

Seeking My King & His Kingdom

#43 Rejecting The Throne Of David > Anti-Semitism

Recall: Pre-millennial: Major belief during the first 4 centuries of the Church

Turning Point: "It was not overthrown until Augustine brought together the concepts of the Church and the kingdom of Christ in such a way as to almost equivocate the two."

Jerome [345 AD -420 AD]: "The saints will in no wise have an earthly kingdom, but only a celestial one; thus must cease the fable of 1000 years."

Result: Church largely ceased to look for Lord's return and set up His earthly Kingdom.

Gnostic paganism and gnostic Christianity worked to keep the Throne of David barricaded away from mankind by keeping it a mystery and cloaked in vague religious mysticism and a permanent buffer of priests, ritualism, magic and an aura of mystery and hocus pocus between heaven and earth. False religion stands at the bridge as a troll at the gate and tries to prevent Christ's coming to us and our going to Him.

The political and religious machines with their secular humanism and ecumenical religious humanism consider His coming to earth [their territory] an intrusion by Him into human affairs. When He came the first time, they crucified Him.

Dark angels continue to pull the strings of the children of disobedience.

Spirits of darkness war against Christ's coming to earth and His Millennial Kingdom.

Their desire now: Keep Him and His coming cloaked in ritualism and in stained glass.

Fast Forward 1000 years: 1500's: The darkness of allegorical interpretation of the Scriptures began to be shaken off. The Reformation brought an intensive return to the authority of the Scriptures which in turn resulted in the subsequent reform in soteriology [the study of salvation] with its emphasis on salvation by grace through faith alone.

1. Many were burned at the stake for their commitment to a literal Biblical perspective.

Note: The study of end times [eschatology] had to wait several hundred more years before a more literal interpretation would be used in prophetic Scripture.

1. However, when the reformers separated from the RCC, they kept Replacement Theology.

They built their eschatology [doctrine of future things] and ecclesiology [doctrine of the church] on the idea: The Church Has Replaced Israel In The Plan Of God.

Recall: There was no Israel for almost 2000 years. Scattered and dispersed

1. The church = the new or spiritual Israel

2. Israel's OT promises were forfeited by the nation and are fulfilled spiritually in the church.

3. Replacement Theology allowed the church to believe it is the fulfillment of the Messianic Kingdom. This belief still continues to pervade most Protestant denominations.

a. Yet there are over 73 references to Israel in the NT. NONE of them refer to the Church.

Try replacing the word "church" in the place of "Israel." It sounds ridiculous.

Ex. Rom. 11:25 blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

Acts 1:6 The disciples ask, "Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" Obviously, the disciples had ethnic Israel and not the Church in mind in this context.

4. Many believe the foundation for Anti-Semitism was a result of this false theology.

a. Since Israel "failed their mission" given to them by God, Jesus was sent to earth to "straighten things out" and the Christians of the Church were the new Chosen People.

Rev. Daniel Whitby [1638-1726] "New Hypothesis": Promoted the belief that the Church had replaced Israel. Israel and Mt. Zion represent the Church. He stated that by "preaching the Gospel, Mohammedanism would be overthrown, the Jews converted, the Papal Church with the Pope [Antichrist] would be destroyed. Then there would follow 1000 years of righteousness and peace known as the Millennium which would end in the return of Christ." His teachings, widely accepted by the Church, were known as "Post-Millennialism."

Note: This "false doctrine" is taught in some Bibles by the headings of chapters placed there by publishers.

1. Isaiah 43 & 44: The Lord Comforteth The Church with His Promises.

These chapters are addressed to Israel and Jacob.

2. Rev. 1:1: The Revelation of St. John the Divine should be The Revelation Of Jesus Christ.

Quote from Middle Age Church Official: John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople

"Jews are the most worthless of men - lecherous, greedy, rapacious - they are perfidious murderers of Christians; they worship the devil; their religion is a sickness. The Jews are the odious assassins of Christ and for killing God there is no expiation, no indulgence, no pardon. Christians may never cease vengeance. It is incumbent on all Christians to hate the Jews."

World War I: Russia became the Soviet Union and Poland was re-created. The Entire Middle East was split into two great areas. One area controlled by France and the other by the British. This resulted from the fall of the Ottoman Empire. The British named their area Palestine.

Boycott of 1933: Nazis encouraged people to not buy from the Jewish shops. Slowly, the hatred of Jews became normal and acceptable. It later became expected to be anti-semitic.

Nuremburg Laws: 1935: Hitler, chancellor of Germany, instituted the Nuremburg Laws.

[29 laws regarding the Jews] This would lead to the Holocaust.

- Legally defined Jews as a separate race.
- Prohibited marriage or sexual relations between Jews & Germans
- Denied Jews German citizenship rights
- Jews could not serve in government, or professions such as medicine or teaching.
- Jews could not attend theaters, cinemas, or vacation resorts

Kristallnacht: On November 9, 1938, "the night of broken glass", 191 synagogues were destroyed and 91 Jews were killed. This was the first outbreak of violence against Jews in Germany.

Many Jews tried to flee Germany but many places refused them.

When Canada was asked, the response from the Foreign Minister was "None is too many."

"Many believe the view that God is finished with Israel led to the tragedy of the Holocaust."

The Final Solution: World War II had begun in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland.

By the time the Final Solution was begun in 1942, 1.5 million Jews had already been executed by Einsatzgruppen killing squads. This was not an efficient way of killing people though.

The Final Solution was the Death Camps. Of the 24 concentration camps, 6 were death camps.

Auschwitz — 1,500,000 murdered (12,000 a day) Chelmno — 320,000 murdered

Treblinka — 870,000 murdered Sobibor — 250,000 murdered

Maidenek — 360,000 murdered Belzec — 600,000 murdered

Ultimately, 6 million Jews were murdered. They were the largest group of people targeted.

They comprised 30% of the estimated 18 million that were mass murdered.

Other groups included Romanies (Gypsies), gentile Poles, Slavic people, Soviet POWs, the mentally ill, deaf, mentally and physically disabled.

"The responsibility for the 6 million Jews who were systematically murdered in the concentrations camps has to include the silent pulpits who embraced this heretical eschatology and its attendant anti-Semitism."

Impact of the Holocaust After World War II, many Jews immigrated into Palestine.

The British no longer wanted to maintain control of the region. The United Nations decided to end the British Mandate and divide the land among the Arabs and the Jews.

[The Proposal called for the Jews to get: a narrow strip of land along the Mediterranean coast, including Tel Aviv and Haifa; a piece of land surrounding the Kineret (Sea of Galilee), including the Golan Heights; a large piece in the south, which was the uninhabitable Negev Desert.

The Arabs were to get: the Gaza Strip; a chunk of the north, including the city of Tzfat (Safed) and western Galilee; the entire central mountain region of Judea and Samaria (today known as the West Bank) to the River. Jerusalem was to be under international control].

On November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted for this partition plan.

Nation of Israel On May 15, 1948 the flag of Israel was raised.

For the first time in 2000 years, Israel was under Jewish control again.

Almost immediately five Arab countries declared war and Egypt bombed Tel Aviv.

The existence of the State of Israel since 1948 is problematic to Replacement Theology.

Not only do they believe the church has replaced Israel in God's plan, ...

[God judged Israel for their sin and disobedience with the destruction of Jerusalem and the 2nd Temple in 70 AD. Israel has forfeited the right to God's everlasting covenant and now has no prophetic relevance.]

but many believe the Church will bring in a "golden age" which will last 1000 years BEFORE Christ's 2nd coming.

The spirit of Belial, or rebellion, hates and loathes Christ's 2nd coming rule with a passion.

1. Belial = one of 4 crown princes of Hell; a demon of immense wickedness who oppose authority; self-sufficient

2. A hidden spiritual war is being conducted against the Throne of David which is inside the Jewish House of Judah.
 - a. They rage against the Jewish people and Israel because they know that Israel's restoration and redemption means their DOOM.
 - b. Evil powers, angelic and human, are targeting Jews, Evangelicals and all who bear testimony to the future rule of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.
3. This is another root cause and essential essence of all anti-Semitism.
It is a seething hatred against the ruler-ship of the coming "Son of David."
4. Today many evangelicals who believe the Church has replaced Israel are rising up and calling for divestment and actions against the Jewish state.

The Spirit Of Antichrist is a spirit of rebellion against God and His coming to rule and reign. This spirit denies that Christ has and will come in the flesh.

I John 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

II John 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

This evil religious spirit, infiltrating and operating through established religious systems tries to prevent the Good News of His coming from being made known.

God's Words Regarding Israel:

Zech. 2:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

Isa. 49:16a Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands;

Jer. 31:35-37 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done. Prophet after prophet asserted that in the end times, a great remnant of the Jews will be saved when they accept Jesus as their Messiah.

[Isa. 10:20-22; Jer. 31:1-7, 31-34; Ezek. 6:8-10; Daniel 12:1; Hosea 2:14-20; Joel 2:31-32; Micah 7:18-20; Zephaniah 3:12-13; Zechariah 12:10]

Paul's Viewpoint: He repudiates Replacement Theology. Rom. 3> 2 rhetorical questions:

1. Do Jews have any advantage with God?

Rom. 3:2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

2. Has their unbelief nullified the faithfulness of God?

Rom. 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;

Paul's Questions Continue: Is God finished with the Jews; nation of Israel?

Rom. 11:1 Has God cast away His people? MAY IT NEVER BE!

Rom. 11:2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.

Rom. 9:27; 11:25-32 a great remnant of the Jews will be saved in the end times

Rom. 11:29 "the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable."

God's Plan For Israel

Gen. 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Isa. 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Rom. 15:12 There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

Isa. 11:11-12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

¹² And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

1. Clearly reveals that the 20th Century re-gathering of the Jewish people from the 4 corners of the earth back to their homeland is a Supernatural Act of God.

a. 1st step in bringing about the salvation of the remnant

Ezek. 36:24 I will take you [Jewish people] from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

Note: On Independence Day 2017 Israel's population stood at a record 8,680,000.

This is a 10-fold increase compared to when Israel was founded in 1948.

The Jewish population makes up 6,484,000 or 74.7% of Israel's population.

Out of 14.3 million Jewish people in the world, 43% reside in Israel.

Zech. 12:2-3, 9 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. ³ And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

1. Specifically, the Scriptures teach: Once the Jews are re-gathered in unbelief and their nation is re-established, God will bring all the nations of the earth against them over the issue of who is going to control Jerusalem.

Rev. 12:12-17 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. ¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman [Israel] which brought forth the man child. ¹⁴ And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵ And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. ¹⁶ And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. ¹⁷ And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1. The hatred of the Jews and the opposition to their state will climax during the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation when the Antichrist will turn against them and attempt to annihilate them from the face of the earth.

Zech. 13:8 During this terrible 3 ½ years, the Antichrist will succeed in killing 2/3 of the Jews.

Zech. 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

They [remnant] will become totally desperate and repent. "Look on Him whom they have pierced, and they will mourn."

Zech 13:1 A fountain of salvation will be opened for the house of David.

Matt. 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

One day the Jews' eyes will be opened to the reality of Jesus as their Messiah.

They will be overcome with grief; they will be swept by repentance and a great remnant will be saved by grace through faith.

The existence of modern Israel reveals God's faithfulness to do what He promised.

Isa. 60-62 God will establish them as the prime nation during the Millennium.

60:1-3 Arise, shine; for thy [Israel] light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

² For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

³ And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isa. 60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

Isa. 60:18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

Isa. 62:3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.