

# The True Position of Jews

## In the Old and New Testament and Today

They *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel, nor *are they* all children because they are the seed of Abraham. Rm 9:6-7

[I, Paul] circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee ... But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ ... and count them as rubbish [lit. dung], that I may gain Christ. Phil 3:5-8

The modern church has seen the widespread adoption of the doctrine that modern Jews are God's people and constitute a special type of person under God. Thus Jews are blessed because of their natural heritage; their nation is special to God (even in sin) and Christians are blessed if they pray for and support Israel.

How this has come about is due to the domination of, first Arminianism and then Dispensationalism. But this was never the case in church history. While Jews were evangelised and many organisations reached out to them in love on an individual basis,<sup>1</sup> Jews as a people were viewed as the rejecters and betrayers of Christ who paid for this sin under God's judgment in their wanderings amongst the nations. Even some Jews taught this.<sup>2</sup> In fact many Orthodox Torah Jews today reject the state of Israel as an abomination.

It was only after 1830, in a scandalous and heretical movement,<sup>3</sup> that it began to be taught that there was a split in God's favour; he first had the Jews as his people, and then only temporarily has the church until the Jews would again be the kingdom of God on the earth in the flesh. This dichotomy in God's purpose, a prior plan for Jews and a secondary temporary one for Gentile Christians, was new in church history and had never been taught before. Indeed, this doctrine was initially scandalised and ridiculed.

However, the doctrine fitted in with Zionist Jewish political plans for the future and Jewish banking money was made available to foist it upon the church. Thus when it was adopted by John Darby, leader of the Brethren, it began to be widely preached (especially in America on expensive long tours) and in various books. As the Jewish emphasis became entrenched in the new theology of Dispensationalism, so it gradually took hold as Dispensationalism did.<sup>4</sup>

The big boost was when the con-man and ex-criminal CI Scofield was supported by Jewish interests who paid for his new study Bible and its advertising. This sold millions and pushed the new doctrine on to gullible Christians so that today Dispensationalism is the

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<sup>1</sup> Thus even church fathers that are vilified by Messianic Christians today (such as Irenaeus) for their supposed anti-Semitism, condemned the problems caused by Jews in writing but in practice actually reached out in love and evangelism to individual Jews, in fact these Jews expressed gratitude to them.

<sup>2</sup> Such as the Jewish historian Josephus.

<sup>3</sup> The Catholic Apostolic Church of which Edward Irving was once a part. It was inspired by Irving's ideas but not founded by him, appearing as a Charismatic community in 1832 in London.

<sup>4</sup> See for example my papers: 'The Origins of Dispensationalism', 'The Veil of Moses'.

prevailing theology.<sup>5</sup> The original Zionist plan was to encourage the British and American political class to favour giving Palestine to Jews.

Meanwhile, movements emerged from Dispensationalism in the last 50 years to push support for Jews and Israel even more. These include the Jewish Roots Movement, Messianic Christianity and Christian Zionism. Some of these pledge vocal support for Israel even when it is murdering innocent Christian civilians; including young children. Some churches are filled with hundreds waving the Israeli flag in the pews who support convicted Jewish terrorists.

What is most shocking in all of this, to say nothing of the total lack of Biblical support for any of it, is the fact that the modern Jews in question are not Jews at all in the Biblical sense.

It is doubtful if there are any blood Jews directly related to Abraham through Jacob anywhere on the earth, though there may be some in Africa and Eritrea in particular.

It has long been known, and even accepted by some rabbis, that most Jews are from Mongol/Turkic stock. The majority Ashkenazi Jews are descended from a warlike Mongol race called the Khazars who lived in the area around Ukraine / Belarus in about 800 BC. These converted to Judaism en masse out of political expediency and eventually dominated Jewish stock. The ruling majority class in Israel, and most American Jews, are Ashkenazi. Before the State of Israel they were European and particularly German and Russian Jews. Thus Ashkenazi Jews have not a single drop of Abraham's blood in them but probably have some from Genghis Khan. They are not even Semites but stem from Japheth.

Though there are a few other sub-sets of Jews, the largest minority are Sephardic Jews, originally from Spain and then North Africa and Southern Europe. These may well have some Abrahamic blood but they are not descended from Jacob; they stem from Esau. Jewish sources accept and teach this as fact, such as the Jewish Encyclopaedia. They are Edomites (like Herod); a race cursed by God and hated by God.<sup>6</sup> In fact God says that he will be angry with Edomites forever.<sup>7</sup> These are persecuted by Ashkenazi Jews in Israel today.

So, the two main types of modern Jew are not according to the human bloodline of promise and covenant; indeed most have no Abrahamic blood at all.

Now all of this, though known for 200 years and historically attested, even by Jewish scholars, was ridiculed until recently. New genetic research has confirmed that it is not speculation but fact, and this research has been undertaken by Jews. DNA proves what has been stated above. Modern Jews are not linked to the Abrahamic covenant and have no claim on Palestine.

What is worse is that DNA research has shown that some Palestinians (who have lived in Palestine for centuries in an unbroken line to Abraham) do have some Abrahamic blood

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<sup>5</sup> See appendices in my book, 'The Depths of Deception'.

<sup>6</sup> Esau hated: Mal 1:3; Rm 9:13. Edom (Idumea) cursed: Isa 34:5; Jer 49:7-22; Ezek 25:12-14; Amos 1:11-12; Obad 1:1ff.

<sup>7</sup> Mal 1:4, 'Even though Edom has said, "We have been impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places," Thus says the LORD of hosts: "They may build, but I will throw down; they shall be called the Territory of Wickedness, and the people against whom the LORD will have indignation forever".'

and even Kohanite (priestly) blood. Some of these are Christians. Palestinian Christians have a long history in the land.<sup>8</sup>

Thus those American Christians that have supported Israeli bloody attacks on Palestinians have supported a Mongol aggressor murdering people with Abrahamic blood, and even Christians. They will have to answer for this to God on the Day of Judgment.

Now all of this is merely introductory. Support for modern Israel is foolish. Israel is no different to any other country. Jews are no different to any other people group.

What this paper seeks to do is to show what the Bible really teaches about Jews, genuine Jews of Jesus day. What we will show is that there is no Biblical reason to give special spiritual precedence to Jews even if there were any real Abrahamic covenantal Jews around.

In order to minimise footnotes and extraneous textual information I will not repeat long sections of background that I have written up before; such as proof that the Talmud is blasphemous, the history of Judaism or the Jewish influences behind the world system. However I will supply some information and refer to other works for evidence. Of chief importance, in this paper, is the focus upon Biblical texts that pertain to the arguments.

## **Background: the situation of Jews throughout the Old Testament**

Far from God favouring Jews above all other races due to their worthiness, the historical testimony of the Jews is one of apostasy, rebellion, pride and disobedience with the resultant disapproval of God. From the very beginning of their being called out by God as a nation, Israelites were condemned, both by God and by their prophets, including Moses. It is not that Jews are automatically favoured because they are Jews, it is that God gave the Jews grace and enormous privileges – which they ruined and spurned.

From the beginning, the history of Israel is a story of disobedience, rebellion and spiritual adultery. This is broken up by periods of blessing, which were due to the interventions of God, often through a local deliverer, judge, king or prophet. Despite these revivals, the trend was always downwards. This apostasy often included rejecting and killing the very prophets God sent to help them.

Though this may seem harsh, it is the historical narrative that Jesus taught time after time, in direct words and in parables. It then becomes the narrative of the early church, both with Peter calling his Jewish listeners Messiah murderers, to Stephen accusing the Jewish priestly leaders of killing their own Messiah.

The Jews were a nation blessed above all others. They were promised salvation if they obeyed God. They were given the law of God which no other nation had access to. They were given multiple tremendous deliverances from enemies, starting with the deliverance from Pharaoh's army in a mighty miracle. They were given a wonderful illustrative worship system with promised access to God through a priesthood. They were given kings that knew great power if they trusted God. They were given deliverers, and judges before they had a king. They were given prophets to bring correction and show the way to God and

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<sup>8</sup> For details on all this see the appendices in 'Depths of Deception'.

how to repent. And finally they were promised a coming Deliverer who would bring them into eternal life and change the world.

Despite this overwhelming list of amazing gifts from God, the Jews threw it all away and rebelled against God and committed repeated spiritual adultery, choosing instead to worship lumps of wood and stone; even killing their children in the fires of sacrifice to Molech. Is it any wonder that God brought them into condemnation?

### **Rebellious and stubborn**

The basic characteristic that Moses identified about the Jews was that they were a 'stiff-necked' people; that is proud, stubborn and arrogant. Moses prophesied that after he died they would always be a rebellious people that would inherit the curse of the law.

You *are* a stiff-necked people. Deut 9:6

You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you. Deut 9:24

I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. *If* today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death? Deut 31:27

They have corrupted themselves; *they are* not His children, because of their blemish: a perverse and crooked generation. Do you thus deal with the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? *Is* He not your Father, *who* bought you? Has He not made you and established you? Deut 32:5-6

What Moses prophesied was pronounced by God himself against the Jews.

They *are* a perverse generation, children in whom *is* no faith. Deut 32:20

And the LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, and indeed it *is* a stiff-necked people! Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them.' Ex 32:9-10

Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers. 2 Chron 20:33

A stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation *that* did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God. Ps 78:8

For their heart was not steadfast with Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant. But He, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and did not destroy *them*. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath. Ps 78:37-38

Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; they did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, but rebelled by the sea -- the Red Sea. ... They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. ... They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the moulded image. Thus they changed their glory into the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God their Saviour, Who had done great things in Egypt. ... Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His word, But complained in their tents, and did not heed the voice of the LORD. ... They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices made to the dead. Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, and the plague broke out among them. ... they angered Him also at the waters of strife, So that it went ill with Moses on account of them; because they rebelled against His Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his lips. They did not destroy the peoples, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them, but they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works; they served their idols, Which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons, and shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood. Thus they were defiled by their own works, and played the harlot by their own deeds. ... Many times He delivered them; but they

rebelled in their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. Ps 106:7, 13-14, 19-21, 24-25, 28-29, 32-39, 43

We could continue almost ad infinitum, but the aforementioned psalm sums up Israel's history as one of constant rebellion, iniquity and idolatry, repeatedly forgiven by God. Israel's history does not demonstrate a worthy and blessed people but the incredible patience and mercy of God.

This situation of a stubborn, proud, rebellious spirit continued and was rebuked by prophet after prophet right up to the time of Jeremiah.

Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward. Isa 1:4

'Woe to the rebellious children', says the LORD, 'Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin ... This *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *who* will not hear the law of the LORD'. Isa 30:1-9

I knew that you *were* obstinate, and your neck *was* an iron sinew, and your brow bronze, even from the beginning. Isa 48:4-5

I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way *that is* not good, According to their own thoughts; A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face; Who sacrifice in gardens, And burn incense on altars of brick; Who sit among the graves, And spend the night in the tombs; Who eat swine's flesh, And the broth of abominable things is *in* their vessels; Who say, 'Keep to yourself, Do not come near me, For I am holier than you!' These *are* smoke in My nostrils, A fire that burns all the day. Isa 65:2-5

They did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction. Jer 17:23

This rebellious spirit did not change, despite God's mercy and grace. It continued to be Israel's downfall right up to the cross and afterwards.

You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. Acts 7:51

Indeed, the fulness of this arrogant rebellion was the crucifixion of their own Messiah.

Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers. Acts 7:52

### **The remnant saved**

Far from Israel being a righteous nation that was blessed by God automatically for just being Jewish, Israel was a nation blessed by God despite her continual sins and rebellion. God was far from happy with his people and constantly chastised them. The bulk of the nation (the ten tribes) were judged and lost, mixed up amongst the Assyrians,<sup>9</sup> while Judah was repeatedly castigated for apostasy and finally sent into exile in Babylon. Only a small remnant returned to continue in sin and be rebuked by Jesus over 400 years later (with the exception of a very small remnant, such as Anna or Simeon).

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<sup>9</sup> What was left of the Northern Kingdom in Palestine were the Samaritans – hated by Jews of Jesus' time.

Throughout Israel's history it was only the small faithful remnant that had faith and were saved. It is those with faith, the elect remnant that God is really interested in – not the material nation; not fleshly Jews.

And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. 2 Kg 19:30-31

Unless the LORD of hosts Had left to us a very small remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah. Isa 1:9

And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, Will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God. For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them will return; the destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness. Isa 10:19-22

For thus says the LORD: 'Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save Your people, The remnant of Israel!' Jer 31:7

Yet I will leave a remnant. Ezek 6:8

And it shall come to pass *that* whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls. Joel 2:32

Who *is* a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? Mic 7:18

The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth. Zeph 3:13

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: 'Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved'. Rm 9:27

It is very important to understand this testimony in the whole Bible. The promise and covenant was never to fleshly Israel or to Jews in the material, human sense; it was to those with faith like Abraham who believed in God's promises – and this was ever only a remnant.<sup>10</sup> Thus the promises were made to: the righteous man,<sup>11</sup> the upright,<sup>12</sup> the just,<sup>13</sup> the good,<sup>14</sup> the obedient,<sup>15</sup> and the faithful.<sup>16</sup>

Malachi, the final revelation in the OT, sums this up:

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard *them*; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. 'They shall be Mine', says the LORD of hosts, 'On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him'. Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. Mal 3:16-18

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<sup>10</sup> Rm 4:11; 'that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also.'

<sup>11</sup> Ps 37:17, 'the LORD upholds the righteous.'

<sup>12</sup> Ps 37:18, 'The LORD knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever.'

<sup>13</sup> Prov 3:33, 'He blesses the home of the just.'

<sup>14</sup> Eccles 2:26, 'God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight.'

<sup>15</sup> Isa 1:19, 'If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.'

<sup>16</sup> Ps 31:23, 'For the LORD preserves the faithful.'

Paul takes up this very theme in Romans, but he also explains that no one can do righteous deeds unless he has been justified by faith. It is only those with faith who are righteous and this faith is a gift from God to the elect alone. Just as in the NT, so the remnant of Israel in the OT were those who had faith.

Just being physically Jewish counted for nothing at all in salvation, except having the privileges of the law and worship system which taught Jews about God. However, for most Jews these privileges only added to their condemnation.<sup>17</sup>

### **Wicked Israelites are condemned**

On the contrary to the righteous remnant, the wicked in Israel were hated by God, abhorred and condemned, even though they were Jews.

The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Ps 5:5-6

The LORD tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone and a burning wind *shall be* the portion of their cup. Ps 11:5-6

The arms of the wicked shall be broken. Ps 37:17

The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked. Prov 3:33

'I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season. But they went to Baal Peor, and separated themselves to that shame; they became an abomination like the thing they loved. ... Though they bring up their children, Yet I will bereave them to the last man. Yes, woe to them when I depart from them! Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place, So Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer.' Give them, O LORD -- What will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts! 'All their wickedness is in Gilgal, For there I hated them. Because of the evil of their deeds I will drive them from My house; I will love them no more. All their princes are rebellious. Ephraim is stricken, Their root is dried up; They shall bear no fruit. Yes, were they to bear children, I would kill the darlings of their womb.' My God will cast them away, because they did not obey Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations. Hos 9:10-17

The clearest example of the contrast between the elect remnant and the condemned wicked reprobate is seen in the two sons of Isaac. Both were Jews; both were heirs of the covenant according to the flesh (indeed Esau should have been the main inheritor) but Jacob was blessed and Esau was hated and cursed.

There is no automatic blessing or promise to the Jew on the basis of blood, on just being a Jew. The whole of the OT alone (let alone the NT) reveals this repeatedly – and yet many today ignore hundreds of such cases.

### **Idolaters**

The great sin of Israel was spiritual adultery, idolatry, breaking the first and second commandments.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Matt 10:15, 'Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that [Israelite] city!'. Matt 11:24, 'But I say to you [Capernaum] that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you'. Lk 10:12-14, 'But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you'.

This sin began almost immediately with the making of the Golden Calf idol at Sinai, but it continued throughout Israel's entire history. There were only a few periods of revival where idolatry was reduced under a great king or a great prophet; but the underlying trend continued, requiring first the exile and disappearance of the Northern Kingdom in Assyria and then the exile of the Southern Kingdom into Babylon.

While God brought a small remnant of the nation out of Babylon in order to prepare the way for Christ, he did not forget the apostasy and killing of his prophets (since Jesus mentioned it many times and so did the apostles). The nation was by no means godly or righteous and by the time of Christ had become utterly legalistic and proud.<sup>19</sup>

Far from the nation entering into the promised blessing of the Abrahamic Covenant, the returned exiles were warned by the final prophets, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi and then God allowed the nation to be invaded and occupied; first by the Greeks and then by the Romans. By the time of Jesus most of the nation was obsessed with being Hellenic (Greek). Hellenism dominated culture, dress, occupations, entertainment, building architecture and even the Scriptures were read in Greek rather than Aramaic.<sup>20</sup>

The apostasy and idolatry of Israel over centuries was borne with patience by God and his wrath stored until it was poured out after the rejection of Christ.

'Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretence', says the LORD. Then the LORD said to me, 'Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah'. Jer 3:8-11

As the thief is ashamed when he is found out, So is the house of Israel ashamed; They and their kings and their princes, and their priests and their prophets, Saying to a tree, 'You *are* my father,' And to a stone, 'You gave birth to me.' For they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face. But in the time of their trouble They will say, 'Arise and save us.' But where *are* your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, If they can save you in the time of your trouble; for *according to* the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah. Jer 3:26-28

Among the smooth *stones* of the stream *is* your portion; they, they, *are* your lot! Even to them you have poured a drink offering, You have offered a grain offering. Isa 57:6

You have also taken your beautiful jewellery from My gold and My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images and played the harlot with them. Ezek 16:17

My people ask counsel from their wooden *idols*, and their staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused *them* to stray, and they have played the harlot against their God. They offer sacrifices on the mountaintops, and burn incense on the hills, Under oaks, poplars, and

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18 Ex 20:3-4 'You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.'

<sup>19</sup> This is a necessary generalisation and it is the picture given in the Gospels which are chiefly aimed at Christ's enemies – the Chief Priests, the Scribes, the Sadducees and the Pharisees, who were the most legalistic and proud. There were over a dozen other smaller Jewish sects; some were mystical (like the Essenes) while others were political agitators (the zealots).

<sup>20</sup> The Septuagint Greek Translation of the OT, abbreviated as 'LXX' (Latin for 70), from the legend that it was translated by 70 Jewish elders. Most of the OT quotations used by the apostles in the NT are from the LXX. So much for the supposed Hebrew roots of the NT books. Even the letter to the Hebrews was written in Greek.



terebinths,<sup>21</sup> because their shade *is* good. Therefore your daughters commit harlotry, and your brides commit adultery. Hos 4:12-13

### **Israel cursed by God**

Note that Malachi is the last book of the OT; it is not something threatened and relented of afterward. This is the end of the progressive revelation in the OT.

Malachi curses Israel for its disobedience. For example “I have no pleasure in you”, says the LORD of hosts, “Nor will I accept an offering from your hands”, (Mal 1:10). One of the last verses in the OT is that God has no pleasure in Jews. “And now, O priests, this commandment is for you. If you will not hear, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to My name”, says the LORD of hosts, “I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, because you do not take it to heart”, (Mal 2:1-2). Another is, ‘You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation’ (Mal 3:9). Malachi only has blessing for the faithful remnant in Israel.

The physical descendants of Israel are also cursed, ‘Behold, I will rebuke your descendants And spread refuse on your faces,’ (Mal 2:3).

These are just a small sample of the multitudes of condemnations from God for the idolatry of Israel.

Israel is a people cursed by God for rebellion. This brings us to the NT.

## **Background: God’s purpose expressed in the OT was for the nations of the world, not just Israel**

Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Gen 17:4-7 [Note that the covenant is to Abraham’s descendants, which are from all nations.]

The covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ Acts 3:25

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom *is* the LORD’s, and He rules over the nations. Ps 22:27-28

That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Ps 67:2

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious. Isa 11:9-10

Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other. Isa 45:22

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<sup>21</sup> A small southern European tree which was formerly a source of turpentine and galls for tanning: Pistacia terebinthus, family Anacardiaceae.

Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You [potentially Israel, who failed, then the Messiah] as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth'. Isa 49:6

The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Isa 60:3

'All the Gentiles who are called by My name', says the LORD. Amos 9:12

And He [Messiah] shall stand and feed *His flock* in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. Mic 5:4

For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they all may call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one accord. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, the daughter of My dispersed ones, shall bring My offering. Zeph 3:9-10

Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities; the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, and seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also." Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts'. Zech 8:20-22

'For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; In every place incense *shall be* offered to My name, and a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations', Says the LORD of hosts. Mal 1:11

'For I *am* a great King', says the LORD of hosts, 'and My name *is to be* feared among the nations.' Mal 1:14

Note that while Malachi records God cursing Israel and Edomites (hence Sephardim), he proclaims that God's name will be feared amongst the Gentile nations.

This is the end of the OT, a curse for Israel and blessing for the nations. That blessing was to come in the form of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah.

## The testimony of the Gospels regarding Jews

### The Jews continued to be rebellious against God and his servant

Jesus repeated Moses' charge that the Jews were, 'a perverse and crooked generation' (Deut 32:5).

A wicked and adulterous generation. Matt 16:4

Jesus answered and said, 'O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you?' Matt 17:17

He answered him and said, 'O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you?' Mk 9:19

Then Jesus answered and said, 'O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you?' Lk 9:41

### The Jews were the enemies of Christ

John Gospel, in particular, demonstrates this. In fact the term 'the Jews' is used as a title of the enemies of Christ. The people of God are called, 'the people of the land', or just 'the people'.

All those who formally represented the people were enemies of Christ (with one or two exceptions):<sup>22</sup> the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the priests, the Chief Priests, and the Scribes.

For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him. Jn 5:16

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him. Jn 5:18

The Jews then complained about Him. Jn 6:41

The Jews sought to kill Him. Jn 7:1

The Jews said to Him, 'Now we know that You have a demon!' Jn 8:52

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jn 10:31

Then the detachment *of troops* and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. Jn 18:12

The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God'. Jn 19:7

### **Jesus identified only certain Jews as true servants of God**

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, 'Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!' Jn 1:47

This is important. Nathaniel was 'an Israelite indeed'. In other words, most other Jews were not true Israelites but were full of deceit and sin.

'Judah' means 'praise' and most Jews of that time did not praise God but were opposed to Jesus and hated God's word. 'I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you' (Jn 8:37). 'Israel' means 'prince with God' and the Jews were not that either.

Again we have the principle of the remnant. Only a few Jews were really servants of God; people such as Anna, Simeon, Nathaniel.

They answered and said to Him, 'Abraham is our father'. Jesus said to them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham'. Jn 8:39

Again Jesus distinguishes between those who claimed to be Jews and those who really were. Abraham is the father of faith and the faithful; true Jews would have faith in God and would recognise Jesus as the Messiah (as Simeon did). The religious Jewish leaders did not have faith and did not recognise Jesus and were condemned for their many sins.

### **The kingdom was formally taken away**

The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.

Matt 21:43-44

This is the clear didactic statement proving the fact. However, there were various statements in parables that taught the same thing. For example:

Then He began to speak to them in parables: 'A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around *it*, dug *a place for* the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of

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<sup>22</sup> Such as Nicodemus.

the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. And they took *him* and beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded *him* in the head, and sent *him* away shamefully treated. And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, "They will respect my son". But those vinedressers said among themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours". So they took him and killed *him* and cast *him* out of the vineyard. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others. Have you not even read this Scripture: "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"?' And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away. Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in *His* words. Mk 12:1-13

The meaning of this is clear and Jesus interpreted it to his disciples in various forms.

- God is the vineyard planter.
- The vinedressers who leased the vineyard are the Jews.
- The far country is heaven.
- The servants are OT men of God such as prophets.
- The wounding and killing of the servants is the killing of the OT prophets that Jesus and the apostles referred to many times.
- The son is Christ.
- The son is deliberately killed. (Note this; it was deliberate; the Pharisees tried to kill God's Son so that they could reign as gods by taking his inheritance. This is what is behind Jewish conspiracies in the world today - to bring about a global empire. They want the world.)
- The owner (God) destroys the vinedressers, which is the destruction of the Jewish people in 70AD. Here Jesus explains in figurative terms what the apostles teach in didactic terms: the Jews killed their own Messiah and were condemned as a people by God for this huge sin. Anyone who denies this is a heretic; it is everywhere in the NT.
- The giving of the vineyard to others is the giving of the Gospel of Christ to the world; Gentiles. This is but a figurative way of saying what is taught in Matt 21:43.
- 'Against them' that is Jews, and particularly Pharisees and Sadducees.

There is not a shred of doubt that the kingdom was taken away from the Jews by God and given to the Gentiles. It is a common teaching in the NT. All the modern Judaising heresies that teach that the kingdom is eternally Jewish are lying. There is no future millennium Jewish kingdom. That is plain heresy.

### **The Jews will disappear from history as a genetically separate people**

Whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.

Matt 21:44

Being ground into powder is about as clear as you can get, in figurative terms, for being obliterated as a constituted body.

Jesus taught that the generation of Jews that opposed and rejected him would receive the judgement and condemnation from God for all the historical sins of opposing God in the nation. The blood of those prophets and leaders that had been murdered by Jews in history

was required of that generation; hence the severity of the judgment of being ground into powder and the nation left desolate. [See later, ‘God’s uttermost wrath is upon the Jews’.]

You are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' *guilt*. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. Matt 23:31-36

‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?’ They said to Him, ‘He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons’. Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.’ Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. Matt 21:40-45

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate. Matt 23:37-38

The blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. Lk 11:50-51

Before someone retorts that this was only directed against the Pharisees and priests, we need to note the following.

- Jesus applies this to ‘this generation’ more than once; this is an exclusive statement regarding the whole generation, the whole nation. Only a few with faith would escape this general condemnation. Jesus also says that the whole house is left desolate, not a part of the house. The house of Israel will be made desolate.
- The leaders of the people represent the people. Apart from the faithful remnant (like Anna) the people trusted in their leaders and did what they said. Ordinary people feared their leaders more than God.
- The only people that were not broken and ground to powder by the stone were those who believed the Gospel of Christ. The majority of the people were condemned.
- The apostles continually and repeatedly blamed the whole Jewish people for the crucifixion of Christ; from the very first sermon they are called Christ murderers (see later).
- The whole Jewish people accepted the blame for the death of Christ not just the religious leaders: ‘All the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children”’ (Matt 27:25).
- The apostles called the whole Jewish people the enemies of the Gospel.

As for the idea that it was the Romans that killed Christ and not Jews, that is simply facile. Jesus actually prayed for the forgiveness of the Roman soldiers that crucified him but the apostles repeatedly accused Jews of being Christ’s murderers (see next).

## The testimony of the apostles

### The Jews murdered Christ

Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death. Acts 2:23

But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. Acts 3:14-15

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified. Acts 4:10

Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Acts 5:30

The Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers. Acts 7:52

For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled *them* in condemning *Him*. And though they found no cause for death *in Him*, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. Acts 13:27-28

The Judaeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets. 1 Thess 2:14-15

We are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Heb 10:39

### The Jews were the enemy of the church and the Gospel

Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, [Peter and the apostles] and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. Acts 4:1-3

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. Acts 5:17-18

The Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. Acts 13:45

The Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. Acts 13:50

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But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren. Acts 14:2

Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul *and* dragged *him* out of the city, supposing him to be dead. Acts 14:19

But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, 'These who have turned the world upside down have come here too'. Acts 17:5-6

When the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds. Acts 17:13

When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat. Acts 18:12

Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him [Paul] in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him. Acts 21:27

Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake. Rm 11:28

For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judaeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men. 1 Thess 2:14-15

### **The Jews were unworthy of eternal life and rejected the Gospel**

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles'. Acts 13:46

### **Jews are not the people of God by national descent**

And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, *even* us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As He says also in Hosea: 'I will call them My people, who were not My people, and her beloved, who was not beloved'. Rm 9:23-25

Even in the Old Testament God explained that in the future (now, in the Gospel age) the people of God would be those who are called from all nations. Here it specifically says that the called of all nationalities are God's people. How can anyone state that God's people are fleshly Jews?

### **God's uttermost wrath is upon the Jews**

God had been patient with the Jews throughout the OT and continued to rescue a small remnant after each apostasy. However, the rejection of God's Son as their Messiah was the culmination of their rebellion and a sin so great that condemnation and wrath was justly necessitated.

From the period of John the Baptist until 70 AD there was a period of warnings,<sup>23</sup> which only a few Jews heeded and responded by believing in Christ. After 70 AD when Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed utterly, no brick was left upon another, as Jesus had prophesied; the Romans ploughed up Jerusalem. Judaism was ruined and finished; it could no longer operate without a temple, a sacerdotal system, no temple furniture or vessels and no priests. Even if any priests had survived God stated that the line of Levi was finished and a new order of Melchizedek (based on everlasting life) was in place (Heb 5:6, 9-10, 6:20).

The condemnation of the Jews is so great that Jesus speaks of the nation (that generation) being ground into powder. This means virtual eradication – and that is what happened.

The Romans killed or enslaved virtually the whole nation. Most of the best of it was slaughtered or crucified in the siege of Jerusalem; that is what was left of those who did not die from starvation and disease or even cannibalism. The hills of Judaea were denuded of trees to make the crosses that carpeted the countryside of those that survived the siege.

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<sup>23</sup> By John, Jesus and the apostles.

Afterwards the empty state of Judaea was filled with Edomites (Latin, Idumaeans) who settled in the land and became the basis of modern Sephardim. The only Abrahamic/Jacobite blood Jews were those who had fled or had previously settled in the Diaspora; and large numbers of these had become Christians (such as Prisca and Aquila) or were even more Hellenised than those previously in Palestine. It seems that over time these were lost or mixed with other races so that modern Jewry is virtually Ashkenazi or Sephardic. Indeed, DNA tests show that some Palestinian Arabs (Muslim and Christian) have Abrahamic blood; the result of mixed race.

[The Jews were] forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up *the measure of* their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost. 1 Thess 2:16

## Salvation comes to the Jews by faith just as any other nation

Since God's condemnation of Israel was complete at the time of the cross; since the kingdom had been taken away from the Jews by Christ; since all the promises of the OT had been poured onto Christ and since the Mosaic Law had been cancelled and removed (Heb 8:13); there was no basis for any blessing from God in just being a Jew.

In any case, we have already seen that under the Old Covenant there was never any covenantal blessing in just being Jewish; the OT promises were to those who were elect and who reflected that in their faith and obedience. This was the remnant.

### Moses warned that Jews would be lost if they did not follow the promised Messiah

After the cross, Jews had to believe in Jesus as the Messiah, just as Moses warned them. Failure to do this would lead to destruction, whether Jew or not.

I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of him. Deut 18:18

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins. Jn 8:24

For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' Acts 3:22-23

Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets [Hab 1:5, LXX] come upon you: 'Behold, you despisers, Marvel and perish! For I work a work in your days, a work which you will by no means believe, though one were to declare it to you.' Acts 13:38-40

### Paul confirms OT teaching on the remnant

*Only a few Jews will ever be God's people*

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: 'Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved. For He will finish the work and cut *it* short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth.' And as Isaiah said before: 'Unless the LORD



of Sabaoth had left us a seed, We would have become like Sodom, and we would have been made like Gomorrah.' (Rm 9:27-29)

What could be clearer? Out of the vast number of Jews, only a small remnant will be saved. If God did not leave this small remnant, Israel would have been like Sodom and Gomorrah – totally annihilated. Israel's history in the Old Testament pictures this. The vast majority of Israelites were destroyed or captured and exiled, while only a few returned to Jerusalem, and of them only a few were truly converted.

### **There is no distinction between Jew and Gentile**

Thus there is the unequivocal Biblical claim in the NT that Jews are just the same as any other race and that Gentiles are equal with Jews in the kingdom of God.

#### *Jews and Gentiles are the same in sin*

What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. Rm 3:9

#### *Jews and Gentiles are equal recipients of salvation*

Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: 'In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him'. Acts 10:24-25

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Rm 1:16

Glory, honour, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Rm 2:10

... the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference. Rm 3:22

God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Rm 3:30

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. Rm 10:12

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:28

There is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all. Col 3:11

### **In Christ there are no Jews**

For as many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:27-29

There are not only no Jews but no other nation either. There are no human distinctives of any kind in the church because we are of an entirely new creation; a new humanity (2 Cor 5:17). Since we are a new creation in Christ, a heavenly creature, part of the body of Christ, there cannot be any kind of national distinctive. This means that to maintain any national distinctive is blasphemous, for it denies God's word and disparages the work of Christ.

Paul actually emphasises that there is no division between Jew and Gentile any more in God's purpose; that Jews are the same as Gentiles.

The riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, *even* us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As He says also in Hosea: 'I will

call them My people, who were not My people, And her beloved, who was not beloved. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, “*You are not My people,*” There they shall be called sons of the living God’. Rm 9:23-26

**For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek.** Rm 10:12

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from the two*, *thus* making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Eph 2:14-19

That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel. Eph 3:6

And have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all. Col 3:10-11

Note this carefully:

- Jews and Gentiles (Greeks) are both one in Christ; i.e. there is no national distinction in the church.
- The wall of separation between Jews and others has been destroyed.
- The enmity between the two groups has been destroyed by the cross.
- Jews and Gentiles are one new man in Christ, a new holy nation. Jewishness has ceased to exist in God’s eyes.
- Jews and Gentiles are citizens with the same rights and privileges in God’s household. There is no special status of kingdom or race for Jews.

The other apostles concur with Paul.

Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.’ Acts 10:34-35

Peter rose up and said to them: ‘Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as *He did* to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.’ Acts 15:7-9

Since there is no distinction, Jews get saved in exactly the same way as any other person – by believing the Gospel.

There is no blessing from God outside of the cross. Grace only comes from the cross of Christ. Thus there is no prior blessing or promise to Jews that have not been saved. There is no spiritual benefit in being Jewish – none whatsoever.

**Fleshly Jewishness has no value to God after the cross**

For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God. Rm 2:28-29

With Christ Jewishness ceases as a physical form. Earthly descent, outward appearances, religious associations, being born in Israel, all mean absolutely nothing to God.

The principle of Jewishness in the OT was meant to be a testimony of praise to God (the meaning of 'Judah') resulting from being separated to God from amongst the nations as a result of calling (Deut 4:33ff). The separated ones were meant to be a praise through holy living (instead they became a rebellious, idolatrous people).

However, the principle of separation to God (sanctification) is no longer a physical matter but a spiritual, internal issue. Such sanctification flows from the initial action of God in providing justification for those he calls by faith; for those whose hearts are regenerated.

What Jews represented in the OT, being called out, is today represented in the *ekklesia* (church);<sup>24</sup> the community of the called out ones, those who have been born again.

This is why fleshly Jewishness, Judaism and Israel are of no value in spiritual terms to God in any way.

**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God. Gal 6:15-16**

Here Paul is speaking to the Galatian churches consisting of Celtic Gentiles. He has spent most of his letter (circulated to many regional churches in Galatia) condemning the Judaisers that were seeking to bring an emphasis upon Jewishness and law-keeping into their assemblies. He shows that what counts with God is not physical Jewishness but a new creation; that is, being united with Christ in spiritual union. It is the church that is united with Christ – the church is the body of Christ. So Paul is not thinking here in terms of fleshly Israel at all. To suggest that 'Israel' here means physical Israel is the greatest folly. Paul even says here that circumcision avails anything with God whatsoever.

'Israel' means 'Prince with God' and he is saying that those who are new creatures, who are in Christ Jesus, (note Gal 2:20)<sup>25</sup> peace and mercy (the fruit of the Gospel not the law) be upon them.

'And' can easily be translated as 'even'. Thus the new creation is the Israel of God, princes with God. Fleshly Israel is never ever described as 'the Israel of God'.

Furthermore Paul has recently spoken out directly against Israel and Jerusalem, condemning it as being earthly and in bondage (Gal 4:22-31). He has even affirmed that only spiritual descendants (those with faith) are children of promise and sons with Isaac.

It would make no sense whatsoever if Paul, in speaking to Celtic Gentiles and condemning Judaisers, suddenly refers to fleshly Israel as being in the mercy of God. In other letters he condemns Israelites for being the enemy of the Gospel and Christ, while other apostles called Jews the murderers of Christ. Paul cannot mean material national Israel here. He is talking about spiritual issues. He is referring to the new creation (those in Christ) as the Prince ('Israel') with God.

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<sup>24</sup> *Ekklesia*, usually translated as 'church' in the NT essentially means a body called out to be an assembly.

<sup>25</sup> 'I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.' Paul's fleshly Jewish existence is dead and meaningless.

### *The apostles did not centre on their Jewishness*

The apostles, as physical Jews, illustrate this perfectly. Though they could have claimed a fulfilment of being Jewish, they actually denied it completely. Look at Paul's testimony.

Though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ. Phil 3:4-8

No apostle ever called himself a Messianic Christian.

### **Paul's argument in Romans 11**

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? But what does the divine response say to him? 'I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal'. Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. Just as it is written: 'God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, To this very day'. And David says: 'Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, and bow down their back always'. I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fulness! For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? Rm 11:1-15

This passage is often used by Jewish Root teachers claiming that it shows God's prior love for all Jews and their corporate destiny in the kingdom of God. But nothing of the sort is said here. What it teaches is precisely what I have affirmed – that salvation for Jews is exactly the same as for Gentiles and that only a remnant of Jews will be saved.

Let us summarise what Paul is saying:

- God has not cast away all of the people of Israel. He proves this by explaining that many were being saved and brought into the church, such as himself, a true Israelite of Benjamin.
- The ones that are saved are those God foreknew. This term is used in the NT in association with predestination and it means loved (as Adam 'knew' Eve). It is a term used for the elect. Elect Jews that will be saved are those God foreknew.
- The elect Jews are the remnant of Israel; a very small proportion of the whole (as it was in the OT). Paul illustrates this with the remnant of 7,000 in the time of Elijah. The rest of Israel (the vast majority) had committed idolatry with Baal and were lost. Indeed, the majority of Israelites had killed God's prophets and torn down his altars.

- Paul explains that the illustration of the 7,000 complies with his day when there was, ‘a remnant according to the election of grace’. What could be clearer. The only Jews that were being saved were the elect remnant.
- He adds that since salvation is by grace through justification by faith (something he has explained earlier in Romans), then no works that any Jew does is of any value to God. This includes all religious works, such as attending feast days, Sabbaths, festivals, Passover, attending the temple, sacrificing and so on. Anyone relying on works has no grace and can’t be saved. [Paul had affirmed this earlier in Rm 3:10ff.]
- He then affirms that Israel has not obtained what it seeks – that is their own soldier messiah and the fulfilment of Jewish hopes for a temporal kingdom and salvation by Jewish works.
- However, the elect have obtained salvation in Jesus Christ, both Gentiles and Jews.
- He then explains the doctrine of reprobation – the non-elect are lost; indeed, God blinds them so as not to see the truth. He states a harsh truth, ‘the rest (of Israel) were blinded. Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, To this very day” [Isa 6:9-10; Ezek 12:2]. And David says: “Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, and bow down their back always” [Ps 69:22-23]. This shows that the OT confirms what Paul is saying. Note this carefully, the rest (of Israel) was blinded, stupefied, deaf, ensnared, trapped, stumbled, darkened, bowed down – i.e. cursed. There is no blessing here.
- Israel stumbled on the stone that was Christ and the majority of Israel was lost. However, not all of Israel fell away. Initially the stumbling of Israel enabled the Gospel to come to the Gentiles. Their fall and failure enabled riches to come to the world; salvation began in Israel but passed to the world.
- Paul adds that if their failure led to riches for the Gentiles how much more the inclusion of the elect remnant? Paul speaks specifically to Gentile believers here, showing that converted Jews (of that day) had much to offer the church. If the casting away of the bulk of Israel meant life for the Gentile church being reconciled with God, how much more will the acceptance into the church of elect Jews benefit the church. This acceptance is life out of death for elect Jews. Being converted to Christianity brings resurrection life to Jews as it does to Gentiles.
- Paul magnifies his ministry to the Gentiles to provoke his brethren in the flesh (Jews) to desire what the Gentiles had – peace with God. But he is aware that this will only save the remnant – ‘save some of them’.

So, Paul clearly spells out here, in precise doctrinal terms, at the culmination of his explanation of election in the Gospel, in teaching doctrine to Roman believers, exactly what I have already taught in this paper. The bulk of Israel is lost and cast away; the elect remnant of Israel is saved with the same Gospel message as received by Gentiles.

Thus there is absolutely no benefit in any aspect of Judaism and the cultural heritage of Jews whatsoever (other than for illustrations of divine truth). Works do not bring grace and only grace saves.

## **Jews in the OT were a type of the church only**

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that

followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play'. Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 1 Cor 10:1-11

Paul makes the categorical statement that Israel was an example for the church. As a result we are to learn from Israel's history not to rebel, murmur, commit fornication or commit idolatry.

The Greek word for 'example' here is *tupos*, which is 'type'. Israel is a type for the church. Thus God's word categorically tells us that Israel was a type of the church. The church is the antitype of Israel. Israel was the figure, the shadow, the illustration, the symbol; the church is the fulfilment, the reality in Christ. No one can deny this without contradicting God's word.

Thus all OT history is a type. Adam was a type of Christ (Rm 5:14). The Tabernacle was a type and copy of heaven (Heb 9:24). The flood was a type of judgment and the baptism of death and resurrection (1 Pt 3:20-21).

The Old Covenant was only a shadow of the New Covenant (Col 2:16-17; Heb 8:4-5, 10:1). It could only express the truth in figures, types, promises and shadows because the truth of salvation was Christ himself. Only when Christ appeared did mankind see the reality of God's purpose in salvation.

Thus the reality behind all the types in the Old Testament was in Christ, not in OT history. Everyone agrees that this applies to animal sacrifices, blood offerings, but a portion of the supposed church claims that Israel, the Holy Land, Jerusalem, Jews, the priesthood and a restored temple in Jerusalem are different; they retain their singular importance in God's purpose separate from all other nations.

Well God himself says otherwise. God does not dwell in material temples anymore (Acts 7:48). Only the Jerusalem above concerns God (Gal 4:25-26; the elect people of all nations). The Levitical priesthood has ended with Christ (Heb 6:11-15).

Similarly, all the titles that are applied to Israel in the OT which suggest a relationship with God are taken away from fleshly Israel in the NT (where Jews become enemies of the church and God) and are given to the church. This is unequivocal.

I quote from my paper, *'Straightforward Scriptures regarding the modern focus upon Israel'*.

There are literally hundreds of occasions where what was said of Israel potentially (only a remnant of faithful Israelites actually obtained salvation) is now applied to the church. Fleshly Israel was a picture of what God intended his spiritual people to be; it was a living picture and example that helps us to understand what these features truly represent. Thus one can learn a great deal about what it means to be the people of God or the flock of God by studying Israel's history. It should also cause us to be sober and fear God to notice that Israel failed in obedience and was punished for constant spiritual adultery. We read the OT to learn about our relationship with God and heed

warnings given to Israel in the past. There are many titles given to Israel that identify these various features, but they are now all attributed to the church. For instance,

Item	Israel	The Church
Beloved of God	Ex 15:13; Deut 33:3; Ezra 3:11	Rm 9:25; Eph 5:1; Col 3:12; 1 Jn 3:1
Children of God	Ex 4:22; Deut 14:1; Isa 1:2,4	Jn 1:12, 11:52; Rm 8:14, 16; 2 Cor 6:18
The Field of God	Jer 12:10	1 Cor 3:9
The Flock of God	Ps 78:52, 80:1; Isa 40:11	Jn 10:14, 16; Heb 13:20; 1 Pt 2:25, 5:2-3
The House of God	Num 12:7	1 Tim 3:15; Heb 13:2, 5, 6, 10:21; 1 Pt 4:17
The Kingdom of God	Ex 19:6; 1 Ch 17:14, 28:5	Rm 14:17; 1 Cor 4:20; Col 1:13, 4:11
The people of God	Ex 6:7; Deut 27:9; 2 Sam 7:23	Rm 9:25; 2 Cor 6:16; Eph 4:12, 5:3; 2 Thess 1:10
The Vineyard of God	Isa 5:3-7; Jer 12:10	Lk 20:16
The Children of Abraham	2 Chr 20:7; Ps 105:6; Isa 41:8	Rm 4:11, 16; Gal 3:7, 29, 4:23, 28, 31
The Chosen people	Deut 7:7, 10:15; Isa 43:20-21	Col 3:12; 1 Pt 2:9
The Circumcised	Gen 17:10, 13; Jud 15:18	Rm 2:29; Phil 3:3; Col 2:11
Israel	Gen 32:28; Ex 12:3	Gal 6:15-16; Eph 2:12, 19; Rm 9:24-27
Zion	Ps 9:14, 14:7	Heb 12:22-24

To focus upon Israel today is to deny that this change under the New Covenant has taken place. It betrays a serious lack of understanding Biblical doctrine and interpretation, and in many cases arises from an overriding faulty theological system, such as Dispensationalism.

To this we can add the faulty theological systems of Jewish Root theology, Messianic Christianity, Christian Zionism and all such that focus on fleshly Israel. Any system that centres upon fleshly Jews is a false theological system; indeed a blasphemous system since it diverts attention from Christ. Such doctrine never appeared in sound Christian church history for 1830 years.<sup>26</sup> This focus only began in the mid-1800s, initially in a heretical, scandalous church. The idea was then adopted by John Darby and subsequently given finance from Jewish bankers to push it worldwide, especially through the appalling Scofield Bible.<sup>27</sup>

## The theological factor regarding Jews and Christ today

### The problem

The real difficulty today arises from the widespread teachings of Dispensationalism, Messianic Christianity and Jewish Root theology. Mixed with these supposedly Christian movements is the constant bombardment of Jewish-based propaganda in all forms of media (educational textbooks, academic journals, training course, news, documentaries, magazines, books, political comment etc.).<sup>28</sup>

What these teach is that:

<sup>26</sup> It appeared in the Ebionites that were a condemned heretical movement of Judaisers in the early church. A couple of crypto-Jewish Jesuits also proposed something similar.

<sup>27</sup> See my 'Depths of Deception'. The problems of the Scofield Bible are worthy of a separate investigation. Scofield himself was a wicked man (a fraud, a liar, an embezzler, an adulterer etc.) and a convicted crook.

<sup>28</sup> Most, if not nearly all, of these are owned by a relatively few Jews. This has been a deliberate strategy since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Jewish banking and commercial money has slowly taken over major global corporations to get control over society through media, business and politics. Just search and discover who owns the central banks (Rothschild), who owns most corporations, all the media outlets in the west, what lobby groups dominate politics; what advisors and civil servants dominate governments? For details see 'Depths of Deception'.

- Jews are special amongst all men.
- Jews are blessed by God.
- The Jews of today are the same as the Jews of the OT.
- Christianity is Jewish.
- God's people today are Jews, with the church being an afterthought and a temporary fix.
- The Covenant people are Jews.
- The New Covenant was given to Jews.
- The land of Israel (Palestine) belongs to modern Jews as a permanent historical gift of God.
- The future kingdom of God is Jewish.
- If you bless Israel you will be blessed. If you oppose Israel you will be cursed.
- Jews suffered more than any other people in WWII.<sup>29</sup>
- God has been on the side of Israel in the various Jewish wars.<sup>30</sup>
- Israel has a divine right to enact its military policies against minority Palestinians and Arabs, especially in Gaza.

None of these things are true; none of them are Christian doctrine. The whole thing is a confidence trick played over a long time.

### **The real issue**

The absolute real issue to understand, the one that actually counts theologically, is what factor makes the people of God? What factor underlies God's kingdom? What is the basis of the people favoured by God? What is the factor that makes the difference?

Let me give you a clue – it is not Jewishness.

The answer is Christ and Christ alone. In fact, the answer to nearly every fundamental question in theology is Christ.

- Thus the kingdom is Christ (not Jews).
- The people of God are those in Christ.
- God's favour is on Christ alone.
- The difference between life and death is Christ.
- Eternal life is in Christ.
- God's grace is upon Christ.
- The covenant of God is with Christ.
- The Mosaic Law is rescinded and God's law is now Christ (the 'Law of Christ'; Gal 6:2).
- The new man (nature) is Christ.

We could go on and on.

What the Jewish based propaganda<sup>31</sup> has done is to reverse the purpose of God and to take the focus away from Christ and put it on Jews. This is satanic deception.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> Far more Germans, Poles and Russians were killed and far more of these suffered the most terrible tortures, massacres, expulsions and loss of everything than Jews did. 15 million Germans died in the war alone. See my forthcoming paper, 'The lies of History'.

<sup>30</sup> 1967 War, Lebanon War, 1973 Yom Kippur War etc.



The whole point of everything in the OT was to point to Christ and to make men dependent upon Christ. Abraham saw this and was glad (Jn 8:56). Thus the Mosaic Law pointed to Christ (Gal 3:19). Everything in the law pointed to Christ: the offerings; the priesthood, the tabernacle; the festivals and so on. None of these continue in their original form any longer because Christ has come.

Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb 9:11-14

In that He says, 'A new *covenant*', He has made the first obsolete. Heb 8:13

The Old Covenant was the shadow but Christ is the reality. If you have Christ the shadow is no longer needed.

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. Col 2:16-17

Just as the Mosaic Law is made obsolete, so are the Jews. They served their purpose as an illustration of election but they failed to obey God and fell under the curse that Moses pronounced upon them if they failed (Deut 30:1). If all these fundamentals of Judaism have been cancelled by God (Mosaic Law, Levitical priesthood, the material temple, the offering system, the feasts etc.) then there is no more Judaism. This is why the Pharisees had to develop a new pagan Judaism in Babylon (see next).

Modern Judaism is not OT Judaism; it is a false, pagan, occult syncretism of demonic doctrines.

### **Replacement theology**

This is a term bandied about by people focused upon Jews as a whip to afflict Biblical theology. In the same way that being 'anti-Semitic' is used, so this term is used as a means of shutting down discussion. This is an exceptionally puerile and anti-intellectual thing to do.

I have tried discussing and debating with leaders who held Dispensational or Jewish Root ideas and when they could not answer any of my questions, they used this term to criticise me and shut the argument down. This is evidence of a lost argument.

The term is used to show that the church has replaced Israel in God's plan and that this is wrong. It is usually directed at Calvinists.

This misses the whole point.

First it is not a replacement but a fulfilment. Christ is the fulfilment of the Mosaic Law not a replacement. The law pointed to Christ. The law had no purpose on its own but it functioned as a temporary pointer to Christ (and also to man's sin and weakness). If we are

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<sup>31</sup> Even the original Dispensational developments in history were paid for by Jewish banking money (see 'Depths').

<sup>32</sup> See 'The Satanic Purpose' which shows that the devil's plan is to reverse everything of God at the end.

to be called anything then our position should be called 'Fulfilment theology'. Jews should find their fulfilment and purpose in Christ, not in Israel.

Secondly, it is not the church that replaces Israel but Christ is the fulfilment of all that Israelites were called to be. Even the greatest Israelites (David, Moses, Samuel, Elijah) could not come close to the promised Messiah. Christ is the fulfilment of every OT promise.

In Christ even the promised land reaches its fulfilment. God's promised land is Christ; and through Christ every nation on earth is blessed. This is the fulfilment of the original promise to Abram. It was not one nation (Israel) that would be blessed by God but many nations.<sup>33</sup>

Jews make much about Abraham but his very name was given by God on the occasion of this promise to make of him many nations. His name even means 'father of a multitude' in the context of many nations, not one nation.

The accusation of 'replacement theology' is both a misnomer and a false charge. It is a foolish tactic.

### **The fundamental spiritual experience**

Now the critical issue is that if all the promises find their 'Yes' in Christ and if he is the kingdom, how do mortals get involved? Is it having Jewish blood (not that any Jew has this now)?

No, it is nothing to do with anything physical. All human, earthly, worldly, physical factors are cancelled in the kingdom of God. Nothing of earth has any value whatsoever. God's kingdom is now heavenly.

Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God'. Jn 3:5

The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom. To Him *be* glory forever and ever. Amen! 2 Tim 4:18

Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here'. Jn 18:36

If the kingdom is heavenly, spiritual, then one can only enter it by having eternal life, the life of Christ. This requires two things.

### *Death*

The beginning of the life in Christ is the cross. Humans have to die before they can have new life.

The apostles teach us clearly that we died with Christ upon the cross; we were co-crucified with Christ and our human life was killed in spiritual terms. [Since we only inherit the fulness of salvation when Christ returns, we still have to live in our mortal physical body

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<sup>33</sup> Gen 17:4-7 'As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.'

and thus do not gain a new physical nature until the resurrection when we will be like Jesus.]

How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection. Rm 6:2-5

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Gal 2:20

Those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh. Gal 5:24

The world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal 6:14

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. Col 2:11-13

Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as *though* living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations. Col 2:20

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Col 3:3

Therefore, all that is of this earth, of the old nature, is dead in terms of God and spiritual life.<sup>34</sup> All that we were counts for nothing. It has been consigned to death. Thus all racial stereotypes and characteristics are gone and mean nothing at all; this includes Jewishness.

#### *Resurrection – new life.*

The beginning of new life in Christ is being regenerated, given eternal life, resurrection life, that is in Christ. As we were co-crucified with Christ at conversion so we were also raised with Christ. The new eternal life that we have is Christ himself living in us.

For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. Jn 5:21

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection. Rm 6:4-5

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Rm 8:11

Jesus Christ is in you. 2 Cor 13:4

[God] made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by

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<sup>34</sup> Dead does not mean destroyed, vanished or vaporised at the moment; it means that it has been consigned to destruction which will be completed at the end. While we have an old nature that continues to grow corrupt, and while we have a human body, we can commit sin and fall back into human ways. At the end, when Christ returns this is all changed as our old nature and human body are destroyed forever and we are given a spiritual body like Christ (Phil 3:21; Col 3:4; 1 Jn 3:2).

grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God. Eph 2:5-8

The Christian life is heavenly; it is a spiritual union that has nothing to do with the world. The Christian sits in heavenly places.

Jewishness in this context counts for nothing as it is of the world, which is dead to us: 'the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world' (Gal 6:14).

*Through death and resurrection, Christians are in Christ – they are not human*  
As well as Christ living in us, we are also united in Christ. We are the body of Christ.

We, *being* many, are one body in Christ. Rm 12:5

Those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints. 1 Cor 1:2

But of Him [God] you are in Christ Jesus. 1 Cor 1:30

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? 1 Cor 6:14

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 1 Cor 15:22

That the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 2 Cor 4:11

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Cor 5:17

The blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal 3:14

You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:28

The NT is filled with this doctrine. The phrase, 'in Christ' is repeated scores of times applying the doctrine to every area of the Christian life. Everything we are in spiritual terms is related to being in Christ.

If all the old things of human life have passed away for those in Christ, then all Jewishness is gone in a Christian. It would be sinful to resurrect what God has killed off. God's word specifically applies this teaching to Jews, 'For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything', (Gal 5:6 and 15). Jewishness means nothing at all in physical terms.

*Not walking in the flesh*

As a result of dying with Christ and being raised with Christ in new life, Christians are able to not live in the flesh by putting off the old nature and putting on the new spiritual man. This is what walking in the Spirit means; which also equates to abiding in Christ.

There is nothing of the earthly human life in this experience since all human traits are fleshly. Thus all that pertains to Judaism is dead to the Christian. It is something of the flesh that has gone in its entirety.

*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Rm 8:1

The righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Rm 8:4

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Gal 5:16

[We] no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh. 1 Pt 4:2

Jewish traits, customs, laws and culture are all fleshly. For the Christian they have all been given to death.

Why would anyone in Christ, who can set his focus upon Christ, want to go back to the shadows of fleshly Judaism or Jewish culture? For those in Christ 'all things are new'.

### **The conclusion**

The people of God, the family of God, those in Christ, those blessed by God, those favoured by God, those in the kingdom, are those who have died to their earthly life and have been raised with Christ. Unless you have been raised with Christ you have no part in him and no access to the blessing and purposes of God. You are cursed.

No human factor whatsoever has any place or advantage in the things of God since the cross. Nothing at all. Therefore Jewishness (even if pure descent from Judah were possible, which it is not – see later) has no place whatsoever in being blessed by God. Jews are not favoured by God today because they are Jews. Only those in Christ know God's blessing and grace.

## Judaism

It must also be clearly understood that what is called Judaism today is not what people have in mind when reading the Gospels or the OT. Modern Judaism is nothing like the Judaism of Elijah or Samuel or David.

We have already explained that Judaism was cancelled by God after the cross and extinguished in 70 AD by the Fall of Jerusalem. God had no more purpose for it whatsoever and the kingdom had already been taken away from the Jews by Jesus. God was now working with the church alone, which is the body of Christ. There is no other body that God works with on earth, only the body of Christ, only that for which Christ has redeemed sin.

Thus the church is God's holy people, God's temple, God's holy nation, God's priests etc.<sup>35</sup> All of the titles used of Israel in the OT are applied to the church in the NT. If the church is God's people, then the Jewish race cannot be the people of God. If the church is God's temple, then there cannot be another one built of stone (in fact such as temple has been repudiated by God<sup>36</sup>). If the church is a kingdom of priests, then there can be no Jewish priesthood.

After the Fall of Jerusalem the rabbis, who were chiefly the Pharisees (scribes, teachers of the law) that Jesus opposed, began to develop a new kind of Judaism, rabbinic Judaism, based upon the Talmud, chiefly the Babylonian Talmud.

This soon superseded the Torah (Pentateuch) as being the authoritative source for Jews. Ancient and modern Jewish sources all affirm that Judaism is the religion of the Talmud not the Torah (except for the minority 'Torah Jews' who oppose Zionism).<sup>37</sup> The Talmud says, '*There is greater stringency in respect to the teachings of the Scribes than in respect to the Torah ... so that a Biblical law may be transgressed*'.<sup>38</sup>

The Talmud is a foul book filled with hate for all other people except Jews (see later). It advocates lying to Gentiles and subverting them wherever possible. It teaches killing Gentiles and especially Christians and is full of foul blasphemies against Christ. Of course it is; it was written by Pharisees whom Christ condemned. When Jews practised these things in history, they were persecuted and expelled from various nations for their sedition. This had nothing to do with anti-Semitism, it was due to their lawless behaviour.

When foolish Christians support Judaism they are supporting a religion that hates all mankind and especially hates Christ and his people. It is a blasphemy to support Judaism, which is far worse than the scriptures of any other religion. Even Islam respects Christ as a prophet and Hinduism has enshrined him as a god.

But many forms of Judaism are even worse than the Talmud. Some sects of Judaism involve serpent worship and phallus worship; while one form teaches that the messiah will

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<sup>35</sup> 1 Pt 2:9; 'You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.'

<sup>36</sup> Acts 7:48, 'the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands.'

<sup>37</sup> 'Pharisaism shaped the character of Judaism and the life and thought of the Jew for all the future.... The study of [the Talmud] is essential for any real understanding of Pharisaism'. ['The Jewish Encyclopaedia', article on Pharisaism, p666, p474.] '[The Talmud] 'is still the supreme authority in religion'; ['The Jewish Encyclopaedia', Vol 12, p26.].

<sup>38</sup> Sanhedrin 88b.

come by filling the world with as much evil as possible.<sup>39</sup> [Talmudic Judaism represents the Jewish people as the corporate messiah.]<sup>40</sup>

Jews that are dominated by such evil forms of faith are behind the gradual emergence of a world dominated by sin and devoted to Satan. For 150 years various Jewish Zionist interests have been gradually fulfilling a plan to build a global totalitarian empire through manipulating wars, financial collapses, revolutions and dominating media and politics. They have been able to do this by gradually taking over the whole banking system of the west, running the corporations behind most of the world's biggest companies and dominating politicians and the media. Thus they have been able to sponsor wars and revolutions, such as WWI, WWII, and the Bolshevik Revolution. The emergence of Israel as a State in Palestine was but one of their aims and which was the outcome of two world wars.

No Christian can support Judaism in any form what whatsoever. Even just celebrating Jewish feasts, in the mistaken belief that you are celebrating something Biblical, was condemned by Paul as bondage long before the Pharisees took over Judaism and perverted it with their Talmud.

Paul told young disciples that had been deceived into following some forms of Judaism that they had been bewitched. Getting involved in Judaism is devilish.

**O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched<sup>41</sup> you that you should not obey the truth. Gal 3:1**

*This occurred* because of false brethren [Judaisers] secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage). Gal 2:4

Now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how *is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have laboured for you in vain. Gal 4:9-11

These are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar -- for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children -- but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. Gal 4:24-26

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Gal 5:1

Judaism is not spiritual; it is not favoured by God and it is not even benign. Judaism is a foul, blasphemous, hate-religion that is totally corrupt and demonic. It is a religion founded and developed by the people who hated Christ and instigated his murder. Any involvement in Judaism is blasphemous.

It is one of the chief strategies of the devil, in the period of the end, to so deceive Christians that they support Satan without realising it. In Charismatic churches this is largely done by espousing forms of paganism and the occult, thinking it is divine worship. In Messianic Christianity it is done by espousing Judaism and supporting Israel. The devil has used this to get gullible Christians (in fact, mostly superficial false Christians) to support himself.

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39 For more information on all this see the appendices of 'Depths of Deception'.

<sup>40</sup> Talmud, 'Kethuboth', 111a.

<sup>41</sup> 'Baskaino': to bewitch, cast the evil eye on, put a spell on someone with evil intent; to practice magic on.' The meaning by Paul is used figuratively to mean deception by demonic forces. It is the only time he uses such a serious expression to rebuke disciples and it shows the severity of getting involved with Judaism.

The church needs to wake up and seek truth.

## Pharisaism

Modern Judaism is Pharisaism; that is just a plain historical fact that we have already referred to. Jews do not dispute this. In fact, they boast about it.

The Jewish religion as it is today traces its descent, without a break, through all the centuries, from the Pharisees. Their leading ideas and methods found expression in a literature of enormous extent, of which a very great deal is still in existence. The Talmud is the largest and most important single piece of that literature.<sup>42</sup>

With the destruction of the Temple (70AD) the Sadducees [the priestly sect] disappeared altogether, leaving the regulation of all Jewish affairs in the hands of the Pharisees. Henceforth, Jewish life was regulated by the Pharisees; the whole history of Judaism was reconstructed from the Pharisaic point of view, and a new aspect was given to the Sanhedrin of the past. A new chain of tradition supplanted the older priestly tradition (Abot 1:1). Pharisaism shaped the character of Judaism and the life and thought of the Jew for all the future.<sup>43</sup>

Pharisaism became Talmudism ... the spirit of the ancient Pharisee survives unaltered.<sup>44</sup>

Understand this; the basis of modern Jewish religion is the product of the declared enemies of Christ; those who were chiefly responsible for the crucifixion of Christ. Supporting Israel today is supporting the very enemies of Christ. Plus, we have already established that even before rabbinic Judaism developed, Jews were the enemies of the Gospel and persecuted the church.

So, it behoves us to examine what Christ said about Pharisees, If we are to follow Christ then we should have the same opinions as Christ - and this relates to modern Pharisaism also.

### **Summary of Christ's castigation of the Pharisees**

*They encumber men with burdens but they bear little*

For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. Matt 23:4

*They are hypocritical professors who say one thing but do another*

They say, and do not do. Matt 23:3

But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. Matt 23:5

But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Matt 23:13 and 23, 25.

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<sup>42</sup> The Universal Jewish Encyclopaedia (1943).

<sup>43</sup> The Jewish Encyclopaedia (1905).

<sup>44</sup> Rabbi Louis Finklestein; 'The Pharisees'. The Talmud that is the authority for Jews is the Babylonian Talmud. The lesser known Palestinian Talmud has parts missing, was lost for a thousand years and lacks the Gemara. It is therefore not used as a prime authority but only as a scholarly comparison. The Babylonian Talmud has the status of law. The Babylonian Talmud began in the time of the Jewish exile into Babylonia and was completed about 500 AD by Jews that had always lived there. Babylonia was an autonomous Jewish centre from 586 BC to 1040 AD.



Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. Matt 23:14

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matt 23:27-28

*They are arrogant and proud*

They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' Matt 23: 6-7

*They are false and legalistic teachers*

Woe to you, blind guides. Matt 23:16

Fools and blind! Matt 23:17 and 19

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Matt 23:23

Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! Matt 23:24

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Matt 23:25

Blind Pharisee. Matt 23:26

*They are liars*

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. Jn 8:44

*They are extortioners*

They are full of extortion. Matt 23:25

*They are self-indulgent*

They are full of ... self-indulgence. Matt 23:25

*They dishonour Christ*

Jesus answered, 'I do not have a demon; but I honour My Father, and you dishonour Me'. Jn 8:49

*They stop people finding God*

But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in *yourselves*, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Matt 23:13

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. Matt 23:15

*They are unclean and lawless*

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matt 23:27-28

*They are a ministry of death*

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all uncleanness.. Matt 23:27

*They are snakes*

Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Matt 23:33

*They are sons of the devil*

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. Jn 8:44

*They are sons of murderers and murderers of Christ and his prophets*

Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' *guilt*. Matt 23:31-32

Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. Matt 23:34-36

*They are condemned by God*

Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' *guilt*. Matt 23:32

Assuredly, I say to you, all these things [guilt for murder] will come upon this generation. Matt 23:36

*They are doomed to hell*

You shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in *yourselves*. Matt 23:13

You will receive greater condemnation. Matt 23:14

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ... you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. Matt 23:15

How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Matt 23:33

Could there be a more devastating denunciation of a group of people ever? And this is by the Lord himself, so it is accurate and final.

Now it is these condemned people that developed modern Judaism and Jewry.

The product of Judaism is the modern Jew and the State of Israel. But it is worse than this. The Pharisees of Jesus' day still had the Torah as their authoritative Scriptures (they just disobeyed it by oral traditions). However, as we have shown, modern Judaism is based on

the Talmud, which is the Pharisaic collection of oral tradition and which is despicable and blasphemous. It even advocates paedophilia and incest. Furthermore, there are sects of modern Judaism which are yet worse still which practise serpent worship, phallus worship, ritual murder and child sacrifice.<sup>45</sup>

In other words, modern Judaism is much worse than the Pharisaism of Jesus' day – and yet millions of Christians support it!

It is an act of the most supreme deception that the devil has managed to trick many supposed Christians into supporting Israel, Jews and Judaism, when the whole concoction is satanic and foul.

#### **Aside: ritual child murder**

It has been claimed that Jews have been guilty of ritual child murder for thousands of years and God condemned them for this in the OT. For example: 2 Kg 16:3; 2 Chron 28:3; Isa 57:3-5; Jer 7:31, 32:35; Ezek 16:20, 20:26, 31. Jesus called the Jews 'murderers' and sons of the devil (Jn 8:44). There can be no doubt that the history of Jews in the OT was one that involved ritual child killing.

Most commonly this was by burning to the idol Molech, but there was also stabbing with knives and drinking the child's blood as it lay dying. Archaeology shows sacrificed young children in strata of Jewish remains from earliest times (RAS Macalister; *Excavations at Gezer*). J Kitto said, *'Their altars smoked with human blood from the time of Abraham to the fall of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel' ('Cyclopaedia of Biblical Literature', 1895). The Jewish Encyclopaedia agrees, 'The fact, therefore, now generally accepted by critical scholars, is that in the last days of the kingdom, human sacrifices were offered'; (Vol VIII, p653).*

The derivation of this phenomenon was the association with Chaldean black magic, which Pharisaic Jews took up in Babylon; child sacrifice is often necessitated by black magic rituals. *'Jews [are] addicted to magical practices ... one knows the position that blood always occupies in the operation of sorcery. In Chaldean magic it had very great importance ... Now it is very probably, even certain, that Jewish magicians must have sacrificed children.'* (Bernard Lazare [a Jew] *'Anti-Semitism', 1934, Vol 2, p215.*)

The Kabbala source, *The Zohar*, authorises ritual murder (as does the Talmud): *'There is a commandment pertaining to the killing of strangers, who are like beasts. This killing has to be done in the lawful method. Those who do not ascribe themselves to the Jewish religious law must be offered up as sacrifices to the High God.'* (*Thikunne Zohar*, Berdiwetsch ed. 88b.)

Throughout history bodies have been found (since Jewish rites forbid burial of the dead body of an 'animal', which is what Gentile children are called) and Jews have been expelled from cities and nations for this crime. Jewish law is that child sacrifices at the Passover must be a white child under seven years old who must be bled white, crowned with thorns, tortured, beaten, stabbed in the hands and feet and finally killed with a dagger in the side, [mimicking the crucifixion] during which curses are said to Jesus. (Sic. E Mullins; *'New History of the Jews', 1968, p54.*) Bodies bearing such marks have been found throughout history, often after a Passover or Purim, where Jews resided.

There have been several famous children killed in ritual Jewish sacrifices; one was Saint Hugh of Lincoln Cathedral in 1255. King Henry III personally directed the enquiry finding

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<sup>45</sup> Such as the Sabbateans, which many of the most powerful people in the world today subscribe to. This teaches that it is good to do as much evil as possible to bring about the Jewish king of the world. There are many eyewitness testimonies to the ritual murder of children performed by people in high power.

a Jew called Copinns guilty, who was executed. Chaucer explained this in *'The Prioress' Tale'*. 400 churches were also built in Europe to commemorate victims of Jewish ritual killings, such as Simon of Trent.

After considerable research for a book, one Catholic priest (Father James E Bulger) has claimed that 6 million children have been killed by Jews since the time of Jesus.<sup>46</sup> His detailed research on this topic was closed down by the Vatican and his planned book never published.

Other writers claim that most of the huge numbers of children that disappear every year in America are victims of Jewish ritual killing. But the nature of the killings and the power of Jews in high positions mean that evidence is lacking and prosecutions rare; thus sceptics deny that this ever happens and aver that the claims are slanders. Mullins gives examples of American cover-ups, particularly in Chicago. What is certain is that wherever Jews went from nation to nation in history, ritual killings of children followed.

Most Jews today live in America and claims of paedophile abuse, killings, and disappearances in the US have gone through the roof in recent years with many cases of government cover-ups and the sudden deaths of campaigners trying to publicise the truth.

What can be asserted unequivocally is that:

- The history of the Jews shows many cases of child sacrifice.
- Archaeological research shows many cases of Jewish child sacrifice.
- The Bible shows God's condemnation for Jewish child sacrifice.
- Jesus called Jews 'murderers'.
- The Zohar (Kabbala) supports ritual murder.
- The Talmud promotes child sacrifice to Molech.
- Jewish circumcision involves a rabbi ('mohel') taking wine and orally sucking the blood from the infant's penis, which is ritually spat out with the wine into a cup. This is common knowledge (see *'The Jewish Encyclopaedia'*, Vol VI, p99). What is less well known is that the liquid is later drunk by the rabbi. It is a small step from this to drinking the blood of a sacrificed victim and the whole thing is foul.

### **End-time Babylon is Jewish**

Revelation depicts the world system that opposes God's people and persecutes the church at the end as Babylon the Great (Rev 16:19, 17:5, 18:2). It is the combination of hedonistic greed and worldliness, mercantile power, spiritual idolatry and demon worship. It becomes the fulness of all man's sin and rebellion to God. It is the culmination of the lawlessness and iniquity of all history. Thus, as it flowers, so the end comes and Jesus returns to wipe it off the face of the earth.

It is not unimportant that as Revelation twice refers to the Jews being a synagogue of Satan, so it is also significant that the people that established Babylonian teachings in the Babylonian Talmud are at the heart of evil government at the end.

'Babylon' is God's nickname for iniquitous mankind at the end, ruling in a totalitarian evil empire. While a number of teachings came out of ancient Babylonia and plague the church today (such as false religions and occultism), the foremost is the one that bears the name of Babylon in its sacred scripture – the Babylonian Talmud of the Jews.

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<sup>46</sup> E Mullins; *'New History of the Jews'*, 1968, p66.

Babylonia was a centre for the Pharisees for 1626 years, from soon after 586 BC to 1040 AD. Jewish rabbinic commentators and the Talmud praise Babylon in excessive terms. They delight in being Babylonian.<sup>47</sup> They not only took on board Babylonian magic, occult, astrology and morals, but they even changed the names of their calendar months to comply with those of Babylon. The Biblical names were abandoned and the Babylonian names adopted during the exile.

Revelation was written towards the end of the first century after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The Jewish Encyclopaedia explains that the Sadducees (priestly class) had disappeared by then and the Pharisees had taken over Judaism. Thus the Jews that are the 'synagogue of Satan' of Jesus warning are the very Jews that determined modern Jewry and Judaism; the Pharisees that Jesus condemned to hell. That which became modern Jewry was called by the ascended Christ, 'a synagogue of Satan'.

Pharisaic Jews are a crucial part of the final expression of the devil in mankind that comes to fulness at the end, and they are a 'synagogue of Satan'.

## Summary of modern Pharisaic teaching from the Talmud

We need to give some attention to the Talmud since that is the basis of modern Judaism and world Jewry. Essentially, the Talmud is the continuation, in written form, of the Pharisaic oral traditions that Jesus utterly condemned.

### What is the Talmud?

It is Jewish civil and ceremonial law comprising of the Mishnah (or Halacha), being laws, and the Gemara, being commentary.

The Mishnah is the oral law tradition that developed after the Babylonian exile, by the Pharisees. They claim that these oral laws are secret laws passed down from Moses verbally to Joshua and thence through the generations. In fact, what these oral laws do is circumvent obeying Moses or actually contradict Mosaic Law. Thus, as already mentioned, the Talmud is of far higher authority to Jews than the Torah ('instruction') of Moses (i.e. the Pentateuch, or Genesis to Deuteronomy).

The Gemara is a rabbinical commentary on the Mishnah, forming the second part of the Talmud. This is very convoluted, long-winded, foolish, superficial, lewd, antisocial and self-contradictory.

### *Two versions*

There are two versions of the Talmud: the Babylonian Talmud (which dates from the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC to the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD) and the earlier Palestinian or Jerusalem Talmud, which is not authoritative where it contradicts the Babylonian Talmud.

### *Contents*

The Talmud, which contains 63 books, is divided into six divisions (sing. 'Seder'; plur. 'Sedarim' or 'orders'). These are: Seder Zeraim ('seeds'); Seder Moed ('festivals'); Seder Nashim ('women'); Seder Nezikin ('damages'); Seder Kodashim ('sacrifices'); Seder Tohoroth ('cleanness'). The total of all the volumes is over 6,000 pages. All the books have Mishnah (laws) but some lack a Gemara. The laws are named after the rabbi that wrote them, e.g. the Mishnah of Rabbi Akiba. The books in the Seder are called 'Tractates'.

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<sup>47</sup> Chief Rabbi JH Hertz; 'The Babylonian exile is a momentous period ... During that exile Israel found itself.'

So a reference would be, for example, The Talmud, Seder Moed, Tractate Erubin ('mingling'), then the chapter, page, paragraph number or folio number. Folios were the original divisions according to the imperial folio leaves (pages) of the printed book. They can split sentences and do not comply with chapter divisions. To show how voluminous the Talmud is, the sub-section of Seder Nashim called Gittin, is 439 pages long in the Soncino edition. It is common practice to just use the tractate title and folio number: e.g. 'Yebamoth 60a'.

The first English translation of the Babylonian Talmud was in 1903 by Rodkinson (M. Levi Frumkin); edited by Rabbi Isaac M Wise. Rodkinson abridged much of the foul contents. Before this it was only available in Hebrew or Yiddish translations and critics were silenced by the claim they had misunderstood the contents. However, the Soncino English edition, published in the 1930s, is relatively unabridged and the truth can be readily seen, though copies are hard to find and are usually in big central libraries. My first contact with this was decades ago through photocopies taken from a Soncino edition housed in the Birmingham central library.

### **God condemns the traditions of men**

Jesus condemned the Pharisees use of the traditions of men that replaced God's commandments:

Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 'Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread'. He answered and said to them, 'Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? ... You have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Matt 15:3-6

He answered and said to them, 'Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: "This people honours Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men". For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men -- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.' He said to them, 'All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.' ... 'making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.' Mk 7:6-9, 13

A word needs to be said about this ritual washing of hands. It was not a matter of cleanliness or hygiene that was in view; it was a pharisaic (and Talmudic) doctrine that demons resided on fingers and needed to be washed off by a special ritual cleansing. This is the sort of stupid Talmudic teaching that Jesus condemned and which is part of Judaism to this day.

The apostles also condemned such traditions:

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. Col 2:8

You were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers. 1 Pt 1:18

The prophets also condemned scribes (doctors of the law, such as Pharisees) that taught false doctrines.

How can you say, 'We *are* wise, and the law of the LORD *is* with us'? Look, the false pen of the scribe certainly works falsehood. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD; so what wisdom do they have? Jer 8:8-9

The very traditions that Jesus condemned are the basis of modern Judaism in the Talmud. The modern Jewish religion is cursed by God.

### **Paganism and idolatry**

#### *Israel's history of idolatry*

Israel's history is steeped in false knowledge resulting in worshipping foreign idols. This is why God gave them up - they were an idolatrous nation, as we have already proved. I give just one extended example of this in the OT prophets, as it is directly relevant to Talmudic religion.

Following Pharisaic tradition results first in arrogance, then in a lack of true knowledge (the truth of God's word) and then in idolatry – worshipping false gods. As it occurred in Israel's history, both the north and south kingdoms, so it continues today in Talmudic religion.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. The more they increased, The more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame. They eat up the sin of My people; They set their heart on their iniquity. And it shall be: like people, like priest. So I will punish them for their ways, and reward them for their deeds. For they shall eat, but not have enough; They shall commit harlotry, but not increase; Because they have ceased obeying the LORD. Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave the heart. My people ask counsel from their wooden *idols*, and their staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused *them* to stray, and they have played the harlot against their God. They offer sacrifices on the mountaintops, And burn incense on the hills, under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because their shade *is* good. Therefore your daughters commit harlotry, and your brides commit adultery. I will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry, Nor your brides when they commit adultery; For *the men* themselves go apart with harlots, And offer sacrifices with a ritual harlot. Therefore people *who* do not understand will be trampled. ... Their drink is rebellion, They commit harlotry continually. Her rulers dearly love dishonour. The wind has wrapped her up in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices. Hos 4:6-19

Though this is applied specifically to Israel, the Northern Kingdom before the Assyrian exile, it equally applies to Judah, the Southern Kingdom, as many other texts prove (such as the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel).

#### *Stephen's condemnation of Israelite idolatry*

A summary of the idolatry and rebellion of the Israelites is given by Stephen in his sermon in Acts 7, which formed his defence against the charges of the Jewish Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin (or 'council') was the government and court of the Jews comprising of priests and scribes (Pharisees). Stephen bluntly condemns the Jewish ruling body of idolatry and specifically mentions:

And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt, saying to Aaron, 'Make us gods to go before us; *as for* this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: 'Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices *during* forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, Images which you made to worship; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.' Acts 7:39-43

Stephen quotes from Amos 5:25-27 and Deut 32:17<sup>48</sup> here. This is worth examining since it illustrates Talmudic worship exactly.

AND IN THEIR HEARTS THEY TURNED BACK TO EGYPT, SAYING TO AARON, 'MAKE US GODS TO GO BEFORE US. AND THEY MADE A CALF IN THOSE DAYS, OFFERED SACRIFICES TO THE IDOL, AND REJOICED IN THE WORKS OF THEIR OWN HANDS.'

The Israelites were idolaters from the very start and never changed their underlying apostasy, except for brief periods of revival and except for the true elect worshippers of God.

THEN GOD TURNED AND GAVE THEM UP TO WORSHIP THE HOST OF HEAVEN, AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE PROPHETS:

That is, turned away from them; he withdrew his presence and his grace from them. This confirms what Jesus said and also the apostles after this. The Jews were the enemies of God.

'The host of heaven' is not angels but the sun, moon, and stars. Since they worshipped the heavens, God gave them up to continue in it. Talmudic worship continues doing this to this very day.

'The book of the prophets'; that is, the twelve Minor Prophets, which were all in one book in the Jewish Bible.

YOU ALSO TOOK UP THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH

Tabernacle here means a small tent, or box, which housed the idol; in other words, a shrine. Idols were of two sorts, ones that were fixed and ones that were carried around on travels.

Molech comes from a Hebrew word meaning 'king'. This was a god of the Ammonites, to whom human sacrifices were offered (also 'Milcom'). Such sacrifices were forbidden in God's law (Lev 18:21, 20:2-5). Solomon built a temple to Molech on the Mount of Olives (1 Kg 11:7); Manasseh made his son pass through the fire for this idol (2 Kg 21:3, 6). The ritual sacrifice of children was a focal part of Molech worship. The statue of the god had open arms and the idol was heated and then children placed into the arms to burn. Many presume that Molech was the equivalent to the Greek Saturn; some say he is the equivalent of the Phoenician Baal ('lord'). Amazingly, the Talmud supports ritual sacrifice of children to Molech.

THE STAR OF YOUR GOD REMPHAN, IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP

The ancient Israelites were star worshippers and this is a constituent of Talmudic worship today. This verse is difficult to translate.

Remphan (or Rephan, or Raiphan)<sup>49</sup> was the Egyptian or Coptic equivalent of *Chiun* and Stephen quotes the LXX translation.<sup>50</sup> The object of worship was the planet Saturn ('chiun' is said to equate with *Chevan*, which, in the Ishmaelite and Persian languages, signifies Saturn; and so does Rephan in the Egyptian language).

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<sup>48</sup> 'They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.'

<sup>49</sup> The Alexandrian copy reads 'Raiphan'; some copies read 'Raphan', e.g. the Arabic version; others 'Rephan'; the Syriac version reads 'Rephon'; and the Ethiopic version 'Rephom'.

<sup>50</sup> The Greek OT.



John Gill: *[Saturn] was the star of the Israelites, called by them שבטאי, because supposed to have the government of the Sabbath day, and therefore fitly called the "star of your god". Upon the whole, Molech, Chiun, Rephan, or Remphan, and Remphis, all are the same with the Serapis of the Egyptians, and the calf of the Israelites.'*

Amos 5:26 in the NKJV is, 'You also carried Sikkuth [a Babylonian city] your king [Melek, i.e. 'king'] and Chiun ['image', prob. Saturn], your idols, the star of your gods'.

The Hebrew quote is, 'And you bore Succoth [or tabernacle] your king [or Molech], and Chiun your images, the star of your god, that you made for yourselves'. [Translators vary as the text is obscure.]

The LXX quote is, 'Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Raephan, the images of them which ye made for yourselves'.

AND I WILL CARRY YOU AWAY BEYOND BABYLON.

This is summarising what is stated at greater length in Amos 5:27. In Hebrew it is 'Damascus' but this used to denote the gateway to the eastern region, where Babylon was situated. The Holy Spirit, in later revelations, extends those which he had given before; thus he frequently develops a former prophecy when it is quoted in later times. If they were carried beyond Babylon, they must be carried beyond Damascus. Stephen, living after the fulfilment of the prophecy and knowing that they were carried into Media, could say how far they went beyond Damascus and Babylon.

God is saying: 'You have carried your idolatrous images about; and I will carry you into captivity, and see if the gods in whom you have trusted can deliver you'.

Thus Stephen utterly condemned the Jews of his day as rebellious idolaters and suffered martyrdom for doing so. This will be typical of the church in the last days.

### *Talmudic idolatry and paganism*

The essence of the Talmud is the syncretism of Jewish culture with the paganism and idol worship of Babylonia where it was written. The Pharisees strived to use convoluted arguments (oral laws) to reverse the teachings of Moses in the Torah and uphold idolatry.

Thus all the worst forms of Babylonian idolatry, magic, demonology and mythology were incorporated into the Talmud. Over the period of stay in Babylonia, the Pharisees also became influenced by streams of thought and practice that came into that area from Assyria, Persia and even India.

Thus, for instance, one can find examples of Hindu doctrines (e.g. transmigration of souls out of and back into the 'En Sof'<sup>51</sup>); Gnosticism (e.g. the multitude of spiritual beings in charge of universal functions) and Zoroastrianism (fire worship).

Pythagoras stayed long in Babylon and his number and letter magic was enshrined in Jewish Gematria (the Kabbalistic method of interpreting the Hebrew scriptures by computing the numerical value of words based on their constituent letters).

Since Babylonia was the seed plot of all forms of magic and occultism, the Talmud also imbibed astrology, mysticism, numerology, casting spells and such like, incorporating them into its own mystical teaching later called the Kabbalah (also Kabbala, Cabbala, Cabala, or Qabalah).

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<sup>51</sup> Infinity or the pantheistic god.

Some of the Talmudic pagan and occult teachings include:

- Procreation is the centre of the universe. Copulation must be performed to honour the creative spiritual powers.
- Pantheism.
- Sun and star worship.
- Moon worship.
- Planet worship.
- Astrology.
- Tree worship.
- Man as a spark of the divine.
- Lucifer worship.
- Serpent worship.
- Worship of Babylonian gods (e.g. Tammuz).
- Magic spells, such as ‘abracadabra’ invocation.
- Fasting.
- Ecstatic religion.

In other words, it is an agglomeration of all the various forms of paganism and occultism from ancient times combined in a religion.

In modern times new writers have re-interpreted Talmudic teaching in more acceptable forms such as Spinoza’s ‘Immanence’<sup>52</sup> or the ‘Dialectical materialism’ of Karl Marx.

### **Some examples of foul Talmudic doctrines**

I have explained Talmudic teaching before so I will only mention a few details here.<sup>53</sup>

Since the Talmud is long-winded, voluminous, meandering, confusing and complex, giving long quotations from it would be equally confusing and boring. As I have supplied scores of references to Talmudic texts in previous papers I will not overburden the reader by repeating them ad infinitum here. All these statements below are accurate; they are not out-of-context or misinterpreted.

- Only the Pharisee is a real human; all other men are animals (usually called ‘cattle’) to be used as slaves with no human rights.
- Murder of non-Pharisees (Gentiles) is acceptable.
- Theft from Gentiles is permitted.
- Sodomy, incest, rape and adultery are permitted in certain circumstances.
- Paedophile rape of girls as young as three-years old is permitted.
- The Torah is only fit for children.
- Gentiles that study the Torah (five books of Moses) should be executed.
- Jews should cheat Gentiles and overcome them in trade by sharp practice and in court by perjury.
- Sadistic cruelty is delighted in.<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> Spinoza, Baruch (or Benedict) de (1632–77), Dutch philosopher, of Portuguese-Jewish descent. Spinoza espoused a pantheistic system, seeing ‘God or nature’ as a single infinite substance, with mind and matter being two incommensurable ways of conceiving the one reality. Oxford Ency.

<sup>53</sup> For more information see the appendix in ‘The Depths of Deception’.

<sup>54</sup> Whenever Jews have taken over a country sadistic tortures and massacres have been the order of the day. The biggest example is the Jew-based Bolshevik Revolution. The list of tortures and horrific deaths is worse

- It is a duty to get drunk on certain feast days.
- Lying to Gentiles and perjury in their court is acceptable.
- Prayer for the death of Gentiles.
- Christians are to be cursed several times every day.
- It supports Babylonian paganism, magic, occultism, astrology, and summoning up demons. It even celebrates the Babylonian God Tammuz.
- It supports ritual murder of children to Molech.
- The Talmud contains the foulest blasphemies against Christ imaginable.

Since some may question the accuracy of this I will add sources for just two foul subjects endorsed by the Talmud.

### *Acceptance of paedophilia*

The Talmud openly supports paedophilia. It was rampant amongst Pharisaic Jews (who wrote the Talmud) and is endorsed by them. Babies were considered suitable for sodomy by men since they were not sexually mature and thus not considered a person.

R. Joseph said: 'Come and hear! A maiden aged three years and a day may be acquired in marriage by coition, and if her deceased husband's brother cohabits with her, she becomes his'.<sup>55</sup>

Rab said: 'Pederasty with a child below nine years of age is not deemed as pederasty with a child above that'. Samuel said: 'Pederasty with a child below three years is not treated as with a child above that'.<sup>56</sup>

Raba said, 'It means this: When a grown-up man has intercourse with a little girl, it is nothing, for when the girl is less than this [that is, less than three-years-old] it is as if one puts the finger into the eye [tears come to the eye again and again, so does the virginity come back to the little girl under three years]'.<sup>57</sup>

It was taught: R. Simeon b. Yohai stated: 'A proselyte who is under the age of three years and one day is permitted to marry a priest'.<sup>58</sup>

Rabbi sent R. Romanos who conducted an enquiry and found in it the daughter of a proselyte [footnote 38: 'and was married to a priest'] who was under the age of three years and one day, and Rabbi declared her eligible to live with a priest [footnote 39: 'i.e. permitted her to continue to live with her husband'].<sup>59</sup>

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than anything perpetrated in medieval times. The numbers of Christians killed have been estimated a high as 66 million by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn ('The Gulag Archipelago'), between 1917 and 1957. See 'Depths' for details of proof that Communism was Jewish.

<sup>55</sup> Sanhedrin, Folio 55b.

<sup>56</sup> Sanhedrin, Folio 54b. Footnote 24 says, 'Rab makes nine years the minimum; but if one committed sodomy with a child of lesser age, no guilt is incurred. Samuel makes three the minimum.' Footnote 25 says, 'At nine years a male attains sexual matureness.' Footnote 26 says, 'the sexual matureness of women, which is reached at the age of three.'

<sup>57</sup> Kethuboth, Folio 11b. Bracketed notes are the original footnotes added to the text.

<sup>58</sup> Yebamoth, Folio 60b.

<sup>59</sup> Yebamoth, Folio 60b.

### *Acceptance of bestiality*

What is meant by the Scriptural text, *This is now bones of my bones, and flesh of my flesh*. This teaches that Adam had intercourse with every beast and animal but found no satisfaction until he cohabited with Eve.<sup>60</sup>

'Which proves that unnatural intercourse does not cause a woman to be forbidden to marry a High Priest.'<sup>61</sup>

R. Shimi b. Hiyya stated: 'A woman who had intercourse with a beast is eligible to marry a priest'.<sup>62</sup>

When R. Dimi came he related: 'It once happened at Haitalu that while a young woman was sweeping the floor a village dog covered her from the rear [Footnote 25: 'A case of unnatural intercourse'.], and Rabbi permitted her to marry a priest'. Samuel said: 'Even a High Priest'.<sup>63</sup>

This is sufficient. I have given scores of references in other papers and need not waste space on this here.

Note: the original texts of the Talmud can be found on line at [com-and-hear.com/talmud](http://com-and-hear.com/talmud) where you can check my accuracy.

### **Prohibitions of the Talmud**

It is because of its foul and anti-social teachings that century after century witnessed the public burnings of the Talmud and its excoriation by emperors and popes. When Jews put its teachings into practice and destabilised society, they were banished from country after country (see later).

The Talmud was publicly burned when its contents were realised many times, for example:

- 1244 in Paris by order of King Louis IX.
- 1244 in Rome by order of Pope Innocent IV.
- 1248 in Paris by order of Cardinal legate Odo.
- 1299 and 1309 in Paris by order of Philip the Fair.
- 1319 in Toulouse by order of Louis.
- 1322 in Rome by order of Pope John XXII.
- 1553 in Rome by order of Pope Julius III.
- 1554 in several Italian cities by order of the Pope.
- 1557 in Poland.
- 1558 in Rome by order of Cardinal Chislieri.
- 1559 by order of Sextus Sinensis.

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<sup>60</sup> Yebamoth, Folio 63a.

<sup>61</sup> Yebamoth, Folio 59a, Footnote 45.

<sup>62</sup> Yebamoth, Folio 59b. Footnote 17: 'Even a High Priest. The result of such intercourse being regarded as a mere wound, and the opinion that does not regard an accidentally injured hymen as a disqualification does not regard such as intercourse either.'

<sup>63</sup> Yebamoth, Folio 59b.

Curiously, Alexander VI (Borgia), one of the most wicked and sinful of all the popes, was favourable to the Jews. Pope Leo X (Medici), another wicked pope that helped prompt the Reformation by his rampant paganism,<sup>64</sup> was also favourable to Jews.

In the 8<sup>th</sup> century a Jewish sect called the Karaites arose in Babylonia; these denied the Talmud, upholding the Old Testament as the only authority. Needless to say they were persecuted by the Pharisees; the leader, Anan, was banished but he founded a Karaite sect in Jerusalem. Pharisaic denunciation of Karaites is similar to those against Sadducees, Samaritans and Christians.

Martin Luther began by being sympathetic to Jews, but over time he learned about the Talmud and experienced the antisocial, blasphemous behaviour of Jews and their sedition in Germany. As a result he turned against them and suggested to rulers that they be banished for the good of society.<sup>65</sup> For this he is pilloried today as an anti-Semite (usually by Jews) – but critics do not look at the facts.

It is noteworthy that in our modern society, where Jews are now in positions of power in finance, banking, politics, the media and education, we have a proliferation of Talmudic blasphemies in society, such as paedophilia, antichristian propaganda, needless deaths in illegal wars,<sup>66</sup> rampant greed and treating people like animals for profit.

I will end with a quote from Israeli Prime Minister (1977-1983) and former terrorist murderer, Menachem Begin:

Our race is the master race. We are the divine gods on this planet. We are as different from the inferior races as they are from insects. In fact, compared to our race, other races are beasts and animals, cattle at best.

Other races are considered as human excrement. Our destiny is to rule over the inferior races. Our earthly kingdom will be ruled by our leader with a rod of iron. The masses will lick our feet and serve us as our slaves.<sup>67</sup>

You Israelis, you should never become lenient if you kill your enemies. You shall have no pity on them until we have destroyed their so-called ... culture, on the ruins of which we shall build our own civilisation.<sup>68</sup>

This perfectly sums up the ideology of the Talmud.

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<sup>64</sup> He introduced the evil sale of indulgences, which led Luther to initiate the Reformation when Tetzal came selling them in Saxony.

<sup>65</sup> 'The Jews and their lies'.

<sup>66</sup> Such as the killing of over a million innocent Iraqi civilians in the Iraq war by NATO or the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese in the Vietnam War. In both wars Jewish commercial interests made billions of dollars of profit.

<sup>67</sup> Quoted in antimatrix.org.

<sup>68</sup> Speech at the Tel Aviv Conference, 28 October 1956.

## Did God give Jews up?

Paul raises this question in Romans in the middle of his argument about election as the conclusion of his teaching on the Gospel of grace as we have seen.

The answer in the negative; God has not given up his people. However, the way this is worked out today is at it was in the Old Testament. In the OT God condemned the whole nation for its sins but constantly saved a small remnant. In age after age, only a small remnant had faith and was rescued from the fires of wrath.

In a similar manner, Paul explains that there is still a remnant of grace. There are Jews that are being individually saved in age after age and these are brought into the church and converted in exactly the same way as Gentiles. This is why the church has no distinctions of Jew and Gentiles, all are saved and become new creatures in Christ.

God has not given up on Jews so that none are ever saved. For the sake of his love for the patriarchs, God still saves Jews today. But the nation itself is under condemnation.

Now who these Jews being saved are is a difficult question since most people calling themselves Jews are not Biblical Jews at all. It can only mean that where there may be Jews having Abrahamic / Jacobite blood, God is saving them on an individual basis. However, it is also possible that Paul was addressing those Jews that got converted in the transitional period between the cross and the Fall of Jerusalem (30-70 AD). The Jews were ground into powder after that.

Ashkenazi Jews, being Mongols, would be saved only on an individual basis like any other race. The same applies to Sephardic Jews, being Edomites. These races have no spiritual privileges whatsoever and no divine promises to claim outside of the ordinary Gospel.

There is no Biblical basis for positing that God favours the current nation of Israel because it calls itself Israel. There is no Biblical basis for teaching that a person is blessed for praying for Israel.

## What about the promises of blessing if you pray for Israel?

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you'. Ps 122:6

The first and most obvious statement is that the Israel and Jerusalem that the promise was directed at no longer exist. This was an Old Covenant promise that concerned the Kingdom of God in its expression under godly rulers like David and Solomon (until his apostasy).

Such a promise could not be directed, for example, to Jerusalem under the Greeks, the Romans, the Muslim Saracens or the Ottoman Turks, who held it for centuries. God never promised to bless people because they prayed for Muslim held territory. Modern Israel and part of Jerusalem has only been in the hands of a false people that call themselves Jews for less than 70 years.

Secondly, since the Jews that run Jerusalem today are not Abrahamic Jews but Khazar descendants,<sup>69</sup> then there can be no basis to the promise. God is not interested in stones and land and does not bless an unconverted, unrighteous, warlike tribe descended from serpent worshippers.

Until the advent of Dispensationalism, with its focus upon God's blessing of the fleshly people called Jews, no one took this literally – because it was not intended to be taken literally after the Old Covenant was cancelled.

### **What does it really mean?**

Zion, Israel and Jerusalem are to be taken spiritually today and centre upon God's purpose for the church. All sound historical commentators have affirmed this for centuries and it was considered obvious until recently.

But you don't have to take my word for this, listen to Paul

For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar -- for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children -- but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, *You* who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labour! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." Now we, brethren, as Isaac *was*, are children of promise. Gal 4:22-28

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect. Heb 12:22-23

There are two Jerusalems today: the fleshly, material city in Israel, and the church considered as a spiritual, complete entity – 'heavenly Jerusalem'.

What could be clearer, Paul says that: Mount Zion, the city of the living God, and the heavenly Jerusalem are the place of the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven.

If you teach that God is interested primarily in a material Jerusalem run by thugs who bomb hospitals and murder children, you have to rip Hebrews 12:22-23 out of the Bible.

This is part and parcel with the apostolic teaching that it is those who believe in Christ that are the Seed of Abraham today. Christ is the true Seed of Abraham and only those spiritually included in him (the church which is his body) are sons of Abraham. The covenant of God has nothing to do with physical blood or a fleshly people (not that 99.9% of Jews today have any of that); it is a spiritual matter.

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds', as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed', who is Christ. Gal 3:16

If you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:29

The father of circumcision to those who not only *are* of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham *had while still* uncircumcised. Rm 4:12

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<sup>69</sup> Ashkenazi Jews rule Israel today and enforce a strict apartheid that even discriminates against Sephardim, let alone Muslims and Christians.

**Those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. Rm 9:8**

No one who reads the NT properly, and especially Galatians and Hebrews, can ever give any countenance to Messianic Christian and Jewish Root teachings. Thus it can be clearly seen that these sorts of doctrines are very serious heresies.

**I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Gen 12:3**

This is a promise directly given to Abraham. It has no application to Israel, which did not then exist. At this point Abram was an uncircumcised Mesopotamian.

If you make the claim that the promise is also to his seed, then you have to accept God's word through Paul which explains that Abraham's Seed is Christ, and thus also the church.

**How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel! Like valleys that stretch out, Like gardens by the riverside, Like aloes planted by the LORD, Like cedars beside the waters. He shall pour water from his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters. His king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. God brings him out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox; He shall consume the nations, his enemies; He shall break their bones and pierce *them* with his arrows. 'He bows down, he lies down as a lion; and as a lion, who shall rouse him?' Blessed *is* he who blesses you, and cursed *is* he who curses you. Num 24:5-9**

This is a promise regarding Israel, spoken by Balaam.

It is a panoramic vision of Israel's history, which goes on to talk about the coming of the Messiah, the destruction of nations and even the Assyrian invasion.

The problem for modern Jews is that they have no claim on this prophecy. Since the majority are Khazars, then they are excluded from it. But even the Sephardim are excluded because the prophecy condemns Edom, and the Sephardim are Edomites.

Claiming that people are divinely favoured because they bless so-called Jews who are really Khazars is ridiculous.

## **The Jew first**

Many Israel apologists talk much about the Biblical statement, 'to the Jew first'.

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Rm 1:16**

It is hard to see why they even mention this at all; it is of no spiritual significance. Paul is merely talking about the historical sequence of the proclamation of the Gospel. It began with Jews and then continued with Greeks (that is Greek speakers).

Because Jews were the first Gospel preachers, the Gospel went initially to fellow Jews and later to Greeks and others. Thus we see the transmission of the Gospel in Acts to Jews



initially, then to Samaritans, Romans, Galatians, Greeks, Cretans, Phrygians,<sup>70</sup> Macedonians and so on.

Thus Paul shows that as the Gospel follows this order, so does both honour and condemnation. They are first to the Jews who heard the Gospel; first, and then to Greeks.

**but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness -- indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honour, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Rm 2:8-10**

Using the same out-of-context tactic of Messianic Christian teachers, we could also quote Paul to make a case that condemnation to hell is for Jews first: ‘indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first’.

## What about the fact that Christ was a Jew?

The fact that Christ was born to Israelite parents has nothing to do with any modern Messianic Christian trying to Judaise other Christians. I have explained that Christ came and ended all that was Judaism and Jewish, ‘Christ is the end of the law’ (Rm 10:4).

The purpose of God is for the whole world:<sup>71</sup>

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Jn 3:16**

Here we are told that God sent his son to earth to effect the salvation of the elect (‘whoever believes in him’) from the entire world. God did not send Jesus into the world to save Israel alone; Jews are not even mentioned here.

However, the idea that Jews, even of that time, were all pure bred from Judah, Jacob and Abraham is just not true. We show elsewhere that Jews of that period were a mongrel race like any other. Apart from that, most modern Jews are not descended from Abraham and Jacob in any case. Indeed, 90% of modern Jews are not even Semitic.

Since Judah married a Canaanite,<sup>72</sup> then all his descendants were not true Jews. Jewish law today traces Jewishness from the mother and the mother of all Judaeans was a Canaanite. Sephardic Jews stem from Abraham but via Esau and his wife was a Hittite, so by Jewish law all Sephardim are not Jews either but are Edomites/Hittites.

In any case, God has no qualms about racial purity whatsoever because his purpose is with all races and not just Jews.

Thus the line of Jesus himself is strewn with foreign women. For example, Rahab the Jericho harlot is in Jesus’ line (Matt 1:5). Ruth the Moabitess is in Jesus’ line (Matt 1:5). Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, had been the wife of a Hittite. Rehoboam’s mother (Naamah) was an Ammonite princess (1 Kg 14:21; 2 Chron 12:13).

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<sup>70</sup> E.g. the cities of Antioch in Pisidia (Ac 13:14) Colosse, Hierapolis, Iconium, and Laodicea.

<sup>71</sup> I am not going to discuss the matter of universalism versus particularism here. Obviously these verses have nothing to do with universalism or there would be no hell and all would be saved. ‘World’ has a limited meaning here (as it does in many places) and means people from all nations not everybody who ever lived.

<sup>72</sup> Gen 38:2, ‘And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua, and he married her and went in to her.’

What was important in Christ's genealogy was that he was the descendant of David, Solomon, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in order to legally inherit the promises under the Old Covenant and also to fulfil the prophecies.

It pleased God to emphasise the universality of salvation to all nations in placing certain foreign women into Christ's genealogy, which according to the Bible was of the male line.

None of this has any relevance to the thesis under view. Even if Jesus had been pure blood to Judah according to modern Jewish law, it would make no difference. Christ took all that to the cross and destroyed it. What is important now is a new creation; a new humanity in Christ that is not earthly at all.

**Aside: what about the claim that Jesus was a blue-eyed Gentile from Galilee?**

There are various anti-Jew commentators who claim that Jesus was not a Jew. This is patently absurd. In order to posit this you have to deny multiple Biblical texts.

I have explained that Jesus had to be a descendant of the patriarchs and David via Solomon in order to fulfil Biblical prophecies and be the Israelite Prophet foretold by Moses. Both Joseph and Mary trace their family tree back to the patriarchs.

However, as the seed of the Holy Spirit within Mary's womb, Jesus was Jewish according to his mother but the perfect human being according to the Holy Spirit. As the Son of God and a sinless man Jesus had no imperfections and was the ultimate human being above all races.

This certainly means that he was neither a Gentile, nor blue-eyed.

Through his mother he was descended from the Israelite patriarchs. By virtue of being perfect he could not have been blue-eyed. The condition of blue eyes results from a degeneration of a certain gene. While it is considered socially as more beautiful, it is actually the result of a loss of information in the genome. Since Jesus was a perfect man, he could not have had this mutation. Jesus was brown-eyed.

Furthermore, making claims to certain ancient descriptions or even portraits of Jesus is foolhardy. The Bible goes out of its way to avoid making any sort of physical description of Jesus and prohibits images of God. No one alive today has any clue as to what Jesus looked like; and God intended it to be that way.

Commentators do their case no good by making such foolish claims.

## False Jews

In the introduction I explained that the situation today is that virtually all those who claim to be Jews are not. The vast majority of Jews (Ashkenazi) have no Abrahamic blood whatsoever, while the minority Sephardim do not have any Jacobite blood at all. Even at the materialistic level, modern Jewry has no claims to the Covenant of Abraham. Thus they have not even any fleshly claim to being God's people or to occupy the land of Israel. These are established historical and genetic facts. This shows the level of deceit used by Jews to get power through wars, revolutions and controlling central banks.<sup>73</sup>

Now does the Bible give any comment on this matter of false Jewishness?

Yes it does. In fact, Jesus gives us warning about false Jews in his message given through John regarding the end times. That this book is relevant to the end times (today) is seen here:

**The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants -- things which must shortly take place. Rev 1:1**

**Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. Rev 1:19**

**I will show you things which must take place after this. Rev 4:1**

**Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. ... And behold, I am coming quickly. Rev 22:10-12**

These texts show that the message is about the end times. Since with God a thousand years is as a day (2 Pt 3:8), 'shortly' does not mean the early church. As the coming of Christ in glory and power is to be 'quickly' in God's eyes, so the events described in Revelation are in the same time framework: the culmination of the Gospel age.

Thus some matters mentioned in Revelation are featured throughout the Gospel age, and come to fruition at the end, while other issues occur at the end (such as the global empire of Satan through the Lawless One, the Beast).

The warnings about false Jews are an issue that pervades all history of the Gospel age but particularly come to fruition at the end as a satanic work in connection with the Beast.

### **Blasphemous false Jews – a satanic group**

**And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*' Rev 2:8-9**

This is the first of two mentions by the ascended Christ that in the end there will be a blasphemy: there will be people who call themselves Jews but they are not. In fact, not only are these people not Jews at all but they are an assembly of Satan. There will be a deeply demonic and satanic operation going on through a group of false Jews, significant enough to warrant a warning from the Lord.

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<sup>73</sup> See 'Depths of Deception'.

The Lord felt it necessary to warn a good and effective church, with a powerful but suffering testimony, that there was a group of people calling themselves Jews when in fact they were a satanic operation.

The Lord here emphasises the blasphemy of this evil, false, Jewish hegemony. The claims of false Jews to being the people of God, blessed by God, inheritors of the promise and so on, are blasphemous. Christians that get involved with such false works commit blasphemy with them.

So, Jesus affirms that there are, at the end, false Jews who are really the servants of Satan. This is a plain fact; this is what Jesus says.

### **Lying false Jews – a satanic group**

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. **Indeed I will make *those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie*** -- indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.' Rev 3:7-9

Here we have the second mention of false Jews.

Note that the only two churches that are not reprimanded by the Lord for failures are the ones that are warned about a synagogue of Satan. Why? Because these churches will attract the most opposition and satanic attack. Since the devil works chiefly by deception, the Lord warns these good churches that there is a danger of being deceived by a satanic work posing as being Jewish.

The Lord here emphasises the lying of this group of false Jews. I remind you that the Talmud tells Jews to lie to Gentiles and modern Judaism even has a vow (the Kol Nidre vow) which enables modern Jews to lie and swindle (even in court) without losing righteousness, as long as the vow is made every year. In fact, the motto of Mossad, the Jewish secret service, is to win by deception and Israel has repeatedly used false flag operations.<sup>74</sup> Lying is at the heart of modern false Judaism. This is one reason why Jews were historically expelled from nations.

The Lords also affirms that he will judge these false Jews and make them subservient to the church and know that he loves the church. It is another lie that false Jews put over that God loves them and that Christians will be blessed for supporting them since God loves them. This is all false. God loves the elect in Christ alone (Jew or Gentile).

Jesus blesses the Philadelphia church for keeping his word and not denying his name before he attacks the false Jews. They stood against the claims of the false Jews and were faithful to Christ. Now this is what modern supporters of Israel fail to do; they deny Christ in preference for a love for Israel, and they disobey his word in supporting something satanic.

### **Characteristics of a satanic work**

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: I know your works, and where you dwell, **where Satan's throne is**. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr,

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<sup>74</sup> Committing an atrocity in the guise of someone else, and then blaming that nation. See 'Depths of Deception' for information on all these points.

who was killed among you, **where Satan dwells**. But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold **the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balak to put a **stumbling block** before the children of Israel, **to eat things sacrificed to idols**, and **to commit sexual immorality**. Thus you also have those who hold **the doctrine of the Nicolaitans**, which thing I hate. Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and **will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.**' Rev 2:12-

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In the warning to this church the Lord explains some details of a satanic work, what its purposes and strategies are. He tells us this in the context of the synagogue of Satan and these things feature in the work of modern Jews.

### **The doctrine of Balaam**

A book could be written on this subject, which would be a commentary on the passages in Numbers where Balaam occurs (Num 22-31). Interestingly, the name 'Balaam' means 'not of the people'. Like the modern Jews, Balaam claimed to be a man of God but was a man of the devil; he was not of the people of God. He was also a Midianite; one of the traditional enemies of Israel.

To be as concise as possible we learn from Balaam these things:

- Greed: 'They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness', (2 Pt 2:15). 'Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit', (Jude 1:11).
- A false prophet who curses: '[Balak] hired Balaam against them to curse them [Israel]', (Neh 13:2).
- An occultist: 'Balaam the son of Beor, the soothsayer', (Jos 13:22).
- The 'doctrine of Balaam' (Rev 2:14) alludes to the fact that it was through Balaam's counsel that Balak learned the way by which the Israelites might be led into sin – using fornication with women to lead to idolatry. 'The people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel' (Num 25:1-3).

In summary, where Satan's throne is we see an encouragement of greed and seeking money. We also see an incitement to curse or to attack others in a seemingly religious fashion. There is pretence of being a prophet (soothsayer), but it is just occultic paganism. Finally there is an incitement to lawlessness and particularly the use of fornication and idolatry. All these things are present in works of darkness and deception today in the churches and also in modern Judaism.

### **A stumbling block before the children of Israel**

Balak's desire was to use Balaam to make Israel stumble. Israel's martial success was unnerving to the Near Eastern tribes and military means had failed against her. Balak hoped that occult forces would do the trick. God's defence of Israel ensured that Balaam could not curse Israel but only bless her.

Satanic attacks today seeks to make Christians and the church stumble by putting obstacles in their path.

It is a matter of history that modern Jews have sought various means to destroy the church in various nations through wicked means. Just one example is the Bolshevik Revolution, originated, financed, organised, established and run by Jews. The net result was the massacre of millions of Christian men, women and children and the destruction of

thousands of Orthodox Churches.<sup>75</sup> The worst murderers in history were Russian Jews who killed millions.<sup>76</sup>

It is also a matter of fact that the Talmud encourages Jews to kill Gentiles and particularly Christians. It teaches them to deceive and swindle Christians and use deception to bring them down. It even tells them to fornicate with Gentile wives and allows paedophilia. All of this helps to bring about the evil Talmudic age of their false corporate messiah.<sup>77</sup>

The media,<sup>78</sup> which causes so much confusion, corruption and destruction of people today is almost completely controlled and owned by Jews. The greatest causes of stumbling blocks and temptations is run by Jews. The biggest lies that corrupt and control the thinking of most people arises from media propaganda.

Politicians cause many of the worst problems on earth, such as unnecessary wars. The western governments, particularly America, are completely controlled by Jews and have been since WWI. Thus it was the lobbying of Jewish interests that caused both world wars; both of which were completely unnecessary.<sup>79</sup>

Bankers and the central banks in particular, are the source of many great woes, not least the bringing about of worthless fiat money, recessions, crashes, depressions, inflation and deflation by manipulation. The central banks are virtually all controlled by Jews. The dominant bank, the Federal Reserve, was a Jewish creation. Jewish bankers are guilty of causing hundreds of trillions of debt in the world through corrupt dealing and promoting bubbles that will soon burst and cause global havoc. There has never been as much debt in the world as there is today.

Many of the stumbling blocks in the world today are the creation of Jews.

### **To eat things sacrificed to idols**

This is a euphemism for idolatry, not just an accidental eating of something at a dinner party. The reference is the sin of Israel at Baal Peor, which was outright idolatry connected to fleshly harlotry.

Modern satanic attack involves deception that leads to outright idolatry. Many that have adopted Jewish teachings in recent decades have fallen into idolatry.

### **To commit sexual immorality**

This is obvious and needs no comment. Satanic temptation frequently uses this device.

### **The doctrine of the Nicolaitans**

As two churches are warned about false Jews, so two churches are warned about the Nicolaitans (Ephesus, Rev 2:6; and Pergamum, Rev 2:15). Ephesus is commended for hating their deeds; Pergamum is rebuked for holding their teaching.

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<sup>75</sup> For details see 'Depths of Deception'.

<sup>76</sup> For example, the GPU's (Secret Police) deputy commander and founder of the NKVD (later KGB) was a Jew called Genrikh Yagoda. He was the greatest Jewish murderer of the 20th century. He implemented Stalin's order for collectivisation and was responsible for the deaths of 10 million people. Then his Jewish deputies established the Gulag system of concentration camps, which killed millions more.

<sup>77</sup> For details and sources see appendices of 'Depths of Deception'.

<sup>78</sup> Hollywood movies, television programmes, news broadcasters, newspapers, magazines, websites etc.

<sup>79</sup> See 'Depths of Deception' for proof.

Though the history of the Nicolaitan sect is sketchy and worthy of more research,<sup>80</sup> we can summarise it here as teaching licentiousness of behaviour under the banner of freedom; in a word, antinomianism. They were possibly identical with those who held the doctrine of Balaam; indeed the Greek grammar suggests this.

It is also interesting that the name 'Nicolaitans' means 'destruction of the people'. This is the satanic end in view by corrupting the church.

So, the chief point here is that satanic doctrine leads to antinomianism and licentious behaviour.

### The list

Occultism.
Greed.
A stumbling block; something to trip you up.
Idolatry.
Sexual immorality.
Antinomianism and licentious behaviour.

All these things are being used to deceive and trap Christians today; whole churches have fallen into such sins.

### God will fight against them with the sword of his mouth

Note the comparison with the Second Coming of the Lord in glory:

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 2 Thess 2:8

The sword of his mouth is the word of God, the most supreme power in the universe; the power which brought the heavens and earth into being. When he returns, Jesus simply speaks and the devil and his legions are destroyed,<sup>81</sup> ready to await eternal condemnation.

Those who serve Satan, whether Balaamites, Nicolaitans or the false Jewish synagogue of Satan, will be destroyed by the mere breath of God.

### Isaiah's prophecy of false Jews

The situation of false Jews that are really a synagogue of Satan was foretold by Isaiah.

He first prophesied the preservation of the true elect in 65:9 and then curses those who were Jews:

But you *are* those who forsake the LORD, Who forget My holy mountain, Who prepare a table for Gad [fortune], and who furnish a drink offering for Meni<sup>82</sup>. Therefore I will number you for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; Because, when I called, you did not answer; When I spoke, you did not hear, But did evil before My eyes, And chose *that* in which I do not delight. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, My servants shall eat, But you shall be hungry; Behold, My servants shall drink, But you shall be thirsty; Behold, My servants shall rejoice, But you shall be ashamed; Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, But you shall cry for sorrow

<sup>80</sup> There have been various suggestions as to their origin, some more likely than others. They appear to be a sect that held the doctrines of a certain Nicolas; though suggestions that this was one of the seven deacons in Acts 6 offer no proof. The Church Fathers mention them a few times, usually as a type of Gnostic.

<sup>81</sup> In the Bible 'destroyed' rarely means obliterated or annihilated, rather a change of form..

<sup>82</sup> A god of fate that Jews worshipped in Babylonia.

of heart, And wail for grief of spirit. You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen; For the Lord GOD will slay you, and call His servants by another name.' Isa 65:11-15

This entirely complies with the teaching of Jesus and the apostles mentioned earlier. Jews are condemned for their idolatrous iniquity, cursed, the kingdom removed from them, and then destroyed. This is what happened in history. The servants of God are now called by another name – Christians.

The name of the people of God is no longer 'Jews' or Israelites' but 'Christians'. This term includes Gentiles in salvation.

You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen; for the Lord GOD will slay you, and call His servants by another name. Isa 65:15

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp *that* burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. Isa 62:1-2

The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Acts 11:26

## Race

Many have written on this subject claiming one thing or another. Modern Jews play this card all the time whenever Jews are criticised; they call critics 'racists' and use the term 'anti-Semites', as if that closes down all argument.

But using the race card is not an option for Jews since Jews are not a race.

### What is a race?

A race is a major division of mankind having distinct genetic characteristics; a distinct population within the human species; a group of people sharing the same culture, history, language; an ethnic group.

### *Semites*

Jews originated from Abraham who was a Mesopotamian or Chaldean. His descent was from Shem.

This *is* the genealogy of Shem: Shem *was* one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. After he begot Arphaxad, ... and begot Eber. ... After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. ... After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters. Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. This *is* the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife *was* Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. Gen 11:10-32

Thus this group can be called Semites and those after Eber can be called Hebrews and only those after Judah could be called 'Jews'.

Abraham was the father of groups of people ('many nations'). Through his son Ishmael he was the father of the Arabs who founded 12 nations. Through his son Isaac he was the



father of the Jews and the Edomites. Through his 16 children by Keturah he fathered many Near Eastern peoples such as Midianites.

Thus Jews are not really different from Edomites (descended from Esau) and not really different from Arabs, apart from religious customs, at the Abrahamic level. Jews of Biblical times are Semites, just as many other tribes, but only religious customs separate them from other Semites. Chiefly in the OT the principal sign of separation was circumcision; though today many Arab Muslims are also circumcised.

Affirming separation from Arabs requires Jews to emphasise descent from Isaac and downplaying descent from Abraham. Affirming separation from Edomites requires emphasising descent from Jacob and downplaying descent from Isaac. Thus Jews would emphasise descent from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. However, genetic differences from anyone descended from Abraham, or previous generations, would now be small. The big difference would be religious.

So Biblical Jews cannot be called a race or a separate ethnic group; they are Semitic.

### *A mongrel people*

Furthermore the Jews as a people were never pure from the start. Judah married a Canaanite (Gen 38:1-2; a Hamite not a Semite). Therefore, the offspring of Judah (Jews) were 50% Semitic and 50% Canaanite, until further mixed. In addition Simeon (Gen 46:10) and Joseph also married Hamites.

In fact, Abraham wasn't a Jew; Isaac wasn't a Jew; and Moses wasn't a Jew.

Repeatedly we are told that Israelites disobeyed God and married Canaanites, and through these unions were led into Canaanite idolatry:

Thus the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods. So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs. Jud 3:5-7

Mixed marriages continued through Israel's history right up to the exile into Babylon and afterwards. Ezra was forced to deal with the multiple cases of mixed marriage on the return of the minority of exiles (Ezra 10:3, 19). Kings constantly set a bad example in this (e.g. Solomon, 1 Kg 3:1; Ahab, 1 Kg 16:30-31 etc.).

There has never been any racial purity in Jews at all. Even Jews at the time of Christ could not claim any racial purity, or even being Semitic.

However, all of this refers solely to descendants of Jacob and Abraham.

### *Modern Jews*

The problem for modern Jews is that the vast majority is not descended from Jacob or even Abraham but are of Khazar origin and this has been proved genetically. They are of Mongol/Turkic stock.

Sephardim are also not descended from Jacob but are of Edomite stock descending from Esau and his Hittite wife.

There are also Chinese Jews, African Jews, Indian Jews and Negroid (Falasha) Jews and various other subsets.

So modern Jews are not a race at all, by any standard. They are a mongrel people (as many nations are today). In fact the B'nai B'rith (Jewish Masonry) accepts that Jews are 'a *general admixture*' of races.<sup>83</sup>

In the same way that we cannot say that the English are a race (they arise from a mixture of Britons, Celts, Saxons, Teutons, Vikings, French and others), so Jews are not a race either.

So Jews cannot use the race card to attack their critics. In any case, Jews using the term 'anti-Semite' are foolish since most are not Semites at all but Arabs are.

#### **Aside: main dispersions of Jews**

- 19 AD: Banishment from Rome by Emperor Tiberius.
- 49 AD: Banishment from Rome by Emperor Claudius.
- 1012: Expelled from Germany; many went to Poland.
- 1290: Expelled from England. Many went to France.
- 1306: Expelled from France.
- 1492: Expelled from Spain; many went to Africa.
- 1569: Expelled from Papal States.
- 1593: Expelled from Bavaria and Italy.
- 1648: Expelled from Poland; many went to Germany.
- Late 19<sup>th</sup> century: Russia and Eastern Europe expelled Jews; many went to America.
- 1941: Expulsion of Jews from Germany to Poland.
- After WWII many Jews left Europe and America for Israel.
- Post 1980: Many Jews left Russia for Israel.

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<sup>83</sup> The Anti-Defamation League, Fireside Discussion Groups No 7, 'Three Questions Jews Must Answer'.

## Conclusion

There are many aspects to a discussion of the place of Jews and modern Christian heresies demanding support of Jews; indeed, I have written on this subject a number of times.<sup>84</sup> However, my purpose here has been to limit myself to showing, with some detail, what the Bible actually teaches about Jews throughout Biblical history and to show that the modern nation of Israel has no claim whatsoever to any of the covenantal promises made by God to Abraham. Indeed, modern Israel is an impostor and has nothing to do with the people of God while Judaism is an evil and blasphemous demonic religion.

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<sup>84</sup> For example, my book, 'The Veil of Moses'. Papers: 'Does God love Jews especially?', 'Greek versus Jewish backgrounds to Systematic Theology', 'Jewish Root Theology – What Scripture Says', 'Messianic Christianity and the Church', 'Review: Has God really finished with Israel?', 'The Church's Current Focus Upon Israel', 'A simple catechism on the Jewish Root error', 'The twin problems affecting the early church: and the corresponding problems today'.