

The story of Purim, as related in the Book of Esther, gives us a clear analysis of the 'Jewish problem.'\* The Jews at that time were dispersed over 127 provinces and lands, their own still in ruins. Undoubtedly they differed from one another in custom, garment and tongue according to the place of their dispersal, very much in the same way as Jews in different lands differ nowadays. Yet the enemy of the Jews, Haman, saw those characteristics which united all Jews into 'one people,' namely, 'their laws are different from those of ~~other~~ any other people.' (Book of Esther, *וְהַמֶּלֶךְ חָמָן הָיָה עֹשֶׂה כִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל הָיָה בְּיָדוֹ וְהָיָה לְהַשְׁמִידָם*). Moreover, Haman seeks to destroy 'all the Jews, young and old, children and women.' Although there were in those days, too, Jews who strictly adhered to the Torah and Mitzvot, and Jews whose religious ties with their people were weak, or who had sought to assimilate themselves completely, yet none could escape Haman's classification of belonging to that 'one people,' and every one was included in his cruel decree of extermination.

In all ages there were Hamans, yet we have outlived them, thank G-d. Wherein lies the secret of our indestructability?

The answer *will be evident from the following* to this question scientifically, we ~~must~~ will take a logical illustration. When a scientist seeks to ascertain the laws governing a certain phenomenon, or to discover the essential properties of a certain element in nature, he must undertake a series of experiments under *the most* varied conditions. No true scientific law can be deduced from a limited number of experiments, or from experiments under a limited *number* set of conditions. For the results as to what is essential and what secondary would then not be conclusive.

The same principle should be applied to our people. It is one of the oldest in the world, beginning its national history from the Revelation at Mount Sinai some 3300 years ago. In the course of these long centuries our people has lived under a *variety* of conditions, different times and different places all over the world. If we wish to discover the essential elements in

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