

***“The Story of the Jewish Legion”, Vladimir “Ze’ev”  
Jabotinsky (1928)***

“Everybody is wrong, you alone are right?” No doubt this question springs by itself to the reader’s lips and mind. It is customary to answer this with apologetic phrases to the effect that I fully respect public opinion, that I bow to it, that I was glad to make concessions ... All this is unnecessary, and all this is untrue. You cannot believe in anything in the world, if you admit even once that perhaps your opponents are right, and not you. This is not the way to do things. There is but one truth in the world, and it is all yours. If you are not sure of it, stay at home; but if you are sure, don’t look back, and it will be your way.

*Source: The Story of the Jewish Legion, Vladimir Jabotinsky, Bernard Ackerman Inc., New York, 1945.*

**“Samson”, Vladimir “Ze’ev” Jabotinsky (1928)**

“Tell them two things in my name – two words. The first word is Iron. They must get iron. They must give everything they have for iron – their silver and wheat, oil and wine and flocks, even their wives and daughters. All for iron! There is nothing in the world more valuable than iron. Will you tell them that?”

“I will. They will understand that.”

“The second word they will not understand yet, but they must learn to understand it, and that soon. The second word is this: A King! Say to Dan, Benjamin, Judah, Ephraim: a King! A man will give them the signal and of a sudden thousands will lift up their hands. So it is with the Philistines, and therefore the Philistines are lords of Canaan. Say it from Zorah to Hebron and Sechem, and farther even to Endor and Laish: a King!”

*Source: Samson the Nazarite, Vladimir “Ze’ev” Jabotinsky, Martin Secker, London, 1930.*

***“Warsaw Speech,” Vladimir “Ze’ev” Jabotinsky (1938)***

For three years I have been imploring you, Jews of Poland, the crown of world Jewry, appealing to you, warning you unceasingly that the catastrophe is nigh. My hair has turned white and I have grown old over these years, for my heart is bleeding that you, dear brothers and sisters, do not see the volcano which will soon begin to spew forth its fires of destruction. I see a horrible vision. Time is growing short for you to be spared. I know you cannot see it, for you are troubled and confused by everyday concerns ... Listen to my words at this, the twelfth hour. For God’s sake: let everyone save himself, so long as there is time to do so, for time is running short.

And I want to say something else to you on this day, the Ninth of Av: “Those who will succeed in escaping the catastrophe will live to experience a festive moment of great Jewish joy: the rebirth and establishment of the Jewish state! I do not know whether I myself will live to see it – but my son will! I am certain of this, just as I am certain that the sun will rise tomorrow morning. I believe in it with all my heart.

*Source: Lone Wolf: A Biography of Vladimir “Ze’ev” Jabotinsky, Vol. 2, Shmuel Katz, Barricade Books, New York, 1996, p. 1649.*