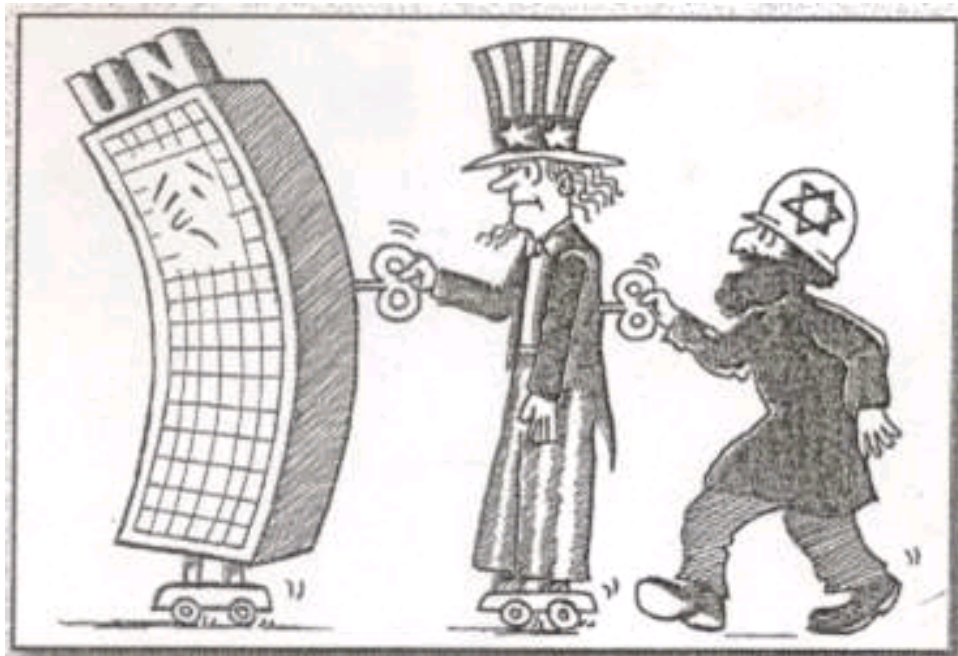


Anti-Semitism in Egypt: Media and Society

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Introduction

Anti-Semitism remains deeply ingrained in Egyptian society, finding expression in the mass media, popular literature and public statements while remaining virtually unchallenged by government leaders.

Articles and caricatures in the Egyptian media regularly feature anti-Semitic depictions of Jews as stooped, hook-nosed, money-hungry and conspiratorial. Israeli leaders are depicted as Nazis, while other articles deny or diminish the Holocaust. Anti-Israel and anti-Jewish conspiracy theories frequently surface, including references to the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and modern reincarnations of the medieval blood-libel charge.

In January 2004, Egypt hosted its annual book fair in Cairo, the largest literary event in the Arab and Muslim world, where numerous anti-Semitic books were displayed.

Since the international outcry over the airing on Egyptian television of an anti-Jewish drama based on the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in December 2002, the infamous anti-Semitic forgery, important public discussions on anti-Semitism have taken place, leading to calls to condemn anti-Semitism and for Egyptians to avoid such manifestations. Nonetheless, vicious and hateful anti-Semitic articles and caricatures have continued to appear in the opposition and government press.

The following are selected examples of anti-Semitic articles and caricatures that appeared in Egyptian newspapers from July 2003 to February 2004. Several common anti-Semitic themes are apparent:

- conspiracy theories of Jews wanting to control the world, Jews controlling the Western governments and Jews controlling the world media.
- comparing Jews and Israelis to Nazis and comparing Zionism with Nazism.
- illustrating the stereotypical Jew (big nose, black coat and hat, skull cap), along with Jewish symbols such as the Star of David and demonizing Jews as bloodthirsty and violent.

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Anti-Semitism in the Egyptian Media

Conspiracy Theories

- "... this stage used the Jewish crematoria in order to link and to call attention to this term (anti-Semitism) and to encourage the feelings of the sin complex against the Jews, especially in the Arab countries. **All of the Zionist economic and media forces that control the world, were subjugated to stand behind this purpose, so that it would succeed in spreading this terroristic manner of speaking** to the western decision makers, in addition to Christian churches, writers, thinkers and politicians..."

Al-Ahram, "Anti-Semitism: Zionist Creation of the Semantic Terror" by Dr. Fathi al-Baradi'i, February 19, 2004

- "... Israel tries, brilliantly, to create a mix between what can be considered as anti-Semitic feelings or hostile feelings towards foreigners in general, and the phenomenon of criticism, objection and attack against its policy in Palestine...**It is natural that Tel Aviv uses the bombing of the two synagogues in Istanbul as typical.** (Tel Aviv) also raised it's voice in order to complain about the rising hostile feelings towards the Jews in Europe...**There are dozens of similar minor events, which Israel is inflating with reason or without so that the sword of anti-Semitism will stay on the Europeans' necks.**"

Al-Ahram, "Anti-Semitism" by Salama Ahmad Salama, November 23, 2003

- "...We condemn this suspected attack (on the attacks on two synagogues in Istanbul). However, **we do not see it unlikely that someone did it or that it was a Zionist plan, from greediness to attract the worldly sympathy towards the Jews...** Moreover, we do not see it unlikely that that these two attacks in Istanbul were planned and done in the manner of what Israel aimed in the Lavon affair... Again - we do not see it unlikely that the aim of these two attacks was to improve the image of the Jew and the image of Israel..."

Al-Wafd, "Egyptian Concerns" by 'Abas at-Tarabili, November 20, 2003

- Why don't we interpret this event as an attempt to improve the ugly image of Israel within the European world's mind?... Do we see it unlikely that the Jewish terror organizations committed this criminal crime?... **If we want to look for those who committed this crime, we will only find those secret associations and anonymous organizations where the fingers of the international Zionism mingle in order to distort the image of the Arabs and Muslims, having this take the place of the terror image of America and Israel in the minds of the European world.**"

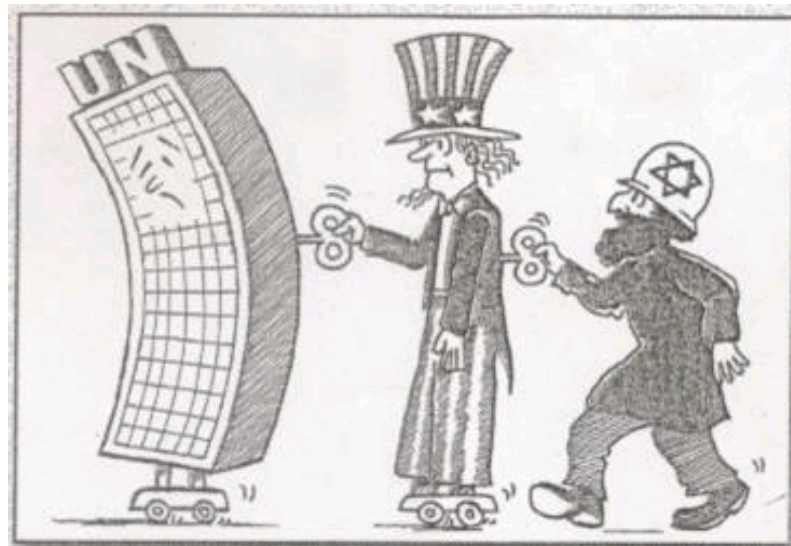
Al-Wafd, "Turkey's Jews" by Jamal Badawi, November 18, 2003

- "... As opposed to the expectations, the book 'The Jewish Danger - the Protocols of the Elders of Zion', which was added to the show-window of the Semite books near the Torah, so that the visitors from all of the world's nationalities who arrive to the museum... *Al-Ussbu'* met with Dr. Yusuf Zeidan, the Director of the Museum of Manuscripts, and the one who decided to present the book. He said: 'When my eyes fell upon this rare copy of this dangerous book, I immediately decided to put it near the Torah of all things, although it is not a divine book. However, it became one of the Jews' sacred things, their first constitution, their Halacha (literally: their religious law) and their way of life. **In other words, it is not only an ideological or theoretical book. The book of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion may be more important than the Torah amongst the Zionist Jews in the world, who manage through it their Zionist life'.**"

Al-Ussbu', "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion in the front of the Museum of Manuscripts" by Jihan Hussein, November 17, 2003

- "...Not only the USA surrendered to the Jewish robbery - it was preceded by Germany since Israel, strongly supported by the USA, imposed in the 60's payment of 70 million dollars per year for a period of twelve years as compensation to Israel for what the Nazi regime did to Jews during **the famous crematoria and the Holocaust, which became deemed the holiest events to the Jews, who manage to collect a huge (amount of) money, and is used as a basis to international prevention and robbery...**"

Al-Ahram, "Anti-Semitism or Victory to the Truth?" by As-Sayyid Yasin, November 6, 2003



Karikatir, November 2003



Al-Ahram, The cartoon's headline: "The American Parliament Imposes Sanctions Over Syria," October 19, 2003

- "The Jews' properties and activities definitely provide them with **influential power in the American society**, and this provides Israel the automatic American support!"

Al-Ahram, "The Jewish Lobby... and the Modern American Era," by Mursi 'Atallha. September 4, 2003

- "The Israeli presence in Baghdad became the Iraqi talk of the day. Prayer leaders and preachers of mosques warned the Iraqi citizens and forbade them from selling or renting their properties to Jews who are filtering in under false names and identities. Rumors spread in Baghdad about the efforts of a persistent Israeli to buy important institutions and real estate properties in sensitive areas in the capital Baghdad for a higher price than its real value, which in turn raised the real estate prices in general. **The Iraqis are interpreting the intention of some Jews to buy real estate in Baghdad as an organized intention to penetrate into the Iraqi economic life in order to control it in the future. They said that this phenomenon reminds us of what happened to the Palestinians in 1948 and the similar ways that were used in order to steal their land.**"

Al-Ahram, "Did Israel Get What It Wanted from the Iraqi War?" by Yusri Ahmad 'Azbawi, August 22, 2003

- "It is clear that Israel is striving to build something like the Jewish settlements in north Iraq, **which will be a starting point for its control over north Iraq's oil and economy.** Israel will not stop at sending many delegations... The beginning may be insignificant and sometimes we will not pay attention to it, and even minimize it, **but Israel, as usual, starts like that and then expands and invests what it has in order to reach their goal at the end.** The Arabs have to be careful to follow

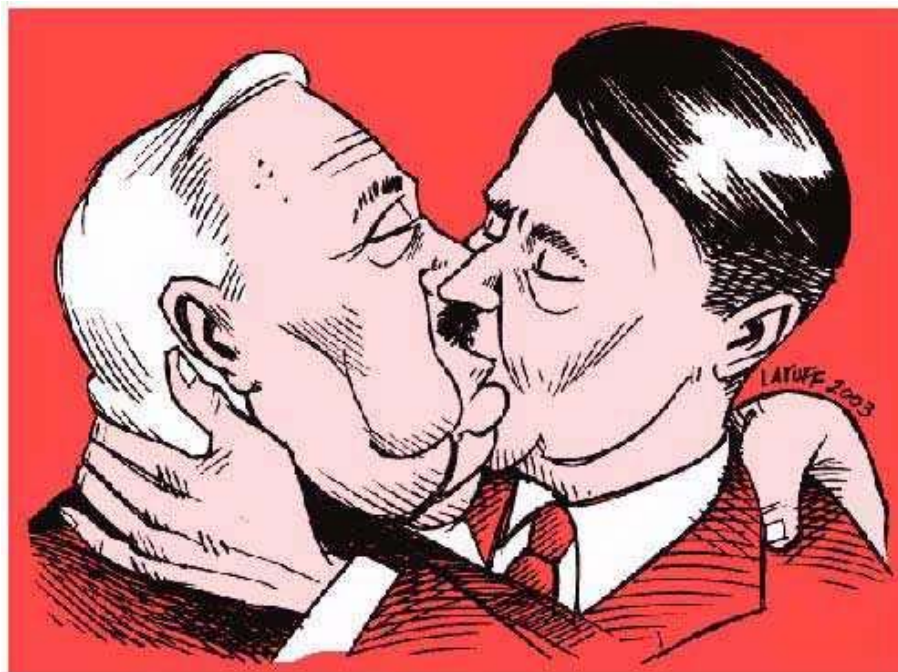
seriously all of these steps in order to confront it before it gets out of control and becomes a cancer of difficult treatment."

Al-Ahram, "Arab Affairs: Israel in Iraq" by Abed al-Mu'ti Ahmad, July 7, 2003

Comparisons with Nazism/Racism

- "...Israel entered the era of racism against Semitism – worse than what happened in Nazi Germany. (Israel) needs centuries to repair what Sharon ruined".

Al-Ahram, "Attitudes" by Anis Mansur. December 15, 2003



October, the cartoon is portraying PM Sharon and Hitler as lovers, December 6, 2003

- "...If we want to understand the truth of Zionism, we would find that Zionism is the lower kind of racism. Moreover, through its ugliness it excelled the other racist groups of its kind... though they did not commit the crimes that the Zionist entity committed to humanity..."

Al-Ahram, "The Shame in the Zionist Nature" by Dr. Jamal Salama 'Ali, November 15, 2003.

- The writer claims that the Zionist movement, which he calls "racist imperialist nationalism", is based "on the alliance between the conservative forces and even more racist ones, as long as it serves its interests, as it was expressed through the applause of Zionist leaders and thinkers of Hitler when he rose to the government,

since they shared with him the belief in race superiority and the objection to the assimilation of the Jews with the Arian race..."

Al-Ahram, "Our Claimed Hostility towards Semitism or their Hostility towards Humanity?" by Salah Salem, November 4, 2003

- "The experience of Europe after World War II exists always and ever in spite of the fact that there **were circumstances that pushed the Germans to wave the flags of Nazism, which intersect the Sharonic terror we witness in the occupied territories.** . . .Actually it (Hamas) is a victim of the reality of the occupation which carries out daily terror, which we saw only in Fascist regimes . . ."

Al-Ahram, "Banning the Hamas: The European Support of the Israeli Terror" by Dr. 'Amr ash-Shobaki, September 16, 2003

- "In spite of the crimes made by Israel, **this era's Hitlerism and the Zionist Nazism** - it cannot be said that the Judaism commands support it..."

Al-Ahram, "This is not Theory" by Dr. Layla Takla, July 8, 2003

- "The Palestinian people were subject to the ugliest kinds of torture, suffering, pain, death and all the other crimes that Israel commits against the Palestinians. **(Israel) brought back to (peoples') minds the Nazi actions, and proved that there is a connection between Nazism and Zionism!!!"**

Al-Ahram, "The Last Chance" by Sa'id 'Abed al-Khaleq, July 5, 2003.

Demonizing Jews/Israelis



Al-Ahram, The cartoon's headline: "The Sharonic Cake," November 22, 2003



Al-Ahram, The "Israeli negotiator" on the right is saying: "Sit and let's negotiate. Why do you stand?" November 1, 2003



Al-Ahram, In Arabic: "No comments," October 13, 2003

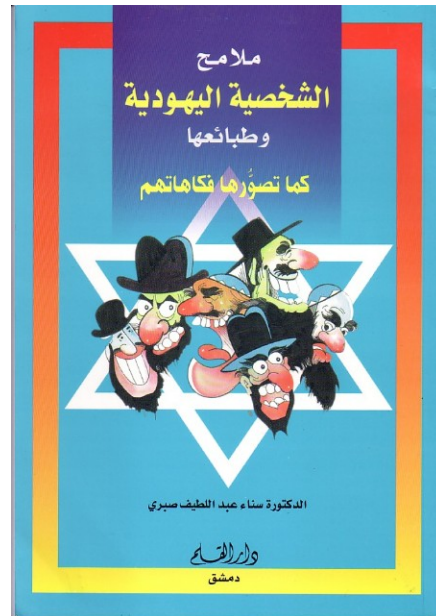
- The Egyptians are Considering Suing the Jews for Gold the Israelites Took from Egypt According to the Egyptian weekly, *Al-Ahram al-'Arabi*, Nabil Hilmi, faculty of law dean at the University of Al-Zaqziq, "is planning a law suit in a Swiss court in order to take back the stolen Egyptian gold from the Pharaohnic era which was stolen by the Jews when they went out of Egypt thousands years ago". Hilmi said that in light of the fact the Jews have been saying recently that they created the Egyptian culture and that they are asking from Switzerland for the property of Jews who died during World War II, a lawsuit will be submitted to the Swiss court. Hilmi said that **"the stealing of gold is understandable. It is a clear theft of resources and treasures of a hosting country, which goes together with the Jews' morals and nature."**

- *Al-Ahram al-'Arabi*, "The Gold War between the Egyptians and the Jews" by Sharl Fu'ad al-Masri, August 9, 2003

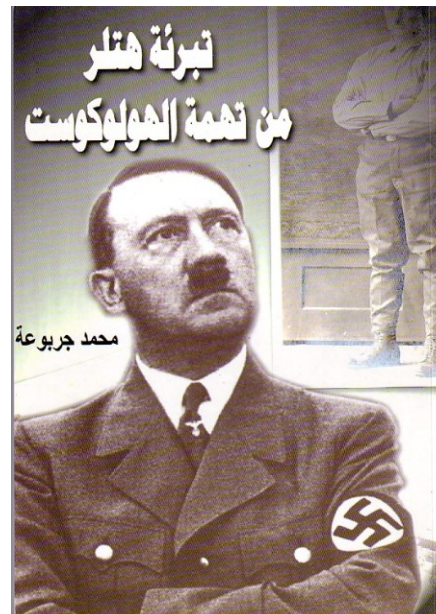
Anti-Semitism in Egyptian Society: The Cairo Book Fair

In January 2004, Egypt hosted its annual book fair in Cairo, the largest literary event in the Arab and Muslim world which attracts many people and includes books from all over the Arab world. The following is a selection of books displayed at the book fair, which contain anti-Semitic text, Holocaust denial and conspiracy theories about Jews:

1. Dr. Sina 'Abed al-Latif Sabri,
The Features of the Jewish Personality and its Nature as it Seems from their Humor,
Damascus: 1999



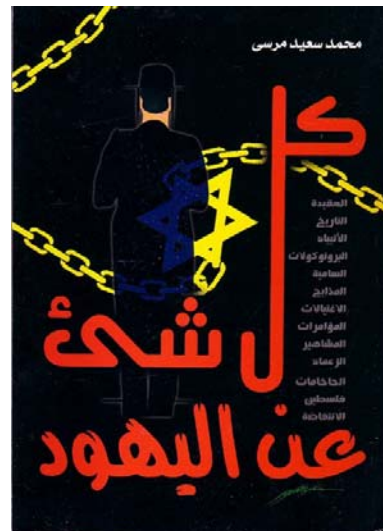
2. Muhammad Jarbu'a,
Exempting Hitler from the Holocaust Accusation,
Lebanon: An-Nida,
2002



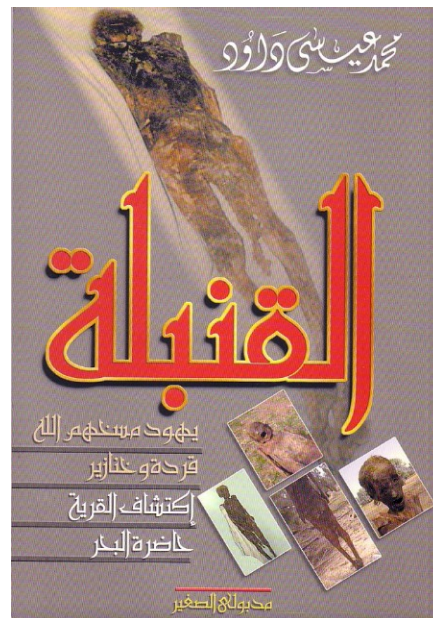
From the back cover: "Hitler started his annihilation of the Jews for their being a morally debased nation. Thus, he treated them as guilty for their crimes – which demands their death..."

3. Muhammad Sa'id Mursi,
Everything about the Jews

The following list appears on the front cover (right) Belief, History, Prophets, Semitism, Killings, Assassinations, Conspiracies, Personalities, Leaders, Rabbis, Palestine and the Intifada



4. Muhammad 'Isa Da'ud,
The Bomb: Jews whom God transformed into Monkeys and Pigs,
Madbuli as-Saghir, 2003



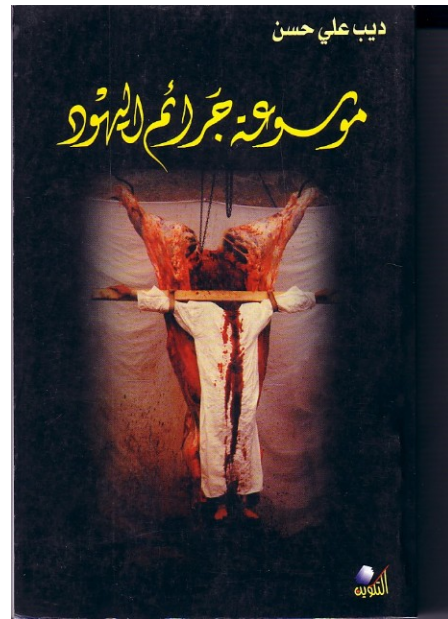
5. 'Ali Hasan Tah,
*The Zionist-Jewish
Racism and the
Ideological-Religious
Dimension – A
Research of the
Religious and Historical
Background of the
Racist Activities of the
Zionist Entity in
Palestine, Lebanon and
Others,*
Beirut: Dar al-Hadi,
2002



The book's index:

1. Zionism and the three religions
 - The integration between the religions and the sectarianism
 - The sources of the religious Zionist thought
 - The Torah and the Talmudic texts and the racist and inhuman operations of the Jewish Zionist state
 - Legal opinions and preaching of Rabbis
2. The Christian Zionism and the American attitude
 - The European Zionist Christianity
 - The American Zionist Christianity
3. *Al-Quds* is ours

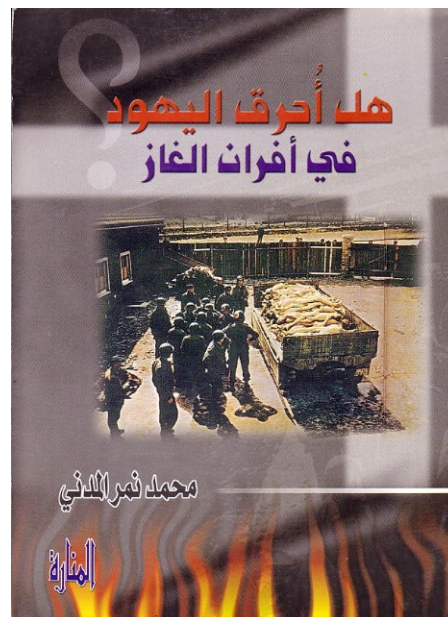
6. Dib 'Ali Hasan,
*Encyclopedia of the
Jews' Crimes*,
Damascus: At-Takwin,
2004



From the back cover: "This document is dated to more than 212 years. It warns of the dangerous danger of the Jews in America. The original copy of this document exists in the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.... All of the chaos and the troubles in the USA today are made by the Jews".

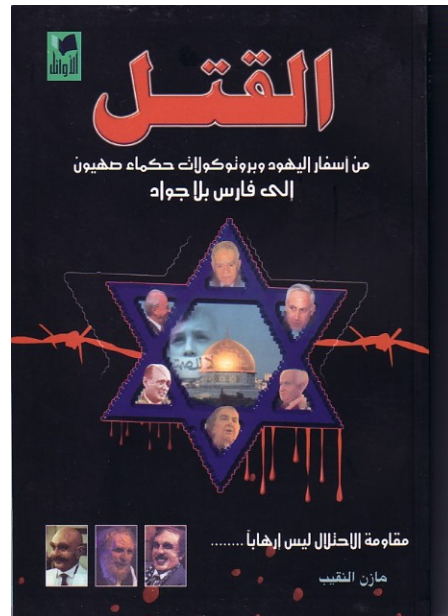
Editor's Note: The Franklin "Prophecy" is a classic anti-Semitic canard that falsely claims that American statesman Benjamin Franklin made anti-Jewish statements during the Constitutional Convention of 1787. It has found widening acceptance in the Muslim and Arab media, where it has been used to criticize Israel and Jews in news articles and statements.

7. Muhammad Nimr al-
Madani,
*Were the Jews Burned
in the Ovens?*,
Beirut: Al-Manara,
2001



The book is "dedicated to every Arab reader, so that the book will turn him from being a supporter to someone who opposes the lie of annihilation".

8. Mazen an-Naqib,
*The Murder – from the
Jewish Scriptures and
the Protocols of the
Elders of Zion unto
Knightless Horse,*
Damascus: Al-Aawael,
2004



From the book's index:

The third part: from the Knightless Horse to the Jewish Scriptures and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion

- The world conspiracy
- The secrecy of the goals and personalities
- The Elders of Zion

A stop in front of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion

- The Jews' holy scriptures
- The Talmud and the Kabala
- Who wrote the Protocols?

What do the Protocols of the Elders of Zion claim?