

to the spirit and attitude that the Lord wishes all Christians to have, and are such as are bound to bring misery and trouble if one continues to hold them. Therefore, I am glad indeed to give you some facts about them which should enable you to escape from this web of falsehood. Even true Christians are sometimes misled by Satan, and are thus caused to adopt attitudes that are thoroughly unchristian and contrary to biblical teaching.

The Bible clearly teaches that every person is an individual before God. There are many who hate all Germans and love the French, or who hate all French and love the Germans, or who take similar attitudes toward various other nationalities. I have had experience with many different national groups, and have found that every nation includes many fine people and also many who are wicked. Each individual is responsible before God, and it is impossible to categorize people simply on the basis of race, nation, or family.

Since the Jewish people constitute a rather distinct and separate group in certain ways, it is easy for a person, after having an unpleasant experience with an individual Jew, to categorize all Jews this way. I have known individual Jews who have done things that I greatly disliked, but I can say the same about Germans or Dutch or English or Americans. I have also known very fine people among them, as I have among each of these other groups. It is quite unfair to categorize any group by a few of its members.

There is no real historical evidence for saying that the Jews in Russia have a different racial background than the Jews in other countries. The idea that a great part of the Russian Jews are not Jews at all, but "Khazars," is quite without foundation.

God declared in the Old Testament that if Israel sinned He would scatter them among the nations of the earth. There is evidence that as early as 500 B.C. there were Jews in the area that is now southern Russia. At about the time of Christ, Strabo, the famous Roman geographer, declared that there was hardly a section of the known world without Jewish inhabitants.

Comparatively little about the Khazars is known with certainty. Any attempt to connect them with people that lived within the last 500 years is only a guess.

It seems likely that the first Khazars did not enter the region