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True in this Narrative.

gained such a number of proselytes. He was born at Aleppo and imposed on the Jews for a considerable time: but afterwards with a view of saving his life he turned Mahomedan and was at last beheaded.

24. The last false Christ that had made any considerable number of converts was one Rabbi Mordecai, a Jew of Germany. He appeared in the year 1632. It was not long before he was found out to be an impostor and was obliged to fly from Italy to Poland to save his life. What became of him afterwards does not seem to be recorded. This may be considered as a true and exact account of the false Christs that have arisen since the crucifixion of our blessed Saviour as can well be given.

**COMPASSIONATE READER,**

Does not your heart bleed for this poor bewildered and deserted people. They would not come to *Jesus* that they might have life, and God has given them up, ever since, to judicial blindness. They are left to believe any thing but the truth—see how readily they believed in every impostor! Yet when the “Holy one of Israel came to his own, his own received him not;” “he even taught in their Streets, and in their Synagogues”—he healed all that were diseased among them—he went about doing good—he wept over their city, and prayed for them, “Father forgive them;” yet they cried “away with him—crucify him—crucify him—his blood be on us and on our children.”

This people were once the favorites of heaven, but they have now been for more than seventeen hundred years under the heavy judgments of God, because of their unbelief and crucifixion of the Lord of glory. The number of Jews, throughout the world is, by some, estimated at thirteen millions. How dreadful the thought, that *one* soul is living without Christ, and dying without hope; but how much more dreadful, that *millions* are in this condition. If you can do no more to help them, O! pray to God for a blessing on the efforts of benevolent christians in England and America, who are just now zealously engaged in raising funds for their relief, and sounding the gospel of the grace of God, once more in their ears.

*Casswall's Martha*

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