

### The Genocides

I may be using the term in a broader way than is usual but in this century of enlightenment there have been a number of purges that if not technically genocides were in practice that. I can only mention these without any elaboration:

The Armenian Genocide...1912-14 under the Ottoman Empire...nearly two million killed by some estimates.

The Holocaust...Jewish Genocide...under the push of Hitler and the Nazi movement...it is estimated that between 6 and 7 million Jews were killed.

Communist purges...movements against social, religious, and ethnic bodies in the Soviet Union...it is estimated today that about 10 million persons were systematically eliminated.

China...under the work of Mao we have no estimates that seem accurate but a widespread purge of counter culture groups.

And to these we would have to add the wars in southeast asia and some of the inter-tribal fights in Africa...some too severe to be believed.

The impact of these on society has been one of horror but not necessarily one of movement towards the biblical values.

### Formation of Israel

This is perhaps one of the most significant events of the century from the view of the church and biblical predictions. The Jews, transients for more than 2,000 years were enabled to create a national economy and homeland for themselves.

There had long been an ideal on this line but it had not been promoted well...Jewish factionalism, Anti-semitism in general, and territorial beliefs all had suppressed the concept. But the Zionist movement as a force got a big push from Herzl in 1896 with a book calling for a Jewish state and this aided the