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Before Herzl there was Russell. In 1895 Theodore Herzl published

of the sixteenth century helped religious freedom very little. Very soon

Creation—the crowning feature of his ministry. Never before had

Early Advocates of Zionism

Bible Students were the first to

NEW YORK, September 20, 1910.

Pastor C.T. Russell, Brooklyn, N.Y.

mention of the name of a great leader [Herzl] —who, the speaker declared, had been raised by Go

Russell himself, according to the testimony of the American Jewish Press from the years 1910 to 1916 maintained excellent and

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Pastor Russell—*Not* the Founder of Jehovah's Witnesses

“Jehovah’s Witnesses” are obviously not Zionists. Why do some claim Pastor Russell—an ardent Zionist—was the founder of the Jehovah’s Witnesses? Both Pastor Russell and the Bible Students have been the victims of not only sinister actions of misrepresentation, but character assassination. Human nature being what it is, religious zealotry can, unfortunately, beget malicious acts reasoning that the end

mistaken view that their teachings and beliefs are alike. Such is not the case.

Examples of Misrepresentation

A case of misrepresentation occurred when an article by a Bible Student minister in which Pastor Russell was mentioned briefly appeared in THE JERUSALEM POST. Immediately, two evangelical ministers wrote in letters to the Editors labeling and discounting Pastor Russell and the Bible Students as Jehovah's Witntn Pastor

drastically. Joseph Rutherford, whom Pastor Russell had recently

The old Bible Students, spirit begotten... individuals, true Christians, would never have stood for such subversion of thinking and practices. Being students of the Bible, they had been warned by what Paul had said in 2 Tim. 4:3: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine."

The lineage of the Bible Student

There are many books about the Watchtower organization, even by

promises applicable to Christians only. And Rutherford's slight variation applied these scriptures exclusively to Christians who are Jehovah's Witnesses. (However, it is interesting to note that all scriptures pertaining to punishment of "Israel" are retained by replacement theology as applicable to the Jewish People.)

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etc., even Christian, who does no

Students will *not* be silent in our encouragement while standing by the Jewish People. We as Bible Students will not be silent until the time when Jerusalem is established forever in God's Kingdom....

