

**HT 502**

**Class 10 CHRISTIANITY IN THE MODERN ERA (1880–1960)**

**The History of Nineteenth-Century English Nonconformity**

**The Rise of Christian Zionism and Jewish Zionism**

**The Rise of American Liberalism, the New Theology**



# OUTLINE OF AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY

## Historically

Colonial Era	National Era	Modern Era	Post-Modern Era
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1776</b></p> <p><b>Age of Divine Sovereignty</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1880</b></p> <p><b>Age of Biblicistic Rationalism, Common Sense</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1963</b></p> <p><b>Age of Rationalism, Science</b></p>	<p><b>Age of Privatism, Despair, Self</b></p>
<p><b>Theocentrism</b></p>	<p><b>Biblicistic Rationalism</b></p>	<p><b>Autonomous Rationalism</b></p>	<p><b>Individualism</b></p>

## Theologically



# Course Overview

- I. Christianity and the Age of Enlightenment in Europe (1600–1800)
- II. Christianity in the Era of British Colonialism (1600–1776)  
\*The Rise of Pietism
- III. Christianity in the National Era (1776–1880)
- IV. Christianity in the Modern Era (1880–1963)**
- V. Christianity in the Post-Modern Era (1960–2021)

### III. The Modern Era (1880–1960)

**A. Background: Religious Events and Movements in Europe.**

**B. The Development of American Liberal Theology.**

C. The Development of Response to Denominational Latitudinarianism.

D. The Charismatic Movement in America.

E. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Evangelical Reaction and Assimilation.

F. The Modern Civil Rights Movement.

G. The Current State of Mainline Denominationalism.

H. The State of Roman Catholicism in America post-Vatican I.

I. The Modern Ecumenical Movement.

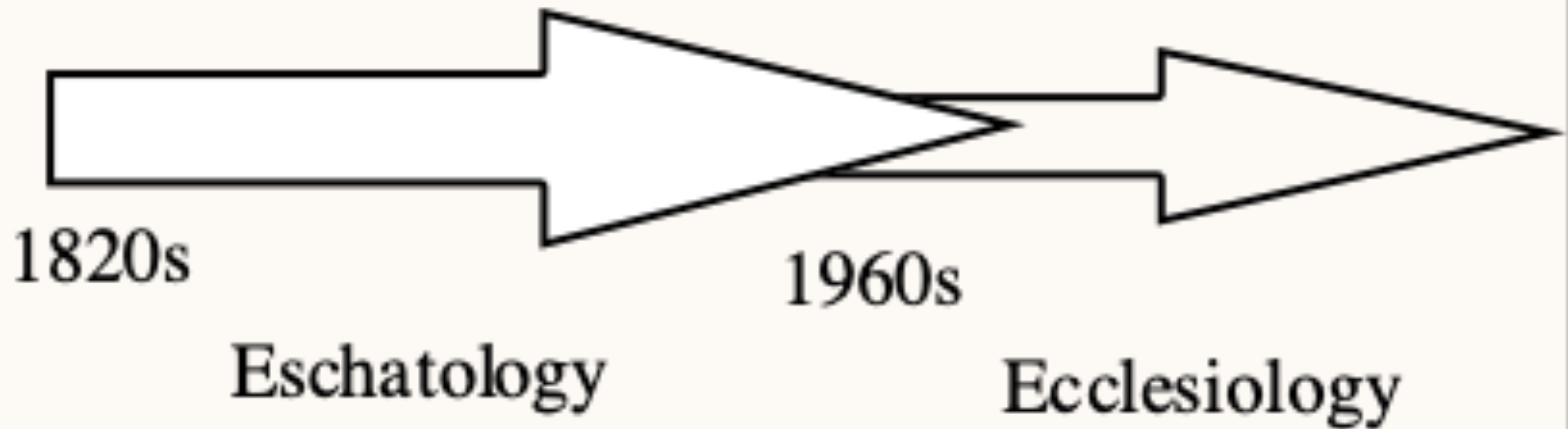
### IV. The Post-Modern Era (1960–present)



# English Nonconformity



# The Influence of the Plymouth Brethren Movement





# The Development of:

## Dispensationalism

## Secret Rapture

1687

Pierre Poiret

Divine Economy

1699

John Edwards

survey of dispensations

1700s

Isaac Watts

5 dispensations

1789

French Revolution

1826

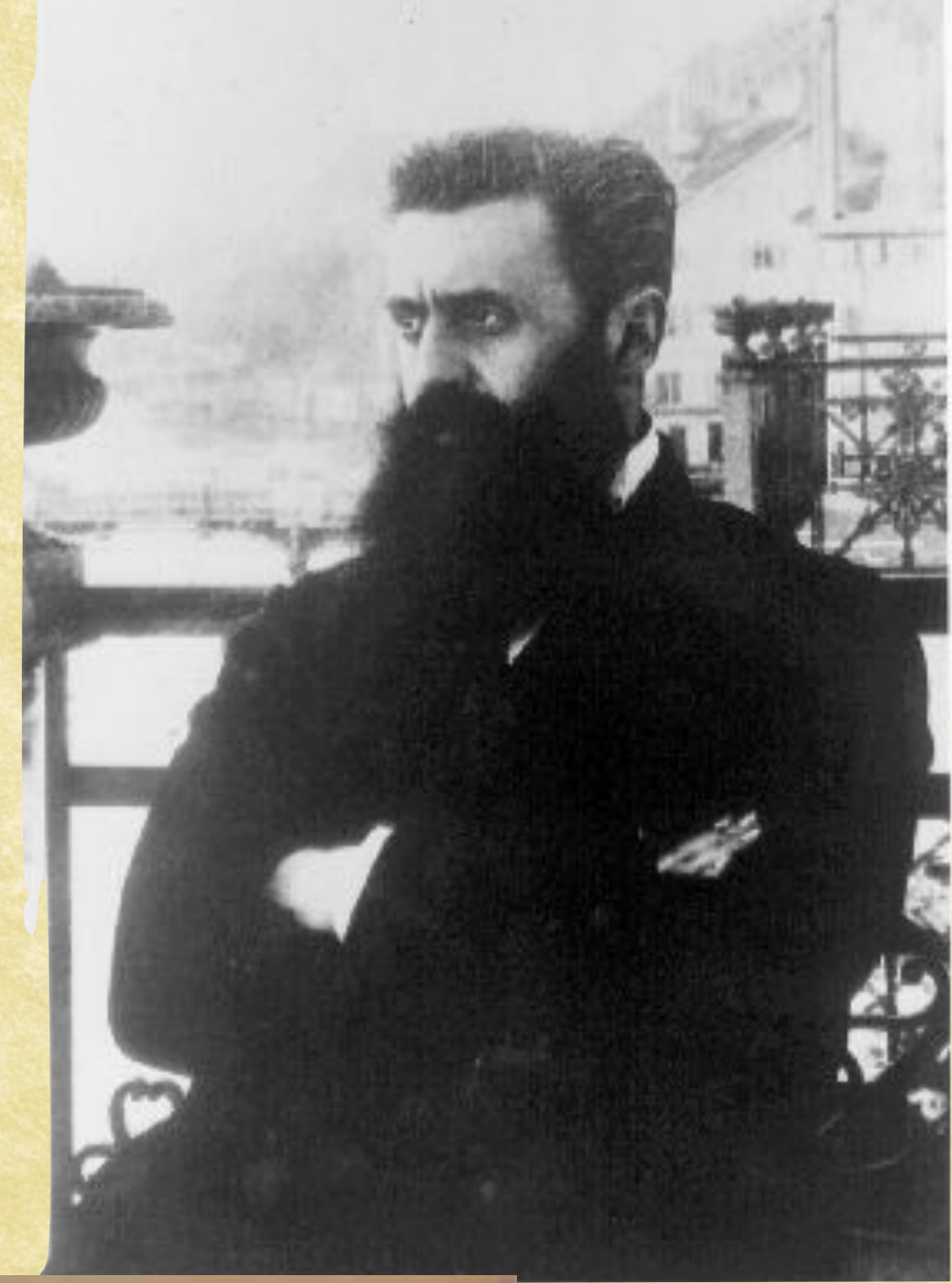
Albury Conference

John Nelson Darby

1800-1882



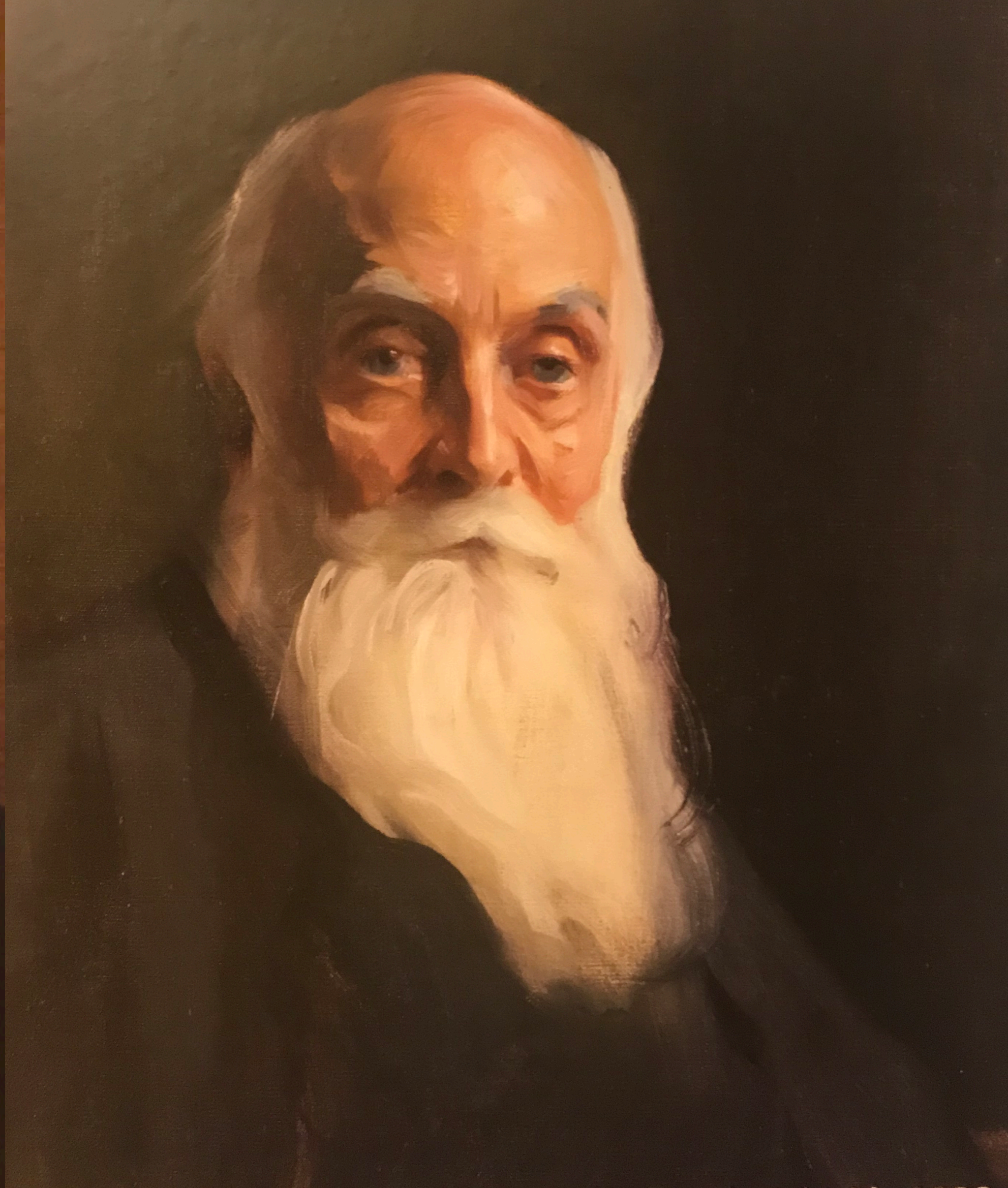
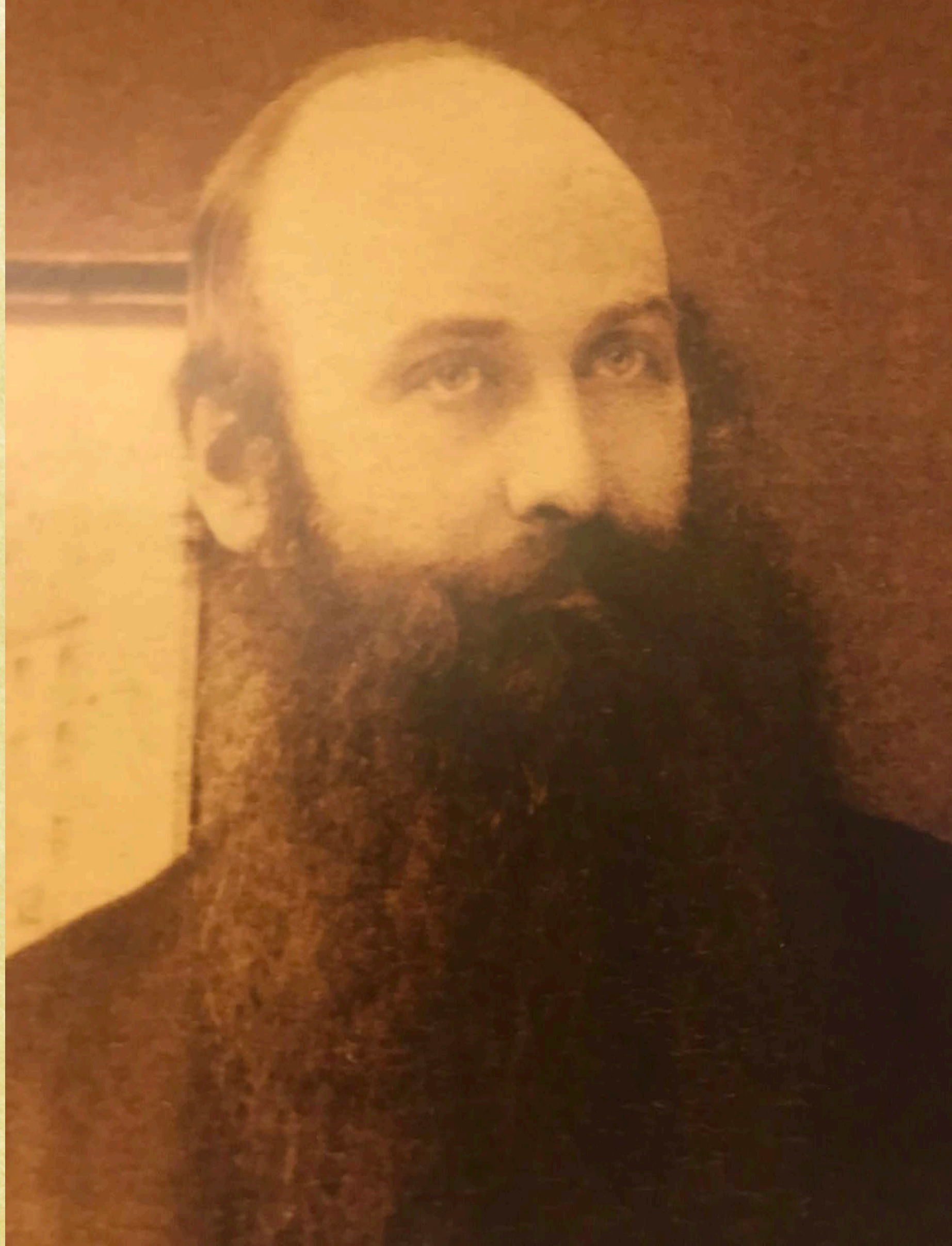
**March 10, 1896**



DER  
**JUDENSTAAT.**  
VERSUCH  
EINES  
MODERNEN LÖSUNG DER JUDENFRAGE  
VON  
**THEODOR HERZL**  
DOCTOR MEDICINAE







**William Hechler**



**“Much of Zionism has its roots in Christian rather than Jewish doctrine.”**

**~Richard Popkin, historian of ideas**





**The belief that the Jewish people have a right to their own nation in their historic homeland.**



# Replacement Theology and Christian Anti-Semitism

1517

Early and Medieval Church

Modern Church

33

600

Roman  
Catholic

Protestant  
Reformation

Many other  
denominations

2016



# Replacement Theology and Christian Anti-Semitism

1517

Early Church	Medieval Church	Protestant
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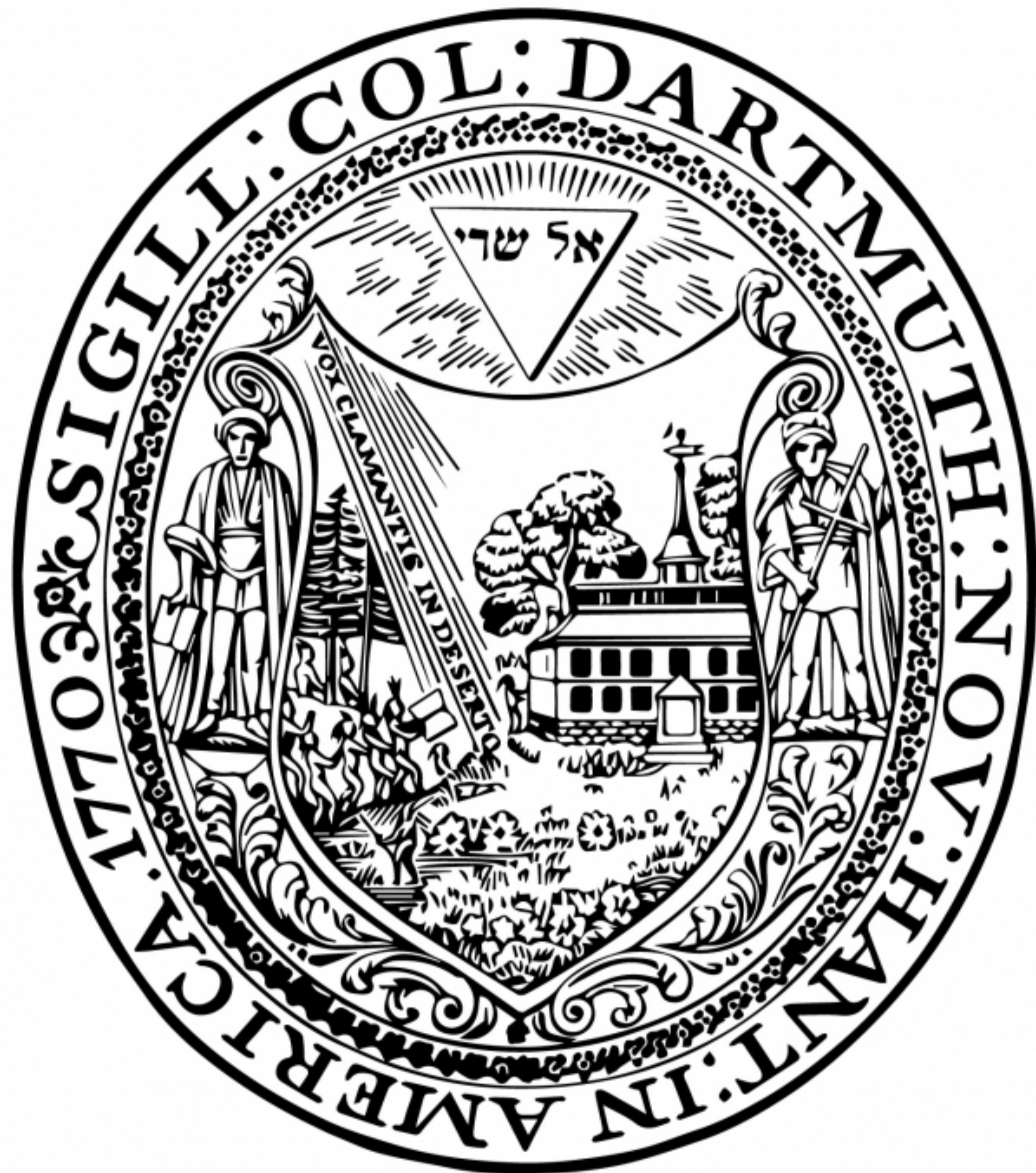
**Yale: *Urim and Thumim***





**Seal of Columbia**





Seal of Dartmouth



# POLITICAL

## 1797–1801 Napoleon's Campaigns in the Middle East



- ✧ Increases French and British presence in the ME.
- ✧ Napoleon reconvened Sanhedrin, 1807.
- ✧ Speculation about end times increased.
- ✧ Brits believed they would be used by God to restore the Jews to the land.



# CHRISTIAN



**John Adams**

**“I really wish the Jews again in Judea, an independent nation, for, as I believe, the most enlightened men of it have participated in the amelioration of the philosophy of the age.”**



# CHRISTIAN

Rev. James Bicheno  
1751–1831

Anabaptist pastor of  
Newbury published  
*The Signs of the  
Times*

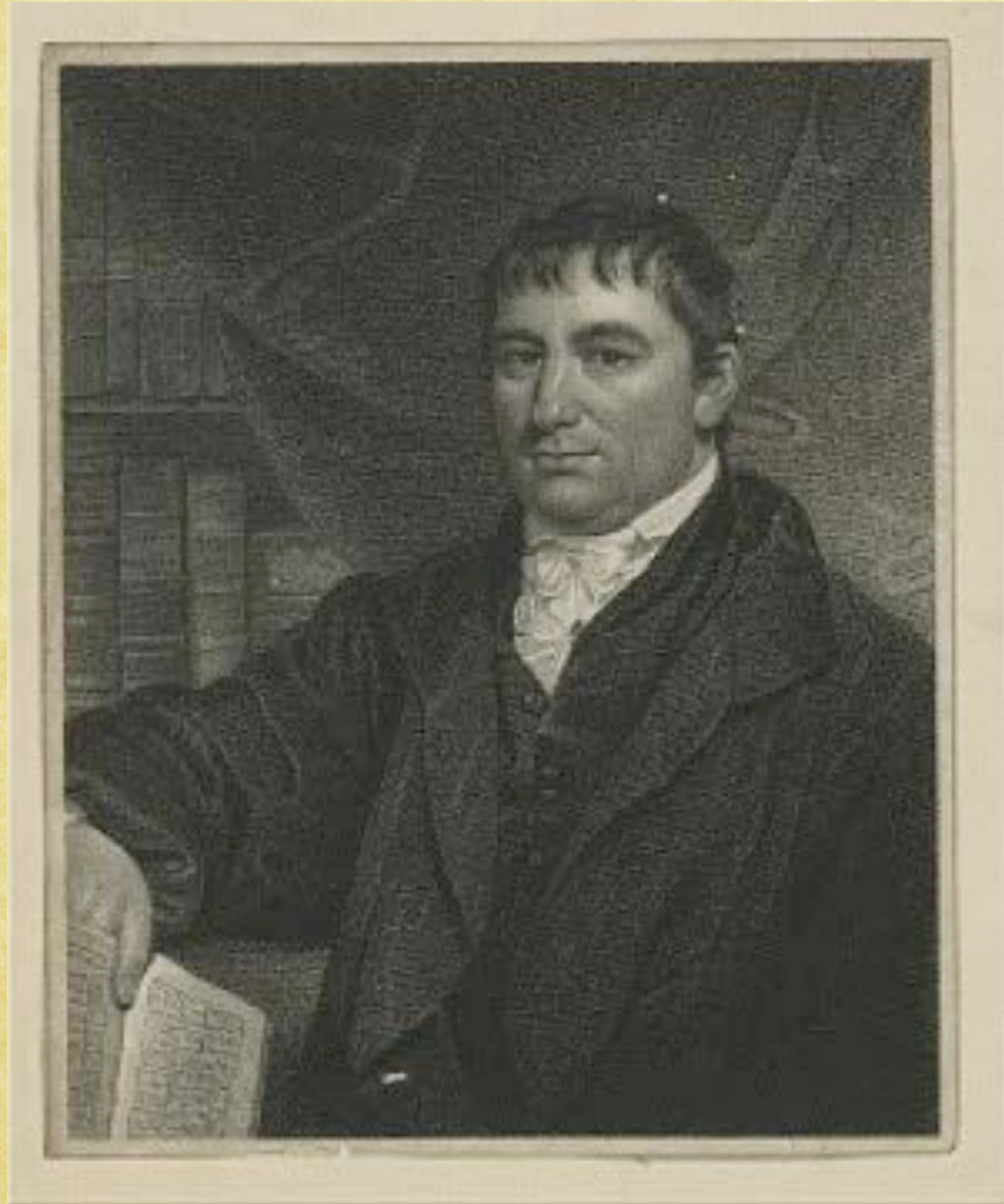
“a valuable contribution to Christian pro-Zionist literature. The author is a great believer in the future of Israel and of Palestine, but he looks upon the problem mainly from a religious point of view, though he does not demand any conversion of Jews prior to their Restoration.”

~Nahum Sokolow



# CHRISTIAN

## British Restoration Movement Ramps Up



**Joseph Frey**  
1771–1850

- ✧ **1809–The Society for the Promoting Christianity Among the Jews.**
- ✧ **1815–Lewis Way travels Europe building support for a Jewish homeland.**
- ✧ **1822–Joseph Wolff converted in 1812, moves to Jerusalem.**
- ✧ **This leads to the idea of establishing a mission in Jerusalem.**



# POLITICAL

**1819–Increased persecution in Germany. Mordecai Noah calls for Jews to emigrate to Palestine.**

**1820s–Increased anti-Semitism under Alexander I, then Nicholas I in Russia continues policies enforcing a military draft of young Jewish boys forcing conversions. This continues until his death in 1855.**



# POLITICAL



**MUHAMMAD ALI**

## **Ottoman Empire Stung by the Muhammad Ali Bee!**

**1831–Rebels against Ottoman  
Empire.**

**1832–Takes Jerusalem, Acre,  
Damascus, and Aleppo.**

**1833–Permits European  
missionaries into Holy Land.**

**1839–British consulate opens in  
Jerusalem; Egypt defeats Ottoman  
navy.**





# OTTOMAN EMPIRE IN ASIA SINCE 1792

English Miles

100 50 0 100 200

The colored area represents Ottoman territory in 1792



# **CHRISTIAN/ POLITICAL**



**HENRY JOHN TEMPLE,  
3RD VISCOUNT PALMERSTON**

# **ANTONY ASHLEY COOPER, 7<sup>TH</sup> EARL OF SHAFTESBURY**





# CHRISTIAN

1839



**LJS Missionary John Nicolayson purchases 2 plots of land which will eventually become the location of Christ Church in Jerusalem**



# 1840

**Political:** Feb–Damascus blood libel.

**Christian:** Feb–First construction begins at future Christ Church site.

**Jewish:** March–Rabbis ask LJS missionary, Nicolayson, to help with Damascus libel.

**Jewish:** Montefiore goes to Damascus.

**Political:** Druse and Christians revolt against Mehemet.

**Christian:** King William IV Prussia seeks joint protestant bishopric in Jerusalem with England.



# 1840

**Political:** England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia issue an ultimatum to Mehemet to withdraw from Syria–Palestine.

**Political:** British capture Acre and Jaffe. Leads to a British fortification at Acre in support of Ottomans.

**“The possession of Acre would open a road for the return of Biblical truth to the land from which that truth had spread to the human race; and Englishmen would feel guilty of sin if they failed to impress upon their Government the need of seizing this glorious and blessed opportunity.”**



# CHRISTIAN

1841



**A joint venture between the King of Prussia and the Anglican Church leads to the anointing of the first Jewish-Christian Protestant Bishop of Jerusalem, Michael Solomon Alexander.**

**Michael Solomon  
Alexander**



**1840**

**British Consul in Damascus, 1840.**

**Defended Jews against the blood-libel charge.**

**Proposed a strategy for creating a Jewish state 50 years before Herzl.**

**“I cannot conceal from you my most anxious desire to see your countrymen endeavour once more to resume their existence as a people.”**



**Sir Henry Churchill**



# POLITICAL



**Czar Alexander II  
1818–1881**

- ✧ Reversed anti-Semitic policies of his father.
- ✧ This ushered in the *Haskalah*, period of Jewish enlightenment.
- ✧ Ideal of assimilated and secular Jew in Russia.
- ✧ Jewish population increased from 2.3 mill in 1850 to 5 mill; 4% of Russian population.
- ✧ Assassination in 1881 blamed on Jews; ushers in new era of pogroms.



# POLITICAL



**Czar Alexander III  
1845–1894**

- ★ **Virulent anti-Semite.**
- ★ **1882 anti-Jewish decrees, “May laws.”**
- ★ **Closed rural areas to Jewish settlement forcing them into urban ghettos.**
- ★ **Removed Jews from the professions.**
- ★ **The government hope was to cause a third of the Jewish population to die off.**



# POLITICAL



**Czar Alexander III  
1845–1894**

✧ This disillusioned most of the *haskelah* leaders, who abandoned hope in assimilation and encouraged *aliyah*.

*“Let us go now to the only land in which we will find relief for our souls that have been harassed by murderers for these thousands of years. Our beginnings will be small, but in the end we will flourish.”*

*~Moshe Lilienblum, Jewish humanist and leading Haskelah writer.*



# CHRISTIAN



**William Hechler  
1845–1931**

- ✧ **Father was a missionary with the LJS.**
- ✧ **Reared in a restorationist home; passion for Israel.**
- ✧ **Lifelong desire to bring the Jewish people to Christ.**
- ✧ **1873 tutor to Grand Duke Frederick of Baden, son of Frederick I, uncle of Kaiser Wilhelm.**
- ✧ **1880s first British clergy to visit persecuted Jews in Mogilev, Odessa, Kishenev.**



# CHRISTIAN



**William Hechler**  
**1845–1931**

***1883–The Restoration of the Jews  
According to the Prophets.***

**“the duty of every Christian is to pray earnestly and to long for the restoration of God’s chosen race, and to love the Jews; for they are still beloved for their father’s sake ...”**

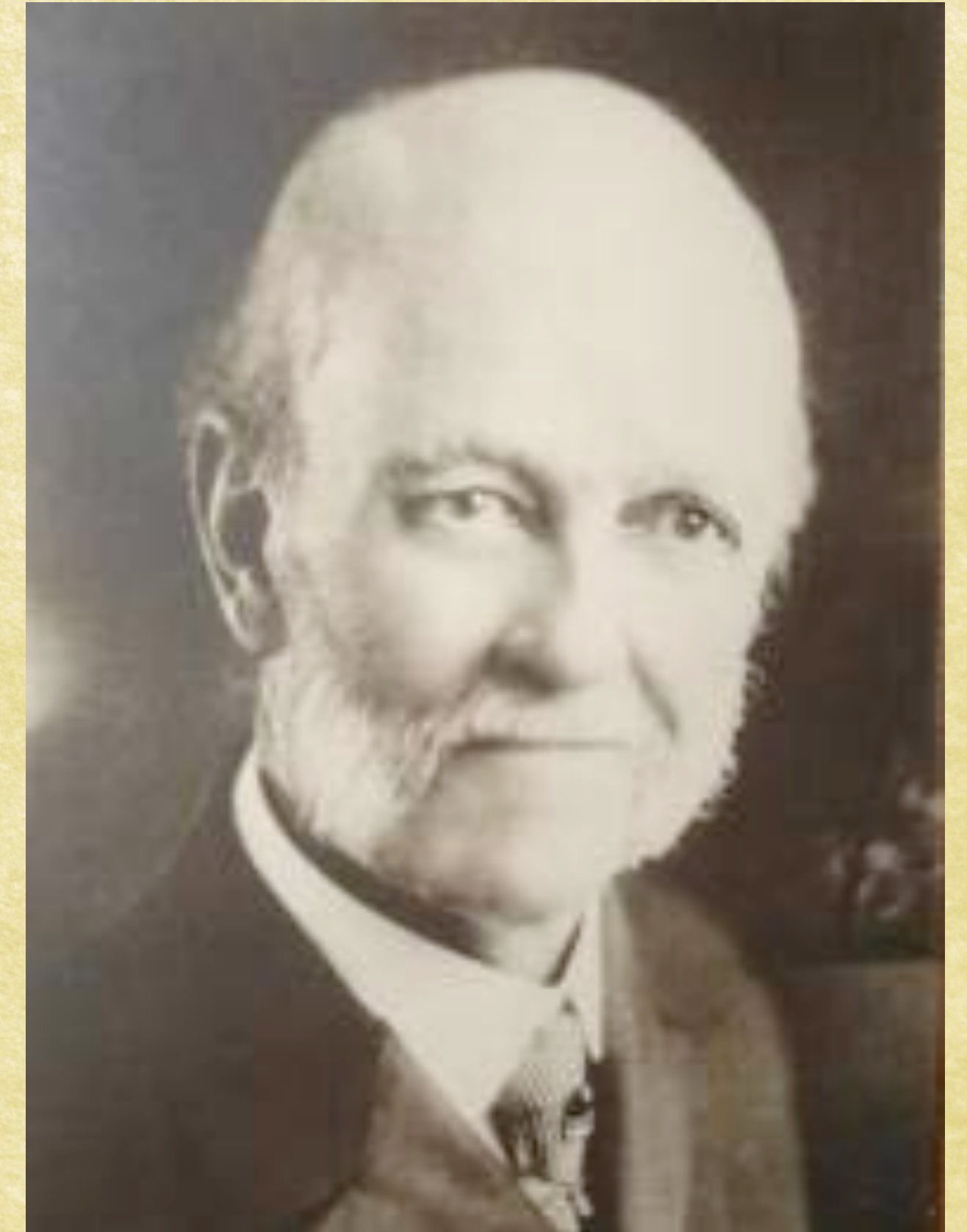
**1885–Appointed Chaplain of the  
British Embassy, Vienna.**



# CHRISTIAN

**Why shall not the powers which under the treaty of Berlin, in 1878, gave Bulgaria to the Bulgarians and Servia to the Servians now give Palestine back to the Jews? ... These provinces, as well as Romania, Montenegro, and Greece, were wrested from the Turks and given to their natural owners. Does not Israel as rightfully belong to the Jews?**

**–Signed by 413 prominent Christians and a few Jewish leaders**



**William E. Blackstone  
1841–1935**

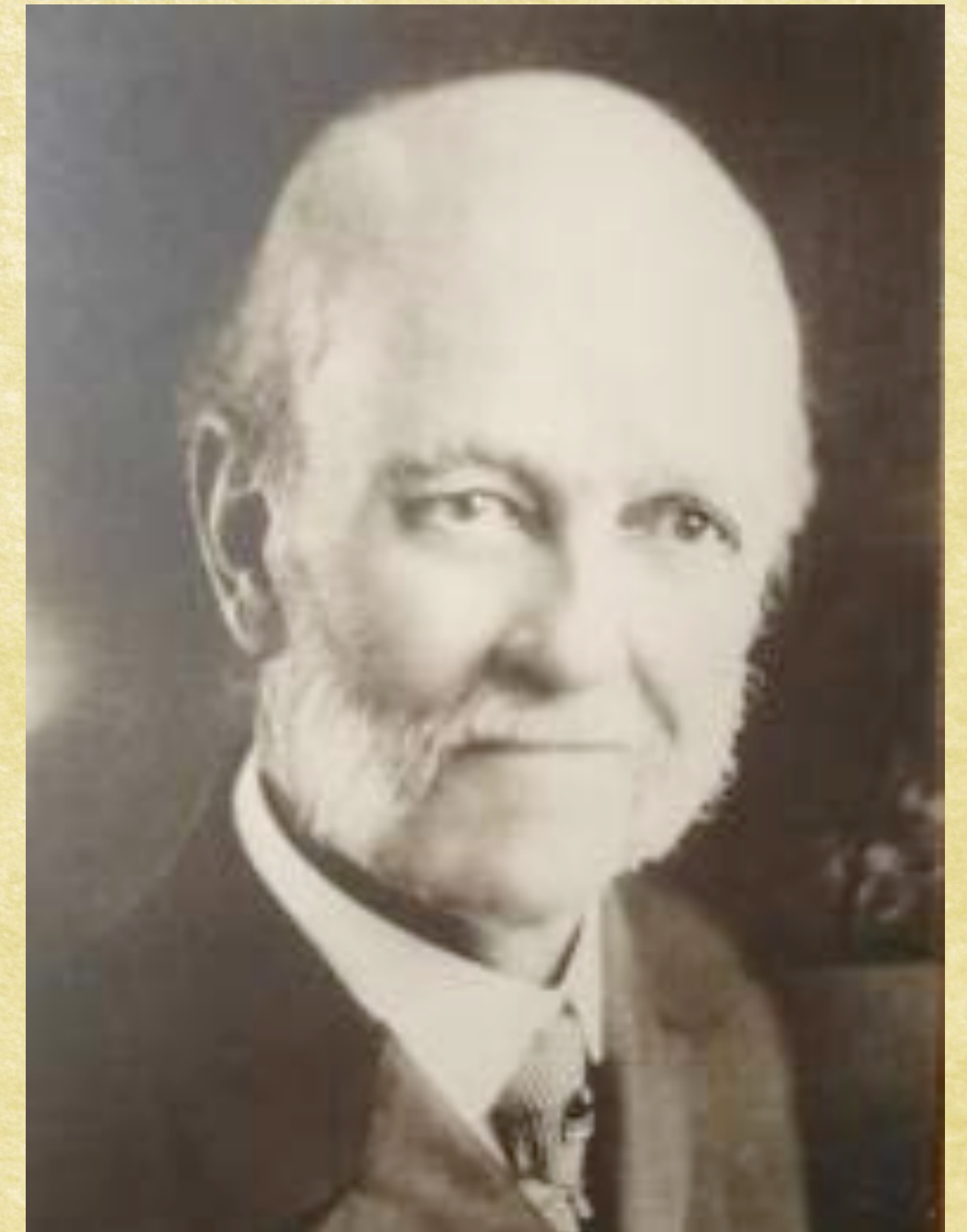


# CHRISTIAN

**“Why not give Palestine back to them again? According to God’s distribution of nations, it is their home, an inalienable possession from which they were expelled by force.”**

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**Melville Fuller, Chief Justice SCOTUS, J P Morgan, J D Rockefeller, editors of the *NY Times* and *Chicago Tribune*.**



**William E. Blackstone  
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# CHRISTIAN

**Nathan Straus wrote to Reverend Blackstone, May 16, 1916, on behalf of Louis Brandeis:**

**“Mr. Brandeis ... agrees with me that you are the Father of Zionism, as your work antedates Herzl.”**



**William E. Blackstone  
1841–1935**



# POLITICAL



**Alfred Dreyfus**  
**1860–1904**

**French-Jewish artillery officer.**

**Assimilated Jew accused of spying for the Russians.**

**Tried, convicted on treason; eventually exonerated.**

**The trial exposed the ugly reality of deep seated anti-Semitism to Theodor Herzl.**



# **JEWISH**

**Educated in assimilationist, Jewish enlightenment thought.**

**Editorialist, journalist, playwright.**

**From 1892 he focused more on the problem of anti-Semitism.**

**Heard crowds shouting “Death to the Jews”.**

**Realized Jews could never assimilate.**



**Theodor Herzl  
1860–1904**



# JEWISH

1896 Published *Der Judenstat*

*“we are a people—one people ...  
We have sincerely tried  
everywhere to merge with the  
national communities in which we  
live, seeking only to preserve the  
faith of our fathers. It has not  
been permitted us.”*



**Theodor Herzl**  
**1860–1904**



# JEWISH

**The assimilated and wealthy elite of European Jews rejected Herzl's vision as dangerous to the Jewish community.**



**Theodor Herzl  
1860–1904**



# CHRISTIAN



**William Hechler**  
**1845–1931**

**1896—Reads *Der Judenstat***

***March:* Shows up  
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# CHRISTIAN



**William Hechler  
1845–1931**

**1896 Reads *Der Judenstat***

***March:* Shows up unannounced at Herzl's apartment.**

**Arranged meetings with the Kaiser, Sultan in Constantinople.**

**Later he arranged to gain an audience for Herzl with the Kaiser in Istanbul and again in Jerusalem.**



# CHRISTIAN/POLITICAL

## The Balfour Declaration

**The primary motivation was the religious beliefs of the War Cabinet about the Jewish people.**

**Though other factors were present, it is clear from the early statements of Balfour and others that neither gratitude to Weizmann, nor a desire for Jewish support for the war effort, imperial expansion, were the determinative factors.**





Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

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*Y. W.*  
*Arthur Balfour*



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**Lloyd George, Welsh, Baptist**

**Arthur Balfour, Scot, Presbyterian**

**Arthur Henderson, Scottish Methodist lay preacher**

**George Barnes, Scot**

**Andrew Bonar Law, who from the age of 12 had lived in Scotland. Free Church of Scotland**

**\*Edward Montagu, Jewish**

**Edward Carson, Irish, Irish Presbyterian**

**Jan Christian Smuts, Cape Colony, Dutch Calvinist**

**Alfred Milner, German born**

**\*Lord George Curzon, Anglican**



**Epilogue: Charles Orde Wingate**  
**(6 Feb 1903 – 24 Mar 1944)**  
*Hayedid*





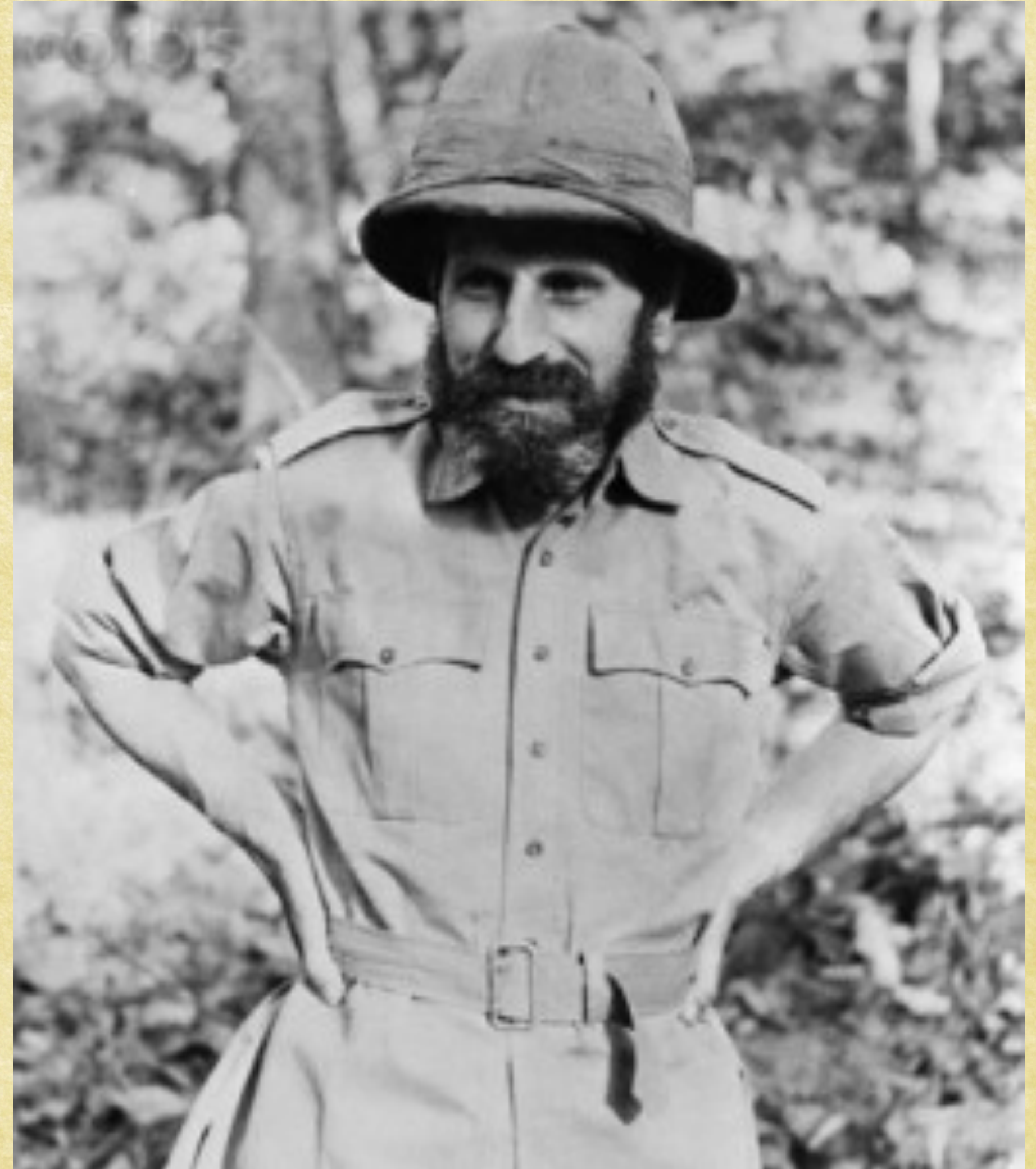
**“There were many men who served with him in Ein Harod who later became officers in the Israeli Army which fought and defeated the Arabs, but they were not the only ones who benefited from this training. In some sense every leader of the Israeli Army, even today, is a disciple of Wingate. He gave us our technique, he was the inspiration of our tactics, he was our dynamic.”**

**~Moshe Dayan**





**“She taught me that I must live by the Bible, and that I must help the prophecies of the Bible to come true. It was she who told me to befriend the Jews, and help them to fulfill the biblical prophecy and return to Palestine.”**





GEORGE HENRY BORROW  
CAPT MC BRITISH ARMY

STUART EMENY  
BRITISH CIVILIAN

JAMES WALTON HICKEY  
T SGT AIR CORPS

BRIAN FLOYD HODGES  
1ST LT AIR CORPS

VERNON A MCININCH  
S SGT AIR CORPS

FRANK SADOSKI  
T SGT AIR CORPS

STEPHEN ALBERT WANDERER  
2D LT AIR CORPS

STANLEY WILLS  
BRITISH CIVILIAN

ORDE CHARLES WINGATE  
MAJ GEN DSO BRITISH ARMY

DIED IN AIRPLANE CRASH  
WWII MARCH 24 1944



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The Rise of American  
Liberalism, the “New Theology”

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