

The Jews were early scattered, some of them very far from Judea, one remarkable instance we will tell you of. The Jesuits, who you know are the active and secret missionaries of the Popish Church, found in the 17th century, in China, far from the Holy Land, seven families descendants of a small colony of Jews, originally consisting of 70 families, who must have settled there about the time of our Saviour. These few families, though surrounded by millions of Heathen Idolators, and though they had been there for 1600 years, still kept up the ceremonies of the Jews—observed the Sabbath—had a place of worship, which like the temple in Jerusalem, had a Holy of Holies, where the Law was kept, and they looked for a Messiah to come, as the Jews do to this day, refusing to believe in Christ.

Three hundred and six years after the birth of Christ, Constantine the first Christian Emperor of Rome began to reign ; his mother whose name was Helena, built a very fine church on Mount Calvary, and Constantine changed the name of the City, which had been built on the ruins of the old one from *Ælia* to Jerusalem. Great numbers of Christian pilgrims, came to visit Mount Calvary ; which enraged the Jews very much, and they revenged themselves by raising a revolution in Russia, in which the Christians living there suffered severe persecution. This made the Christians still more angry with the Jews, and so long as they were masters of Jerusalem, Jews were not allowed to come near the city they loved so much. Soldiers were set round the city to keep them away from it ; and we are told that they bribed in their misery, the Roman Soldiers with money, to let them steal in, and mourn over its desolation, especially on the anniversary of its destruction by Titus.

From the reign of Constantine, until the year 800 after the birth of Christ—the state of the Jews was in every country most wretched. Do you wonder children, that Christians could so persecute the Jews ? They were not *real*