

Foreword

THERE IS A basic mistrust of historians today which has been precipitated by the “revisionist” movement to rewrite history to fit the political position of the culture and the historian. Some historians have a certain political/historical agenda to write history to fit their view of life and history. That is brought about by the fact that the 20th- and 21st-century historians felt that there were things looked at in times past that were skewed by the historian’s worldview. Yet, there is an element that escapes the current trend of “revisionist” historians and that is the failure to be honest with the material and documents they encounter. Past historians had a different ethical/moral viewpoint and position than many of the current historians, although that is not intended to put all historians into one basket. There remain historians who are unbiased and unashamed to present history as it is reported and revealed by those reporting the events.

Dr. Bill Grady fits into the last description. There is to be an element of trust and confidence that what is reported in this book, *Holy Ground*, can be trusted and considered an accurate reporting and recording of the events and the persons brought into the discussion. Dr. Grady is an extraordinary historian and theologian. He has done a masterful work in presenting the history of the emergence of Israel from the throes of being *scattered* throughout the world, through the Holocaust of World War II, to the place where they became a nation approximately 2,000 years after the Roman government destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70, which in essence removed the nation of Israel from the historical map.

As a “pre-baby boomer,” having lived through nearly two-thirds of what is read in this book, I am appalled at how much information was not made public by the media about the proceedings of the rise of Israel as a nation. This book brings light to so much information that has

been, to some degree, withheld from public view. The adage that nothing changes is so true, especially in light of the current political morass in 2016. The media seems to never be on the side of what is right and decent. The anti-Semitism residing in the US was to a large degree kept from the public and handled in the secret chambers of the political process of corrupt and unethical politicians. It is still the same today. This book presents a “fair and balanced” look at the events beginning with the Balfour Declaration through the current status of the nation of Israel.

Many thought that anti-Semitism had disappeared at the end of World War II when the results of the Holocaust were revealed to the public. What is not known by many is that the anti-Semitic politicians have always been around and *will* be around until the dramatic return of the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 19:11) to defeat the enemies of God and set the record straight. This long-awaited event could only be hastened by what is perceived as the current events surrounding and centered in the little nation called Israel. The Arab-Israeli struggle can be traced a long way back and will not be settled until the King of kings and Lord of lords appears and brings honesty and integrity to the inhabitants of this weary place called Earth.

Dr. Grady has done an amazing job of digging in the cracks and crevices of history to document the immense struggle which took place over the Balfour Declaration. He demonstrates that the Arab-Israeli conflict is not just as old as the revelation of Scripture, but permeates modern history as well. Many do not realize that the Muslim/Arab problem is not just a current phenomenon. The British have fostered and coddled the Muslim world for a considerable time. This book shows that there is something more sinister about anti-Semitism and should be a must-read for those who see the importance of support for Israel in these “last days.”

Some might be amazed, or better, astonished, to find the influence by the Augustinian monk Martin Luther (well-known Reformer) on the German mentality concerning the Jews. The documentation of this is irrefutable and one must wonder at the theology of Martin Luther as well as Dr. Gerhard Kittle, the German theologian who was the *Nazi theologian* and editor of the famous Greek resource by the well-known name, *The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. Much blame must be laid at the feet of these two men for propagating the mindset

which brought about the atrocities enacted on the Jews by the German government.

Very few are aware of the involvement of the oil industry during WWII. The anti-Semitism that pervaded the development of the petroleum business in Saudi Arabia prior to and during the “Great War” is not known by most who follow the activities that operate even today with the Arab oil industry. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 1:9, *“The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.”* The astute observer will see that what is happening in the world in 2016-17, has happened before and will continue to shape the world according to the *“prince of the power of the air”* (Ephesians 2:2).

One cannot imagine the barbarity exercised by the Germans on the Jews and even some POWs. Dr. Grady has given some of the most detailed explanations of the cruelty used by the German government, which was the psyche of Adolf Hitler in practice. It seems as if the Germans delighted in the novelty and creativity they exercised in the killing and torture of the Jews in their captivity.

This foreword is not intended to be a “book review,” yet the temptation to do so is tremendous. The things I have read in this book should be read by every Bible believer and teacher who holds to the position that the people of Israel, the Jews, have a place in future world history. The Church has *not* replaced Israel as the Covenant/Replacement theologians try to convince Bible students. The Bible *still* contains the documentation of Romans 9-11, which records what the LORD thinks of the nation of Israel and her place in the future. The place called Palestine is *still* “holy ground” and the serious Bible student and historian cannot avoid the extensive research undertaken by Bill Grady.

I have known Dr. Grady for over twenty-six years. Every book he has written has an element of deep serious commitment to the truth and to an accurate presentation of history. The reader of this tome will not be disappointed with the depth and accuracy of the accounts presented here, nor the desire to reveal the truth and historical record of the people of Israel affected by the Balfour Declaration (which brought about the emergence of Israel as an historical entity again). Yet, it is not written solely as an historical account but has the element of a novel that keeps the attention of the reader to delve deeper into the story.

With these things in mind, my exhortation to the reader is that you need to avail yourself of the contents of this book and be ready for an eye-opening experience that will take you deep into the nearly 100-year process which brought to pass the establishment of Israel as a nation among nations.

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