

The Jewish People! When Is Enough - Enough?

*"You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."
Amos 3:2*

Recently, there has been an increasing and alarming number of stories on the Internet about how the Jews are actually having to arm themselves for protection in New York City, due to the drastic rise in anti-Semitic attacks perpetrated against them. In one case, a Jewish man who was by himself, minding his own business and waiting for the subway, was approached by a man who began to curse and swear at him for no apparent reason at all. He then got close enough to the Jewish man and spit in his face. As I watched this video and read some of these news stories, I thought to myself, "When is enough – enough?" Why is anti-Semitism dramatically on the rise, not only in Europe, but also right here in America? You expect it in the Middle East, but why here? And I thought to myself, "Haven't the Jews suffered enough?" Why don't people just leave them alone?

–The Suffering Jew –

The Jews have suffered greatly since their rejection of Jesus as their Messiah almost 2,000 years ago (John 1:11). The total destruction of Jerusalem and their temple in 70 A.D. by the Romans, the expulsions from Italy, Spain, and Britain, the pogroms (mass persecutions) they suffered in Poland, Russia, Austria and Germany. The Holocaust, perpetrated against them by the Nazi's during World War II, then followed by the hatred of, and murderous attacks upon them by the Arabs, as they tried to establish a homeland for themselves in Palestine.

And once the State of Israel was established on May 14, 1948, five Arab nations attacked them the very next day, and they had to fight the 1948 – 1949 war of independence. This war was followed by the Suez Canal war against Egypt in 1956, the miraculous six-day war against Egypt, Syria, and Jordan in 1967, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War fought against these same three countries. Then, came the 1982 invasion of Lebanon due to the constant PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) rocket attacks perpetrated against them from that country. Not to mention all the numerous terrorist attacks - 1972 Munich Olympic Games, 1976 Entebbe High-Jacking, the Intifadas, the wars in the Gaza Strip against Hamas, and the invasion of, and war against Hezbollah in Lebanon in 2006. And also to this day, rocket and balloon attacks from not only the Gaza strip, but also from Syria, now that the Hezbollah and the Syrian regular army have won the civil war against the rebels that tried to overthrow the government of Bashar Al-Assad. And finally, Russia (Magog), Iran (Persia), and Turkey (Togarmah), stationing tens of thousands of troops in Syria in fulfillment of the upcoming Gog – Magog, invasion of Israel prophesied to occur in the last days (Ezekiel 38 – 39).

– Israel's Physical Rebirth –

To know the answer to the question as to why Israel and the Jewish people are continuing to suffer to this day, you have to go back to the beginning of Israel's rebirth, starting in 1897, when Theodor Herzl convened the first Zionist congress held in Basel Switzerland. Even back then, Theodor Herzl, being a devout Zionist (secular), realized that the Jewish people needed to have their own country again because he knew their host countries would never accept them as equals. The 197 delegates, who attended the congress, from all across the globe, some even from America, all had two things in common. They all came with the idea of re-establishing a national homeland in Palestine and, they were all secular (non-religious) Zionists. Their intention was to create a new image of the Jew. One who was strong, free, and not afraid to stand up for his rights, without having to depend on God to do it. Their clamoring for a new Jewish State would result in 21 more Zionist Congresses over a period of almost 50 years until in 1948, David Ben-Gurion, a devout Zionist himself, declared the State of Israel. This was prophesied in the Book of Isaiah 66: 8 - 9, "*Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?" saith the LORD: "shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God?"*" This would be the first time a sovereign Jewish state would exist in over 2,500 years.

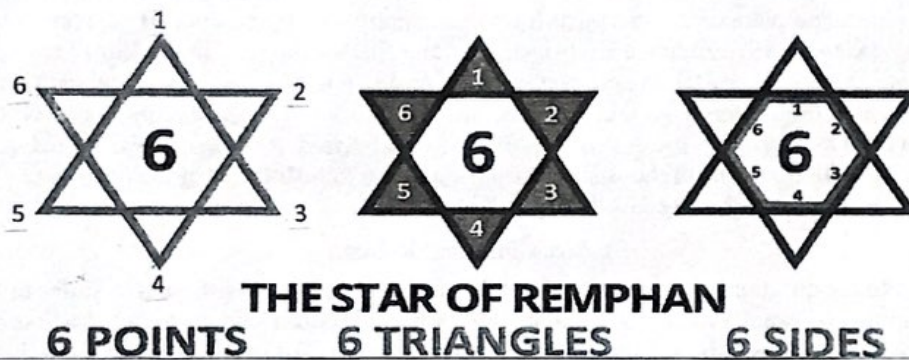
Israel's Declaration of Independence was not a theological (man's relationship to God) document. Unlike America's Declaration of Independence, which speaks both of "God" and of the "Creator", the Israeli declaration makes no mention of God. And that's how Israel was re-born... in disbelief!

– The Israeli Flag –

In October of that same year, the new Nation adopted the flag that had represented the Zionist movement since the 1890's. It would have a white background symbolizing her pure new life, with a light blue Jewish star (supposedly the star of David) in the center between two horizontal light blue stripes.

The accurate symbol on Israel's flag, if one had to be used, should have been the fig tree and not a star. And for that we have much validation from scripture. Joel 1: 6 - 7 states: "For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white." Also, Jeremiah 24: 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 9 states: "Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt: And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them." In Matthew 24: 32 - 33, the Lord also referred to Israel as the fig tree when He said, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

But, instead of using a fig tree on their flag, Israel chose to put a star. Few people know what this really means. It is the star of Remphan, as talked about by Steven, as he stood trial in Acts 7:43 "Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon," and first mentioned in Amos 5:26 "But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves." Just look at what this star represents!



So, the star of Remphan is connected to the Jews in rebellion against God, whereas the fig tree is the symbol of the Jews in a covenant relationship with God. The fact that the star of Remphan is on the Israeli flag is the key to understanding why Israel still rejects their true Messiah to this day but in the future, will accept the coming Man of Sin.

– Israel's Current State of Apostasy –

If the Jews right now, in 2020, were in a right relationship with God, then their flag would have a fig tree and not the Star of Remphan on it. But, right now the Jews are quite at odds with the God of Abraham. This is presently what's going on in Israel:

- * Israel holding a 'Burning Man' style pagan festival, where everything goes, near to where Sodom and Gomorrah once stood and were both destroyed by fire from God.
- * The famed architectural firm KPF is building the Azrieli Center Spiral Tower in Tel Aviv that looks a lot like the Tower of Babel for about \$666 million dollars.
- * Abortion in Israel is legal and is often free.
- * There is also a concerted effort by the Israeli politicians right now to pass a law saying that one Jew cannot talk to another Jew about Jesus. If they do, they can be jailed for up to 3 months.
- * There is a saying in Israel... "You go to Haifa to stay (because it's such a beautiful city to live in), you go to Jerusalem to pray, but you go to Tel Aviv to play. And play they do! Tel Aviv, is the most gay friendly city in the world with all of its festivals, parades, and debauchery of every kind.

- The Coming False Messiah — The Antichrist —

As you can see, the "people of the Book", are not following the "Book" at all but have become like all the other nations of the world. Since their rejection of Jesus as their Messiah, almost 2,000 years ago, they have longed for their true conquering Messiah to come and rid them of all of their enemies. Jesus, foretold this in John 5:43 when He said, *"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive."* The 'another' the Lord was referring to is the antichrist mentioned in 1 John 2:18, and when he comes on the scene, only after the removal of the true church at the Rapture (2 Thessalonians 2:7-8), the Jews will welcome him with open arms, and proclaim him to be their long awaited Messiah. He will then sign a 7 year peace treaty, or covenant (Daniel 9:27a) between Israel and many other nations. Finally, peace has come to Israel and the Middle East. The Jews have their Messiah here, the Temple has been rebuilt, the animal sacrifices have commenced, and all is well. Or so they think!

But, what does Jesus, their true Messiah, think about this covenant? In Isaiah 28:14-16, 18, you will find the answer: *"Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it."* And in Psalm 55:20-21, you will find the antichrist's true motives for the signing of this covenant. *"He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords."* That is why when the 1st seal in Revelation 6:2 is opened, the rider (the antichrist) on the white horse is given a bow but no arrows and told to go forth and conquer. And, how does he do this at first? Through peace. Daniel 8:25a confirms this when it states *"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many:"* What the Jews don't realize however, is that in the signing of this 7 year covenant with the antichrist they commence the time of Jacob's trouble, or as Jesus referred to it - the great tribulation. The worst 7 years of death and destruction the world has ever seen or will ever see again (Matthew 24:21-22).

- The Time of Jacob's Trouble and Israel's Spiritual Rebirth -

Israel has 7 years of suffering remaining before reconciliation for iniquity can be accomplished (Daniel 9:24). Once the treaty with the antichrist is signed, the clock starts ticking. Jeremiah 30:7 states, *"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it."* It is the time of Jacob's or Israel's trouble, not the church's, and that is why the church will be removed by Jesus from off the earth before the great tribulation can even start, by the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17), also known as the Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13).

The first 3 ½ years of the tribulation are relatively calm for Israel compared to the rest of the world where wars, (Daniel 11:40-44), famine, rebellion, and persecution of Christian believers has broken out everywhere (Revelation 6:3-11). But, at the midway point, the antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel, stops the animal sacrifices in the temple (Daniel 9:27b), desecrates the Holy of Holies (Matthew 24:15), and proclaims himself to be God (Second Thessalonians 2:4). It is then that the Jews realize they have been betrayed and that he is not their Messiah. First Thessalonians 5:3 states *"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."* One third of the Jews flee to the mountains for protection, as warned by Jesus in Matthew 24:16 but, two thirds stay behind (Zechariah 13:8) and take the mark of the beast or the antichrist, now required by everyone, in order to either buy or sell (Revelation 13:16-18). As time progresses, the death and destruction gets worse and worse. Satan, knows Jesus is returning soon so he gathers all of the world's armies to fight against Him when He comes (Revelation 19:19). As they await His coming, satan, indwelling the antichrist, seeks to exterminate every living Jew and finally wipe out the race that God had chosen as His very own (Revelation 12:12-17). As the battle of Armageddon is raging (Zechariah 14:2-3), the Lord comes back, destroys all the armies gathered in Israel (Revelation 19:21) and finally ends the carnage that has been taking place for the last 7 years.

And when the smoke clears, and the dust settles, Israel will be left standing. Decimated...but still standing! It is then that the third part of the Jews who survived, will look upon Jesus whom they pierced and go into a period of national mourning (Zechariah 12:10b-11a). This was also mentioned in Zechariah 13:6 *"And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."*

It is then that the Lord makes a new covenant with the Jewish people. Jeremiah 31:33-34 states, "*But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*" Ezekiel 36:24-28 also states, "*For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*" And so, "*All of Israel shall be saved*" (Romans 11:26a).

– The Lord's Salvation Message to You –

The world blames the Jews for the death of Jesus. But if you look at Acts 4:27, it says, "*that Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together against him*". So, we all had a hand in His death, not just the Jews.

The Lord allowed Himself to be mocked, spit upon, beaten, and then finally crucified (Mark 10:34) so that He could pay for all of the world's sins (John 3:16). That's every one of us, Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, but on the third day He rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Just before He died however, the Lord said, "it is finished" (John 19:30). And it was! The road to the Father and to Heaven, was now complete (John 14:6) and free for anyone wanting to take that gift of salvation (Rom 6:23) that Jesus paid so dearly for with His precious Holy blood (1 Peter 1:19). This gift is being offered right now, if you are willing to truly repent of all of your sins (Acts 17:30) and ask Jesus to come into your heart to be the Lord and Saviour of your life (John 1:12). So, take the gift today while there is still time (2 Corinthians 6:2), because you never know what could happen from one day to the next.... (i.e. the Corona Virus).

–A Glorious Ending –

To some reading this study, it might seem that we are anti-Semitic ourselves, but that could not be further from the truth. In the writing of this study we wished to explain the hatred and suffering of the Jews, past and present, and then show how in the future just the opposite occurs. The Jews are still the "apple of His eye" (Zechariah 2:8). And Jerusalem, or Zion, is still where the Lord has chosen to dwell forever (Psalm 132:13-14). The Bible also says, "*In those days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you*" (Zechariah 8:23). That will be the end of anti-Semitism as we know it, and that will be the day that every real child of God looks forward to. The day when the Lord, and the people that he chose for Himself, out of all the families of the earth, are reconciled one to the other. The day when the Lord will say, "*It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God*" (Zechariah 13:9b).

In ending this study, here is a warning for all to heed. Anyone persecuting a Jew or even harboring anti-Semitism in their heart, especially someone calling themselves a Christian, better remember that the promise of Genesis 12:3a is and always will be in effect – "*And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:*"

Amen

(All scripture references taken from the King James Bible)

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