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***Middle Ages: Jewish and Christian Controversies***

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Introduction:

This era highlights the formulation of the Talmud, Church councils negatively targeting the Jewish people, the rise of the Byzantine Empire, the Crusades and Spanish Inquisition, as well as the rise of Jewish mysticism and 50 false messiahs.

1. Hegesippus (b. CE 140), Messianic Jewish historian.
2. Second Century Expansion to Spain
3. The Coming of Constantine
4. Conversion in CE 312
5. Edict of Milan in CE 313
6. Initial oppression of Jewish practices in CE 315

**1A. Messianic Impact Upon the Mediterranean World**

1B. Observers

1C. Epiphanius

1D. Messianic synagogues in Syria and Mesopotamia.

2D. Growing Messianic Jewish resistance to rabbinic impositions.

2C. Origen, CE 185-254 and Messianic Branches

1D. Ebionites

2D. Nazarenes

2B. Fallout from Constantine

1C. Official disconnect of Christianity from Judaism

2C. Preventing Jewish influence upon Christian thinking, negative documents were affixed:

1D. The ***Apostolic Canons***

2D. In Elvira, near Granada, Spain in CE 324

3D. Church of Constantinople’s “Profession of Faith Required of Jewish Converts.”

4D. Constantius II (CE 337-340)

Jews are dubbed a “pernicious sect”

3C. Julian (CE 361-363) the Apostate

3B. Origen’s notes on Ebionite and Nazarene distinctions

4B. Church historian Eusebius on Constantine in CE 320

5B. John Chrysostom (CE 347-407); “Golden Mouth”

1C. Chrysostom’s credentials

2C. Sermons ***Against the Jews*** (CE 386-388) in Antioch, Syria

***2A. Augustine’s Israelology***

Bishop of Hippo, North Africa, CE 390-430

1B. God’s Blessings upon the Jewish People

1C. Jewish Advantages

2C. Jewish Carnal Interests

2B. Jewish response to Messiah and the Consequences

1C. Jews are Messiah’s Own

2C. Blindness of the Jews

3C. Jewish responsibilities for the Crucifixion

4C. Jews stumbled over God’s humility

5C. Salvation Still Available to Jews

6C. Jewish unbelief resulted in their loss of the Kingdom

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3B. The Present Condition of Unbelieving Israel

1C. Unbelieving Branches are Cut Off

2C. Jewish Self-Reliance

3C. Jews Bear the Mark of Cain

4C. The Jews are Under the Curse

5C. Jewish Punishment Confirms the Gospel

6C. Repentance and Spiritual Israel

4B. Jewish Life-Style

5B. ***Tractatus Adversus Judaeos:*** In Answer to the Jews

1C. Branches: Broken and Engrafted

2C. Jewish Resistance; The Case for Jewish Evangelism

3C. Christians do not ignore but rather Walk in the Spiritual Fullness of the Torah

4C. The Holy Days have been Changed by Messiah

5C. Messiah is God

6C. Christians Embrace the Promises and True Meaning of Biblical Rites

7C. Israel is Under New Care; The Vineyard and Olive Tree Root Remain the Same

8C. The New Covenant is Available to Those Humbly Coming to Messiah

9C. Not Human but Spiritual Pedigree is Vital

10C. To Resist God in Messiah is Self-Destructive

11C. Spiritual Light: Israel has been Changed

12C. Resistance to God Fosters Divine Opposition

13C. Believers Universally Offer Sacrifices Acceptable to God

14C. Leave Darkness and Enter God’s Light!!!

15C. Believers Must Lovingly Proclaim the ***Besorah*** to Jews

6B. Hope for the Spiritual Redemption of Israel

**3A. Other Leading Influencers**

1B. Cyril of Alexandria (CE 370-444) CE 415

2B. Severus, Bishop of Majorca. CE 418

3B. Barsauma, a monk of Nisibis. CE 419

4B. Emperor Theodosius II (408-450). CE 429, 438

5B. Empress Eudocia. CE 438

**4A. Jewish and Christian Clashes**

1B. Yemenites: Yousef of Himyar

2B. The Visigoths in Spain. CE 506

3B. Eastern Emperor, Justinian. CE 527 and 553

4B. Bishop Avitus, Clermont-Ferrand. CE 576

5B. Priscus vs. Frankish King Chilperic. CE 582

6B. Visigoth King Recared. CE 587-589

7B. Gregory the Great. CE 540-604

8B. Visigoth King Sisebut. CE 612-614

9B. Battle for Jerusalem. CE 614-617

10B. Byzantine Emperor Heraclius. CE 628-629

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**5A. Mohammed and the Jewish People**

**6A. 7th Century Church Leaders and Councils**

1B. Council of Toledo. CE 633

2B. Isidore, (560-636), Archbishop of Seville. Wrote:

***Scripture Allegories; The Catholic Faith Defended Against the Jews….***

3B. Council of Toledo. CE 638

4B. Council of Toledo. CE 653

5B. Council of Toledo. CE 681

6B. Visigoth King Egica. CE 693

**7A. Babylonian Jews**

**8A. Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire**

1B. Charles the Great, King of the Franks, Emperor of the West.

2B. Emperor Louis the Pious (778-840)

3B. Agobard, Archbishop of Lyons. CE 825

4B. The Khazars convert to Judaism. CE 861

5B. Byzantine Emperor Basil I compels Jews to convert. CE 873

6B. Earliest spoken Yiddish begins in the 10th Century.

7B. The Golden Age of Jewish Culture in Spain. CE 912-1013

8B. Byzantine Emperor Basil II. CE 965

9B. Conversion of King Vladimir of Kiev. CE 988

10B. Emperor Henry II. CE 1012

**9A. Israel and Islam**

1B. Caliph Al-Hakim bi-Amr Allah (“the Mad”). CE 1008-1013

2B. Massacre of Jews in Cordoba. CE 1013

3B. Tunisian Jews issued ultimatum: convert or be deported. CE 1016

4B. Moroccan Jews massacred; women absorbed. CE 1033

**10A. Leading up to the Crusades**

1B. Peter Damiani. CE 1060

2B. Granada Jewish community destroyed by Muslims.

3B. William the Conqueror. CE 1066

4B. Jewish Jerusalem is disbanded by Turks. CE 1071

5B. Muslim Uprising in Constantinople devastates Jews. CE 1076-1077

6B. German Bishop grants Jews a Charter of Protection. CE 1084

7B. The Ire of Anselm. CE 1087

8B. Spanish King Alfonso VI withdraws Jewish civil rights. CE 1091

Session 4

**11A. The Crusades**

1B. Pope Urban II. CE 1095-1096

2B. The first crusade. CE 1096-1099

3B. Aftermath of the first crusade

4B. Hugh de Payens, Knights Templar. CE 1118

**12A. The Middle Ages**

1B. The Jews of Spain

2B. The RAMBAM. CE 1135-1204

Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon (Maimonides)

*The Mishnah Torah*

*Guide for the Perplexed*

3B. Abraham ibn Ezra. CE 1092-1167

*Sefer Yesod Mora Ve-Sod Torah*

(Treatise on the Foundation of Awe and the Secret of the Torah)

4B. Bachya ibn Pakuda. Second half of 11th Century

*A Guide to the Duties of the Heart*

5B. Rashi. CE 1040-1105

Commentaries on the Bible and the Babylonian Talmud

6B. Judah haLevi. CE 1075-1141

*The Kuzari: An Argument for the Faith of Israel*

**13A. Libels Against the Jewish People**

1B. Blood Libels in England

1C. Norwich. CE 1144

2C. Gloucester. CE 1168

3C. Winchester. CE 1192

2B. Blood Libels in France

1C. Blois. CE 1171

2C. Rouen CE 1171

3B. Black Death (Bubonic Plague). CE 1348-1350

14A. **Religion and Power-Brokers**

1B. Teruel, Spain. CE 1176 “Jews are serfs and property”

2B. Third Lateran Council. CE 1179

3B. French King Philip Augustus. CE 1182

4B. German Emperor Frederick I. CE 1182

5B. Britain. CE 1190

6B. France. CE 1198-1231

7B. England. CE 1200

8B. Pope Innocent III. CE 1205

9B. Massacre of Jews in Toledo, Spain. CE 1212

10B. Fourth Lateran Council. CE 1215

11B. Council of Oxford. CE 1222

12B. Synod of Narbonne, France. CE 1227

13B. The Wandering Jew. CE 1228

14B. Spanish Inquisition Commences. CE 1229

15B. The Treaty of Melun. CE 1230

16B. The ***Decretales.*** CE 1234

17B. Emperor Frederick II. CE 1236

18B. Pope Gregory IX. (1227-1241) CE 1239

19B. James I of Aragon. CE 1238

20B. Nicholas Donin. CE 1240

21B. Desecration of the Host. CE 1241

22B. Pope Innocent IV. CE 1247

23B. English King Henry III. CE 1253

24B. Baby Hugh of Lincoln. CE 1255

25B. Yellow Badges. CE 1259

26B. Duke Henry III of Brabant, Belgium. CE 1261

27B. Breslau, Poland. Jewish Restrictions. CE 1267

28B. Pope Clement IV. CE 1266-1268

29B. Thomas Aquinas. CE 1267, 1274

30B. King Edward I of England. CE 1275

31B. Pedro III of Spain. CE 1279

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32B. Abraham ben Samuel Abulafia (1240-1291) CE 1280

33B. German Jewish massacre. CE 1283

34B. Pedro III of Spain and Barcelona Jews. CE 128**4**

35B. The Jews of Munich, Germany. CE 1286

36B. Jewish Expulsions from Italy and Italian France. CE 1288

37B. King Edward I of England

1C. Seizure of Jewish properties. CE 1289

2C. Banishment of all Jews from England. CE 1290

38B. Naples’ Jewish communities destroyed. CE 1290-1293

15A. **Mysticism, Evil Imaginings, and Skepticism**

1B. Jewish massacres in 146 German communities. CE 1298

2B. Host Desecration charges. CE 13th century

3B. Persecution and destruction of Jewish communities. CE 1298

100,000 Jews killed in six month period.

4B. Pope Boniface VIII. CE 1294-1303

5B. French Pope Clement V. CE 1305

6B. King of France, Philip IV. CE 1306

7B. Anti-Jewish Spanish Church Council. CE 1312

8B. 140 Jewish communities destroyed enroute to the Shepherd Crusade.

40,000 French shepherds. CE 1320

9B. Abner of Burgos (1270-1347). God and Metatron.

10B. Don Solomon Halevi (1350-1435)

a.k.a. Bishop Pablo de Santa Maria of Burgos

11B. Jews burned on French accusations of poisoning of wells. CE 1321

12B. Casimir the Great of Poland. (1333-1370). CE 1343

13B. Black Death blamed on Jews. CE 1346-1353

14B. Spanish Jewish appeals for defense. CE 1354

12,000 Jews executed in Toledo.

15B. Demon possession epidemic. CE 1374

Reason given: God was angry at Christian tolerance of Jews.

16B. Archdeacon Ferrant Martinez. CE 1378

17B. King John I of Castile. CE 1380

18B. Jews as money lenders. CE 1384

19B. King of Bohemia, Wenceslaus IV. CE 1385

20B. Spanish anti-Jewish riots. CE 1391

21B. Rabbi Shem Tov ben Isaac ibn Shaprut writes *Even Bochan*

(the Touch Stone). CE 1391

22B. King John I of Aragon (1387-1396). CE 1392

23B. Pesach-Peter. CE 1394

In opposition, ***Sefer Ha-Nitsahon*** (The Book of Triumph).

24B. Pope Martin V. CE 1429

25B. Council of Basel. CE 1431

26B. Mandatory Jewish garb. CE 1434

27B. Pope Eugenius IV (1431-1447). CE 1442

28B. Spanish clashes with Marranos. CE 1449

***Limpiezza di sangre*** (purity of blood)

29B. Juan Capistrano (1386-1456). CE 1453

30B. Pope Pius II. CE 1462

31B. University of Bologna, Italy, HEBREW CHAIR. CE 1464

32B. Franciscan, Bernardino da Feltre. Blood libel. CE 1478

33B. King Ferdinand V and Queen Isabella of Spain. CE 1479

34B. Pope Sixtus IV’s Papal Bull to punish Jewish Christians.

35B. Torquemada

36B. Don Isaac Abarvanel

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37B. The Ottoman Invitation.

38B. Spanish King James I of Aragon and Nachmanides. CE 1263

39B. Rabbi Isaac Luria (1534– 1572)

*Sha’ar HaGilgulim*, “The Gate of Reincarnation.”

40B. Jewish Expulsions. CE 1492

1C. From Spain. CE 1492

2C. From Sicily. CE 1493

3C. From Portugal. CE 1496

**16A. The Jews of Poland**

1B. King Boleslav. CE 1264

2B. Sigismund II Augustus. CE 1567

3B. The Golden Age of Polish Jewry.

1C. Moshe Isserles (1525-1572). Annotated ***Shulchan Aruch***

2C. Jacob Pollack (1455-1530). First Yeshiva; Pilpul

3C. Judah Loewe (1526-1609). Golem of Prague

4C. Jewish population boom.

**17A. Pogroms and Bogdan Chmielnicki**

**18A. Jewish life in the Ghetto. CE 1516**

1B. The Ghetto of Venice. CE 1516

2B. Jewish Liberation from “Ghetto Judaism.”

**19A. The Change from Augustine to Luther:**

**5th to 16th Centuries**

Samples of Martin Luther’s Writings

1B. *That Jesus Christ Was a Jew.* CE 1523

2B. *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*

Luther offered his “honest advice” in outlined form for dealing with the Jews. It included:

• burn all synagogues;

• destroy Jewish holy books;

• forbid rabbis to teach;

• destroy Jewish homes;

• ban Jews from roads and markets;

• forbid Jews to make loans;

• seize Jewish property;

• force Jews to do hard labor;

• expel Jews from Christian towns.

**20A. Reformation Treatment of Jews**

1B. Jews exiled from Genoa and Venice. CE 1550

2B. Papal restrictions on Jews. CE 1555

3B. Jews expelled from Holland. CE 1582

**21A. Persecution of Jewish Physicians by the Church**

**22A. False Messianic Hopes and Jewish Despondency**

1B. Fifty Messiahs since Yeshua

2B. Pre-Modern Imposters

1C. Shabbatai Zvi (1626-1676)

2C. Jakob Frank (1726-1791)

3B. Jewish Reactions Against Messianic Hopes