

Through the conference, however, the Spirit began to speak to my spirit, "David, here lies the root issue which is hindering my fulfilling the destiny of Canada. It has to deal with Israel and the anti-Semitism of Canadians toward Israel. This must be addressed for the nation to fulfil its destiny. Even the internal conflict between French and English is not going to be resolved until a national repentance toward the Jews takes place in Canada."

HISTORIC INJUSTICE

Then the Lord began to bring to my awareness some facts I had not known before. In 1939 there was a ship called the St. Louis, carrying over 900 people, Jews fleeing from the Nazi regime. Having been stripped of their homes and possessions, their desperate hope was to find refuge in Cuba for which they had secured visas. But when they arrived in Havana, on May 30, the Cuban government would not allow them entrance claiming that the documents they had secured were not valid papers. The passengers were not allowed to disembark even when they threatened mass suicide.

Meanwhile, Jewish organizations knowing that these passengers would face death if they returned to Germany sent letters to Latin American countries requesting admission. They implored each country, "Please receive these Jews." Yet, every country refused to accept them!

In desperation they set sail for North America. Letters were sent to President Roosevelt, saying, "Please, accept us in the United States." There was no answer so they sent a letter to Mrs. Roosevelt saying, "Please if you don't take us, at least take the children." There was no reply, except to send gunboats to shadow the St. Louis as it made its way north. Their final hope was to turn to Canada, the last nation that could save them.

As they approached Canada, Quebec federal cabinet minister Earnest Lapointe flatly stated that he was "emphatically opposed" to receive these Jews into Canada.

At the same time, the chief administrator of the Department of Immigration, Frederick Blair, a respected elder in an Ottawa church and a recognized anti-Semite, maintained that these Jews did not qualify under immigration laws and should not be admitted to Canada. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada, more concerned with public ratings and reelection chances, simply washed his hands of the matter, claiming that this was not a Canadian problem.

History records that in order to maintain unity between English and French, Mackenzie King denied the Jews entrance to Canada. This took place while Canada was open to immigration from all over the world. The issue was not a matter of immigration, it was specifically an attitude toward Jews.

One of the root issues in Canada has to do with anti-Semitism. Therefore a national repentance should take place.

Meanwhile, the world community tried to put pressure on Europe to receive them because to return to Germany was to face death. Returning to Germany and just two days before landing, Britain, Holland, France, and Belgium opened their doors to these passengers. But shortly after Holland, Belgium and France were invaded and most of these people were taken by the Nazis and put to death.

In their book, *None Is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe 1933-1948* (Lester Publishing, 1983), Canadian historians Irving Abella and Harold Troper document the above and many other details of Canadian anti-Semitism. They report of numerous cases where Canada could have saved Jews from certain death but callously turned them away. In a most heartbreaking case, 1,000 Jewish children in a camp in unoccupied France were facing imminent extermination. The world community put pressure on Canada to receive them. And while Mr. Blair could not refuse outright, he said that there was no established procedure for processing them and it would take considerable time. During these months of delay, the Nazis finally rounded up these children and transported them to Eastern Europe for liquidation.

THE NEED FOR NATIONAL REPENTANCE

Although the St. Louis ship was the point of contact, the issue is something deeper. The incident of the St. Louis allowed God to reveal what was in men's hearts. The book, *None Is Too Many*, which won an award for Canadian history, documents that anti-Semitism was prevalent even before the St. Louis. It tells how in the history of Canada, from the foundation of this nation, there has always been an anti-Semitic root. Even in Ontario and Quebec there were riots and signs saying, "No dogs or Jews allowed here."

Eventually, the Lord spoke to me that for the destiny of this nation, for the full purpose of God to be realized, and for a solid unity between the French and English, a national repentance towards Israel has to take place. This must happen not only in the church, it must involve the nation. I am talking about the Prime Minister, the Opposition party and the Parliament. Canada owns a transgression which only a national repentance can remove. I believe it will happen.

Why do I believe it will happen? Because there have been many prophetic words concerning the end-time purposes of this nation. I remember when Korean Pastor David Yonggi Cho prophesied over Canada. The Lord had told him that He would show him the nations He would use for His end-time purpose. When he visited Kelowna, BC, on October 31, 1975, he declared there that the Lord has an end-time purpose for this nation. This has been confirmed by others as well.

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There is a great destiny for this nation but I believe Canada must come into a national repentance, and some of us must take the lead in repenting. This repentance must not be directed merely to the Jews, it must be directed to God Himself. After David had sinned with Bathsheba, he came not only to recognize the problem of Bathsheba, but he wept and declared,

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge." Ps 51:4

When Canada comes into a national repentance the whole world will ask, "Why is Canada repenting?"

When they learn that it is concerning the Jews, anti-Semitism and the St. Louis ship, scarcely any of the other nations will be able to wash their hands of it. The St. Louis touched all of Latin and North America, as well as Europe. This will place a plumb line before the world. It will cause everyone to ask, "Where do we stand concerning the Jews?"

What is happening here reaches far beyond Canada. It will bring Canada into its end-time purpose. It will allow us to be a "sheep" nation and not a "goat" nation. (see Matt. 25: 31ff.)

In October, 1997, I read the article, *Crazy Like a Fox*, published by the Saturday Night Magazine which reported the following about Prime Minister MacKenzie King, "His most appalling compromise was his treatment of Jewish refugees who fled the Nazi regime in Germany. King refused to allow them to come to Canada, condemning them, in many cases, to certain death in Europe." When I saw this, the Lord spoke to me: "If you don't cry out, the stones will cry out. I am even beginning to speak through secular media to reveal what is on My heart in these days."

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As to the destiny of our nation in these end-times, I believe we are on the verge of a crucial time in which the Lord will test our nation. Our response will determine our future.

By doing research on the Internet, we were able to locate one of the survivors of the St. Louis in Miami, Florida. I travelled there and four of us met with him. When I shared this vision with him he asked, "Where was God when my mother and father and my sister were killed after getting off that ship?" He asked again and again, "Where was God?" I couldn't answer him.

He told us that all the children over sixteen years of age were taken to the gas chamber and asked "Do you know why I am alive today? I was one week under sixteen when they took the others away."

I looked at him and said, "I want to ask you some questions. Why would the Lord put it into the heart of an Egyptian to take up this cause? Why would the enemy want to kill my son because of this cause? Do you realize the cost of this vision for me?"

All of a sudden we could sense a deep softening of his heart, and eventually, with soft and gentle eyes, he looked at me. He said, "David, I will do whatever I can to help."

I said to him, "Some day we will call you and other survivors of the St. Louis to come to Canada. There we will receive you and make a face to face repentance."

CANADA'S DESTINY IN THE BALANCE

Now the time has come for us to begin to lift up our voices to God and say, "Oh God, do not pass us by!" Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they did not recognize the time of their visitation. My heart is that we would know the hour of visitation for our Nation of Canada.

My commission at this time is to first alert the church to this matter, and second, to call intercessors to lay hold of God. We need Rees Howells' kind of intercessors. This nation can and will move into God's purposes as the prayers of the saints are lifted before Him. There will also come a time when the Lord will open the door for the church to address the political leaders and the nation of Canada as a whole.

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