

Oy Vay! America!

Sunday Morning, October 7, 2012

Thesis:

Columbus' greatness was not based on his discovery of America, but by his relationship with God through His faith in Christ Jesus! How Are You Defined?

Introduction:

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Was Columbus a Catholic?

Was Columbus a Jew?

Was Columbus a Christian?

I. History Preceding the Voyage of Christopher Columbus

A. Jews in Spain

Jews colonized Spain 100's of years before Christ.

Paul References the Jews in Spain

(Romans 15: 24-29)

24 whenever I travel to Spain. For I hope to see you when I pass through, and to be assisted by you for my journey there, once I have first enjoyed your company for a while.

25 Right now I am traveling to Jerusalem to serve the saints, 26 for Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

27 Yes, they were pleased, and indeed are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual benefits, then they are obligated to minister to Jews in material needs.

28 So when I have finished this and safely delivered the funds to them, I will visit you on the way to Spain.

29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

B. Origin of Columbus:

Italy or Spain? Possibly Lived in Both Countries

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C. Jews Were Persecuted

The Inquisition Called Them to Convert to Catholicism

Labeled "Conversos" (Converts) or

"Marranos" (Jews inwardly, but Catholic outwardly)

D. Spain Was Fragmented

In the 8th Century, Islam (i.e. Muslims) invaded the Iberian Peninsula (Spain), fragmenting it in to 980 separate kingdoms called "The Spains"

E. Spain Reconquered!

In the late 13th Century all Spain had been reconquered and demanded complete religious unity.

An Edict was declared on March 31, 1492:

All Jews must leave Spain and the deadline was August 3, 1492. The very date Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain.

II. Was Christopher Columbus a Jew?

Christopher Columbus focused on Biblical prophecy more than astronomy.

He compiled a collection of Biblical passages in his "Libro de las Profecias" (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, vol. 16, pg. 688)

Contrary to Popular Belief, Columbus and Educated People Knew the Earth was round

(Proverbs 8:27)

When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep,

Earth was Curved

(Isaiah 40:22)

God is enthroned above the circle of the earth; its inhabitants are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like thin cloth and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

Spherical Earth

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Columbus Thought Out of the Box When He Applied Isaiah 43:16 to the Oceans!

(Isaiah 43:16)

This is what the Lord says—who makes a way in the sea,
and a path through surging waters,
Ocean Currents

Columbus had in his personal library a 1472 edition of "Bibliothecae Historcae" written by a Greek Historian, Diodorus Siculus, who spoke of "A very great island many days sailing from Africa".

(Isaiah 24:15)

Therefore, in the east honor the Lord! In the islands of the west honor the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

(Isaiah 60:9)

Yes, the islands will wait for Me with the ships of Tarshish in the lead, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the honor of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Isles Beyond the Sea

Christopher Columbus Relied on Scripture For Confidence to Sail to America.

Columbus boasted that he was related to King David. Some of his letters were written in an unknown script (possibly Hebrew). He was said to have used unique triangular writing similar to ancient Hebrew gravestones in Spain and France.

(Show/Write Hebrew Ancient Script)

III. Or Was Christopher Columbus a Christian?

Christopher Columbus felt his name bore his destiny and that he was chosen for a mission.

Christ-Topher
Christ-Bearer

Christopher Columbus wrote,

"No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His service."

Most likely, Christopher Columbus was a Jewish Christian or a Messianic Jew.

Matthew 6:33 Reflects the Life of Christopher Columbus

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But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

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