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Abstract

Looking at the deteriorating situation in Russia, the question—*What are the Jews still doing there?*—is no longer rhetorical. It is real. And pressing. For those who have seen this pattern before, the answer is glaringly clear: Jews must leave Russia, and the sooner the better. Drawing from our own ancient story—the Exodus—and its stark parallels to the present, the warning could not be more urgent. The time for caution has passed. The time for action is now.

A Puzzle of the Day: What Are the Jews Doing in Russia?

Looking at the worsening situation in Russia, answering this puzzle becomes more relevant every day. And urgent.

For me—a Jew who fled the Soviet Union in 1978—the answer is glaringly clear: they stay at their peril, and a decision to leave cannot be made too soon.

That determination solidified today when I learned—through in-Russia media channels (pending confirmation from open mass media)—about a chain of “concentration” prisons across Russia, some of which are reportedly populated largely by Ukrainian prisoners.

Why Relevant—and Why Urgent

As I try to look into the ancient history of the Jewish people for guidance, it stops being ancient. A stark parallel emerges between *now* and *then*.

Then—being the time prior to the exit of the Jews from Ancient Egypt.

The **Exodus**.

The Pattern We Know Too Well

In a nutshell:

The Jews lived well under a Benevolent Pharaoh for many years.

Until a **Bad Pharaoh** came to power.

Not a benevolent one.

And their happy life turned drastically and quickly into brutal slavery.

Eventually, they needed help—the **help of God**—to get back their freedom.

But they got that freedom **only outside of Egypt**.

And thus—**Exodus**.

Today's Parallel: Benevolent Putin

Here is my parallel.

Presently, Putin—**Benevolent Putin**—is good to the Jews living in Russia.

But critically, it is **Putin** who protects Jews—**not the Russians at large**, who simply tolerate them.

(I apologize to the many honorable Russians—my old friends—who are very much exempt from that collective.)

As in Egypt, the dark times will come **soon after the Benevolent Putin is gone**, and a Bad “Putin” will come to power—by election or by force.

What Happens Next?

The transparent meaning of the parallel is this:

As soon as the benevolent masters leave the scene, the Jews are left to be persecuted by the bad ones.

Inevitably. Unfortunately.

The bottom line is this:

As soon as the benevolent are replaced by their opposites—**slavery and destruction begin.**

The Role of Today's Missionaries

So I come back to my puzzle.

There are Jewish missionaries from the U.S. presently stationed in Russia. They enjoy the Benevolent Putin and have the freedom to educate and support Jews there.

I fully appreciate what they are doing.

At the same time, what bothers me to no end is that this idyllic existence may end abruptly—and the **vector of current events** shows it might happen sooner rather than later.

At that dark moment, the situation of **Germany 1938** may replay.

God forbid.

The Subtle but Terrifying Question

This reduces my wonderings to a subtle but very real question:

What will the Jewish missionaries and their supporters of today feel then?

Will they think that perhaps they should have prepared and initiated the **Exodus from Russia** before that dark moment arrived?

Before it became too late.

Here, I choose to err on the side of caution...