

## The Rev Stephen Sizer

### **Supersessionism**

On the 'Unbelievable' programme on Premier Christian Radio<sup>1</sup> on 6 December 2008, Sizer said:

"My concern is with so-called Christian Zionist organisations that ... equate the Gospel with helping Jews ... without telling them about the Cross ... my concern is with those so-called Christian organisations that do not engage in Evangelism, that do not share Jesus with Jewish people: that's antisemitism."

To paraphrase, it is antisemitic to allow Jews to be Jews.

### **Jews as Christ killers**

On 14 March 2010, Sizer posted photographs on flickr of Israeli soldiers on his public web pages under the title "Herod's Soldiers Operating in Bethlehem Today"<sup>2</sup>.

In the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 2.16, in the episode known as the Massacre of the Innocents, Herod ordered all baby boys in Bethlehem to be killed, in an effort to kill Jesus who he saw as a threat to his status as 'King of the Jews', the title given to him by the Romans. Sizer is therefore insinuating that Israeli soldiers are both child killers and potential killers of Christ, or that Jewish soldiers share and perpetuate Herod's murderous aims. This venomous accusation is reinforced by the sub-heading of the photographs, 'Christ at the Checkpoint'.

### **Holocaust Denial**

- In a post on the "PalestinianOrthodoxy" blog<sup>3</sup> in June 2008, Sizer quotes approvingly a comment by Michael A Hoffman II. Hoffman is the managing editor of the newsletter *Revisionist History*, and is described on Wikipedia as a "conspiracy theorist and Holocaust denier":

Would AP ever report, "Judaism is strongly discouraged in Russia, a country whose Orthodox Christian population consists of a people that suffered 70 years of persecution for not accepting the Communism of circumcised Bolsheviks"? Judaism considers western civilization to be Edom and despises it with far greater rancor than even Muslim fundamentalists. ... the transformation of an erstwhile Christian western civilization into a collective golem that bombs and fights Muslims for the benefit of the Israelis ... this masterplan, aided and abetted by powerful "Christian" allies like *Senator McCain, President Bush* and *Supreme Court Justice Scalia* ..."

- On 24th December 2011, Sizer gave an interview to Qods News Agency<sup>4</sup>. Qods News Agency is a Holocaust denying website whose reported statements include the following:

"The Hamas government of Gaza is among the entities denying *the controversial Holocaust issue* and likens Holocaust education to a war crime"<sup>5</sup> (emphasis added)

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ondemand.premier.org.uk/unbelievable/AudioFeed.aspx> at 1:14:30

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stephensizer/sets/72157623675922174/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PalestinianOrthodoxy/message/8241>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.qodsna.com/NewsContent-id\\_44308.aspx](http://www.qodsna.com/NewsContent-id_44308.aspx)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.qodsna.com/NewsContent-id\\_42024.aspx](http://www.qodsna.com/NewsContent-id_42024.aspx)

“Gaza government officials on Tuesday urged school children to leave classrooms if textbooks provided by the UNRWA included content about *the myth of the Holocaust*”<sup>6</sup> (emphasis added)

“According to the Zionists, some six million Jews were murdered by the German Nazis during the World War II, which they refer to as holocaust.”<sup>7</sup> (emphasis added)

- Commenting on Sizer’s appearance in *With God on Our Side*, a film on Christian Zionism, in November 2010, the “HurryUpHarry” blog comments<sup>8</sup>:

Stephen Sizer is not just any vicar. He has:

- shared a platform with an Australian Holocaust denier to denounce Israel (<http://tiny.cc/16p61>),
- forwarded emails from American Holocaust deniers (<http://tiny.cc/73nn6>),
- given an interview to radio hosts on the American Far Right (<http://tiny.cc/aupbg>),
- approvingly cited a US Holocaust denier on Iranian TV – and indeed in his published book – as a credible source (<http://tiny.cc/ydd7h>),
- gone to Iran on the invitation of the NEDA Institute, which contributes to global efforts to deny the Holocaust (<http://tiny.cc/wzrvt>)

### Conspiracy Theories

- On 5th July 2011, Sizer linked to an article in the *Palestine Telegraph*<sup>9</sup> that accused Israel of killing scientists all over the world, including by causing plane crashes. The author of the article was Wayne Madsen who has accused Israel, Saudi intelligence, and the CIA of being behind the attacks on 9/11. Madsen is an antisemitic conspiracy theorist who alleges that “the Israeli Lobby owns the Congress, media, Hollywood, Wall Street, both political parties, and the White House”<sup>10</sup>.

(The *Palestine Telegraph* is characterised by openly displayed hatred for Jews and Israel. Its articles include:

- A piece accusing Jews of plotting the First and Second World Wars
- Holocaust denial and trivialisation
- Allegations of a Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world
- The accusation that the 9/11 terrorist attack was a Jewish plot to dominate Muslims
- Allegations of Israelis stealing organs in Haiti and Ukraine
- An antisemitic video by Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke.

See the Harry's Place website<sup>11</sup> for further information)

- On 9 March 2011, Sizer posted a comment to his blog<sup>12</sup> under the title “The Ties that Bind: Israel to Libya” which reads:

“It should come as no surprise that Saif al-Islam, son of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi made a surprise visit to Israel last week to buy more weapons for his dad.

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<sup>6</sup> [http://www.qodsna.com/NewsContent-id\\_34738.aspx](http://www.qodsna.com/NewsContent-id_34738.aspx)

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.qodsna.com/NewsContent.aspx?action=print&id=13089>

<sup>8</sup> <http://hurryupharry.org/2010/11/04/sizer>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.paltelegraph.com/world/middle-east/77-middle-east/9538-israels-mossad-bomb-russian-plane-to-kill-scientists.html>

<sup>10</sup> <http://mycatbirdseat.com/2010/12/wayne-madsen-the-israeli-lobby-owns-the-congress-hollywood-and-the-whitehouse/>

<sup>11</sup> <http://hurryupharry.org/2011/07/05/stephen-sizer-and-the-palestine-telegraph/>

<sup>12</sup> <http://stephensizer.blogspot.co.uk/2011/03/saif-gadhafi-visits-israel-and-asks-for.html>

He goes to Israel regularly because, according to a senior Middle East Ecclesiastical source, both his mother and aunt are Jewish and live in Israel. *Blood is indeed thicker than water. Perhaps this is why the US is reluctant to impose a 'no-fly' zone over Libya.*” (emphasis supplied)

It was in fact Muammar Gaddafi's mother and aunt who were allegedly Jewish according to an internet rumour, not the mother and aunt of Saif Gaddafi.

In any event Sizer's comments were racist and antisemitic. Their meaning and effect were rightly characterised by the article on the Harry's Place website<sup>13</sup> as: “The Gaddafis are Jews, Israel is full of Jews, and the USA is run by Jews. They all murder innocent civilians. They are all linked by Jewish blood and evil motives.”

### **Association with extremists**

Sizer is prepared to associate himself with the extreme right and Holocaust deniers:

- Martin Webster, the National Front leader, posted a long conspiracy theory on the “northwestnationalists” blog that he says<sup>14</sup> “was sent to me by the Rev. Stephen Sizer, Vicar of Christ Church (Church of England) parish church at Virginia Water, Surrey” in May 2008.
- In March 2009, the Spectator reported<sup>15</sup> that Sizer had shared a platform “with an Islamist called Ismail Patel. Patel ... considers Disney to be a Jewish plot and supports Hamas, Iran and Syria. Sizer is a virulent opponent of Christian Zionism and of Israel, which he has said he hopes will disappear ...”
- On 4th October 2011, Sizer posted a link on his Facebook page to an openly antisemitic website *The Ugly Truth*<sup>16</sup>. Here is an example of the typical content for this site:

“As with all mixed blessings, we, the jackasses of humanity, can take solace in the fact that the continued belching of such foul, sulphuric comments from more and more Jewish leaders worldwide will inevitably result in a much-needed clearing of the air, and hopefully - not just an enduring, but indeed - a permanent one.”<sup>17</sup>

Sizer's link to *The Ugly Truth* website was on his Facebook page for three months, from 4th October 2011 to 4th January 2012. The link and the delay in removing it were condemned by the Bishop of Manchester, the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch as “disgraceful and unbecoming for a clergyman of the Church of England”<sup>18</sup>.

### **The Protocols of the Elders of Zion**

- In March 2012 Sizer, in an interview with Arab radio<sup>19</sup>, referred to the “power of the Zionist lobby” and recommended Al Manar TV. Al Manar TV has shown a thirty part series, Ash-Shatat, which depicts a global Jewish government. This is also the “masterplan” referred to in Sizer’s reposting of Hoffman above (see note 3):  
“the Israelis will dump the West in Red China's lap and proceed on their supremacist path as the self-appointed judge of the entire world.”

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<sup>13</sup> <http://hurryupharry.org/2011/03/09/church-of-england-vicars-theory-about-mass-murder-jewish-blood/>

<sup>14</sup> <http://northwestnationalists.blogspot.co.uk/2008/06/power-of-labour-friends-of-israel.html>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.spectator.co.uk/features/3409686/beware-the-new-axis-of-evangelicals-and-islamists/>

<sup>16</sup> <http://theuglytruth.wordpress.com/>

<sup>17</sup> <http://theuglytruth.wordpress.com/2010/10/24/jewish-supremacism-the-deadliest-of-nasty-odors-stinking-up-our-world-today/>

<sup>18</sup> [www.ccj.org.uk/Articles/304111/Council\\_of\\_Christians/News/CCJ\\_Statement\\_About.aspx](http://www.ccj.org.uk/Articles/304111/Council_of_Christians/News/CCJ_Statement_About.aspx)

<sup>19</sup> The interview can be viewed at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAL4HwvX-dw&feature=player\\_embedded#!](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAL4HwvX-dw&feature=player_embedded#!)

The supposed existence of a world Jewish conspiracy is a traditional antisemitic theme, as developed in the notorious Tsarist forgery, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.<sup>20</sup>

- On 1st June 2012 Sizer linked on his blog to an article on an anti-Semitic website *Window into Palestine*. The article is entitled “BBC caught out with its Zionist run propaganda machine”. Rev Sizer subsequently deleted the posting.<sup>21</sup>

*Window into Palestine* carries on its home page a cartoon of a person with caricatured nose wrapped in an Israeli flag, and also prominent on a recent home page is a Nazi flag with the swastika superimposed over a Star of David<sup>22</sup>.

*Window into Palestine* also carries a copy of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, describing it as an 'important tome'<sup>23</sup>. The Protocols are well known to be a notorious antisemitic forgery. Their nature can be seen from the first pages linked to *Window into Palestine*<sup>24</sup>. The page in question features a Menorah (a Jewish symbol) with branches reading “Colonise Terrorise Nationalise Militarise Racialise Intimidate Censure”.

Any visitor to *Window into Palestine* would see immediately that it is racist and antisemitic. Rev Sizer posted a link to this website exactly one month after telling the Council of Christians and Jews that he condemned all forms of antisemitism.

### **Antisemitism**

On 13th June 2011 Sizer gave a television interview<sup>25</sup> in which he claimed that the British far right and Zionists were forming an alliance because their common enemy are Muslims. He said:

“The irony is that the far right in Britain is forming an alliance with Zionists because their common enemy are the Muslims, and it's ironic that the very people who favoured the work of Hitler are now working with the Zionists, the English Defence League for example, against the Muslims because they view them as a threat.”

When Rev Sizer refers to Zionists, he does so in the knowledge that most of his readers will readily understand the term as a paraphrase for Jews. Zionism is the belief in Jewish national self-determination. Recent research has shown<sup>26</sup> that the majority of Jewish people share that belief and therefore characterise themselves as Zionists. The same is true of the mainstream Jewish community and communal organisations.

The claim quoted above would suggest to most of Rev Sizer's listeners that the Jewish community (“the Zionists”) have formed an alliance with neo-Nazis (“the very people who favoured the work of Hitler”). To say of the Jewish community that it is in league with neo-Nazis is as antisemitic as it is untrue. Rev Sizer's claim is unambiguous and poisonous and he must have meant it as such.

On 14th October 2011 Sizer posted comments on his blog<sup>27</sup> from Helen Thomas, the former White House correspondent forced to retire after telling Jews in Israel to go 'home' to Poland, Germany or America. He prefaced the comments with:

“Helen Thomas is one gutsy 90 year old lady to take on the Israel Lobby”, and ended them with “Bring it on.”

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<sup>20</sup> [http://www.adl.org/special\\_reports/protocols/protocols\\_recycled.asp](http://www.adl.org/special_reports/protocols/protocols_recycled.asp)

<sup>21</sup> The original post was at <http://stephensizer.blogspot.co.uk/2012/06/bbc-duped-by-syrian-propaganda.html>

<sup>22</sup> <http://windowintopalestine.blogspot.co.uk/>

<sup>23</sup> <http://windowintopalestine.blogspot.co.uk/2012/06/protocols-of-learned-elders-of-zion-in.html>

<sup>24</sup> <http://iamthewitness.com/Protocols-in-Modern-English.htm>

<sup>25</sup> The interview can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPW1s5cNRpg>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.jpr.org.uk/downloads/JPR%20Israel%20survey%20report%2015.pdf>

<sup>27</sup> <http://stephensizer.blogspot.co.uk/2010/10/helen-thomas-you-cannot-criticize.html>