publication from the early 20th century, has been used across centuries and continents to fuel hatred against the Jewish people. Host Sandy Wezowicz traces the roots of the document, its global spread, and how its core lies continue to shape modern anti-Zionist rhetoric and blood libel myths today.

Scripture Focus

"We are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world..." — Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." — John 8:32 (NKJV)

Key Themes

1. The Origins of a Lie: Fabrication in Tsarist Russia

- Created by Russian secret police in the late 1800s to deflect growing unrest, The Protocols portrayed Jews as secretly plotting global domination.
- It played on pre-existing prejudices and gave political cover to violent pogroms and persecution of Jews within the Russian Empire.

2. The Global Spread of Anti-Semitic Propaganda

- Despite being debunked multiple times, The Protocols were widely circulated—reprinted across Europe, the U.S., and the Middle East.
- Figures like Henry Ford and Father Charles Coughlin legitimized the lie through mass media in America, embedding anti-Semitism into mainstream discourse.
- In modern times, groups like Hamas, state-run television in the Middle East, and conspiracy theorists have kept the narrative alive.

3. Blood Libel: An Ancient Accusation Revived

- Beginning in medieval Europe, Jews were accused of using the blood of Christian children in ritual practices—an outrageous and baseless claim.
- These lies resurfaced through modern Arab media and social platforms, reinforcing dangerous myths and justifying hatred and violence.
- Even today, blood libel stories circulate, echoing medieval slander with modern reach.

4. The Blurred Line Between Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism

- While some claim political opposition to Israel's policies is not anti-Semitic, history shows that anti-Zionist rhetoric often relies on the same conspiracy theories and tropes.
- Modern attacks on Israel frequently mask a deeper hatred for the Jewish people and rely on recycled narratives from The Protocols.

5. The Spiritual Battle Behind the Lies

- Anti-Semitism is more than a political or cultural issue—it is spiritual warfare.
- Satan hates what God has chosen. The Jewish people are central to God's redemptive plan through history and into the future (see Romans 11).
- As believers, we are called to stand against deception with truth, prayer, and courage.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What surprised or impacted you most in this episode?
- 2. Did you learn something new about the history or influence of The Protocols?
- 3. Why do you think lies like these have such staying power, even after being disproven?
- 4. How can we help others recognize and reject them?
- 5. In what ways does today's anti-Zionism reflect older anti-Semitic patterns?
- 6. Have you seen this kind of rhetoric in media, politics, or social conversations?
- 7. How can Christians respond to these lies with both truth and love?
- 8. What role does prayer, education, and speaking up play?
- 9. Reflect on Ephesians 6:12. How does this passage shape the way we view misinformation and hatred toward the Jewish people?
- 10. How should we engage the spiritual battle behind cultural narratives?

Takeaway Reflection

This episode reveals that while The Protocols of Zion may be a proven lie, the spirit behind it is still active—and deceptive. As believers, we must not be passive observers. We are called to be discerning, to expose lies, and to speak truth with courage.

Next Steps

- Educate yourself and others. Share what you've learned with friends, family, or your small group.
- Speak up against misinformation. Whether in conversation or online, be a voice of truth and clarity.
- Pray for Israel and the Jewish people. Intercede for protection and for hearts to be opened to truth—especially in this rising tide of antisemitism.
- Support ministries that promote truth. Help spread awareness through trusted teaching and faithful presence in global conversations.

If this episode stirred your interest, continue the journey with the next episode of <u>Israel Unveiled</u>. Share this study with others and invite them into the story of Israel's prophetic destiny.

Shalom and be blessed!