

# Who murdered the Christ?

## Introduction

I have covered this matter in passing in a few papers but here I want to deal with it thoroughly. Such a paper is necessary today since Jewish Root teachers (who are becoming more popular as the world slides into its antichristian climax) are vociferous in their denial of it.

It is interesting that in the church period when many Jews were converted, the apostles openly preached that the Jews murdered their own Messiah. By telling the truth, many Jews were convicted of their sin. Today we have Christian leaders, that claim to love Jews, actually preach that God loves them in their natural state (an unbiblical heresy) and defend them against the claim that their forefathers murdered the Messiah. Perhaps that is why so few Jews truly get saved today. The Gospel to Jews must include the truth that they rejected their Messiah and are still suffering for it. Jews are not under God's blessing (no unconverted man is) but are under God's judgment until they repent.<sup>1</sup>

It is crucial, therefore, to establish the fact that the Jews killed their own Messiah; that the whole people are considered guilty by God (hence their sufferings under his judgment) and that Christ's own people did not receive him. Unless this is understood (and it is plain in the NT) all one's theology will do awry.

## The warnings

### OT prophetic warnings

Jesus and the apostles did not clutch the idea of Israel's condemnation for rejecting the Messiah out of the air; Jesus applied Jewish prophecies regarding this to that 'evil generation'; the last generation of Biblical Israel.<sup>2</sup> After the risen Lord had opened the minds of the disciples to all that the OT said regarding him, they too were able to connect OT prophecies with the condemnation of Israel for killing her own messiah.

There is no shortage of prophetic information regarding the condemnation of the sins of Israel. Some of these are relative to a certain incident, after which God forgives and restores; but some are final, or are descriptive of the history and character of the nation. Some of the latter appear below.

**'He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken.'** Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait on the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will hope in Him. Isa 8:14-17

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<sup>1</sup> 'He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.' Jn 3:36 Anyone who does not believe in Christ is under wrath. Jews not only do not believe in Christ but most hate or ridicule him, rabbis denounce him as a false messiah and the Jewish Talmud blasphemes him in the foulest ways.

<sup>2</sup> Which ended with the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. After this the nation was dispersed and Biblical Judaism could no longer be practised. The rabbinic Judaism which developed afterwards was the artificial (and anti-Christian) Judaism of the Pharisees, Jesus' enemies. Thus modern Judaism is not Biblical but Talmudic, and this accords with the Jewish Encyclopaedia: [*The Talmud*] is still the supreme authority in religion', (The Jewish Encyclopaedia, Vol 12, p26.).

Jesus and the apostles quoted from this and applied it to the Israel, in their time, that had rejected Christ. Thus this is applicable to Israel after the cross. Here God says that they shall not only stumble but also be broken, snared and taken. God also hides his face from the house of Jacob. This is Israel under condemnation and judgment for stumbling over Christ.

**Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, nor does *any* plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. Isa 59:1-4**

Written much later, this explains that although God is able to save, he chooses not to save all – only the elect are saved. Since most of Israel was not elect (only the remnant was) Isaiah declares that Israel's iniquities have separated her from God and he does not hear Jewish prayers. Amongst her many sins is having hands defiled with blood; that is murder, and chiefly the murder of Christ. In their denunciations of Israel, both Christ and the apostles majored on the fact that Israel killed the prophets and then their own Messiah.

**And the LORD said to Moses: 'Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, "Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?" And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods. Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant. Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behaviour today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them.' Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.' Deut 31:16-22**

This is the preamble to the song of Moses in chapter 32 where God explains that Israel will fall away. At the beginning of the nation of Israel God told Moses how her history would pan out – that she would commit spiritual adultery (idolatry) and break the covenant (the greatest sin being killing Christ). As a result God would hide from them and allow them to be devoured, with many evils and troubles befalling them.

This is the history of the Jews; it is not due to anti-Semitism but their own sins. Their own Scriptures from their own greatest prophet tells them that this is a witness against Israel by God and proceeds to write it down in a song to be sung by Israel forever.

**They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear. Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten the**

God who fathered you. And when the LORD saw it, He spurned them, because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters. And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, for they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faith. They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; they have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation. For a fire is kindled by my anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall consume the earth with her increase, And set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them. They shall be wasted with hunger, devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction; I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, with the poison of serpents of the dust. The sword shall destroy outside; there shall be terror within for the young man and virgin, the nursing child with the man of grey hairs. I would have said, "I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men," Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should misunderstand, lest they should say, "Our hand is high; And it is not the LORD who has done all this." For they are a nation void of counsel, nor is there any understanding in them. Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, That they would consider their latter end!' Deut 32:7-29

Here is part of the song written by Moses at the end of Deuteronomy giving a potted future history of Israel. The end of the song foresees the gathering of God's purposes with the establishment of a universal church with the Gentiles and the remnant of Israel gathered together (v43). Thus God says, 'I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation', words reiterated later by Paul in Romans; it is also the prophecy of the words uttered by Jesus, 'the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it', (Matt 21:43).

He explains the reason for this is that Israel followed idols and forgot God their Rock and so he spurned them and hid his face from them, calling them 'a perverse generation' (words echoed by Jesus). Israel is also 'a nation void of counsel, nor is there any understanding in them'. This is fleshly Israel, natural Israel, not elect Israel (the remnant), since he calls them: 'a perverse generation, children in whom is no faith'. Natural Israel is a nation that God is angry with for idolatry, anger that will send them to the lowest hell. How can anyone today say that God loves Israel with a special love?

Furthermore, God explains the future persecutions of the Jews throughout history which result from her own sins:

- I will heap disasters on them.
- I will spend My arrows on them.
- They shall be wasted with hunger,
- Devoured by pestilence.
- And bitter destruction.
- I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, with the poison of serpents of the dust.
- The sword shall destroy outside.
- There shall be terror within for the young man and virgin, the nursing child with the man of grey hairs.

They were spared being fully destroyed as a nation and vanishing from history, merely because God was jealous for his own name and lest his enemies boast that they had destroyed Israel themselves.

And I said: 'Hear now, O heads of Jacob, ... they will cry to the LORD, But He will not hear them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, Because they have been evil in their deeds.' ... But

truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, And of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin. Now hear this, You heads of the house of Jacob And rulers of the house of Israel, Who abhor justice And pervert all equity, Who build up Zion with bloodshed And Jerusalem with iniquity: Her heads judge for a bribe, Her priests teach for pay, And her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us. Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed *like* a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, And the mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest.

Micah 3:1-12

We will look only at one other prophet to save time, but the condemnation of Israel is universal in the prophets.

Here Micah says that God does not hear them and he hides his face from them – echoes of what Moses originally stated. The cause is their evil deeds, The rulers of Israel perverted equity, judged with iniquity and took bribes. The priesthood was corrupt along with false prophets. Yet in all this they had the audacity to claim that God was with them and that they were God's people (as they do today). Micah then says that for these sins Zion will be ploughed like a field (that is destroyed in war); Jerusalem will be a heap of ruins and the temple reduced to dust. All that happened in 70 AD, as a result of killing the Messiah, was prophesied in the OT. Jesus explained all of this to the disciples so that the NT is a commentary on what the OT prophets warned about.

### Jesus' prophetic parable

Then He began to tell the people this parable: 'A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty-handed. And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast *him* out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect *him* when they see him." But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours." So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed *him*. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.' And when they heard *it* they said, 'Certainly not!' Then He looked at them and said, 'What then is this that is written: "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone? Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people -- for they knew He had spoken this parable against them. Lk 20:9-19

This needs little comment, as the point is so obvious. It demonstrated God's feelings about Israel – she had mistreated, afflicted and killed prophet after prophet and in the end her sin would come to fulness in killing God's own Son.

Notice the similarity to a straightforward comment:

And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and persecute,' that 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. Woe to

you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered." And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail *Him* vehemently. Lk 11:46-53

There is no doubt. Jesus held Jews to be responsible for his coming death and no one else. Not only were they responsible, but this was in a long line of rebellious acts against God's servants. Notice that the sin lay in the whole people corporately – 'it shall be required of this generation. Woe to you...'. The judgment of God fell upon the whole people because all tolerated wickedness and broke God's covenant. Only the elect remnant would escape.

The religious leaders at the time understood this clearly and determined to kill Jesus from that point. When Stephen made exactly the same point in his trial they killed him to, continuing their rebellion.

What is exceptionally odd is that Moses and the prophets understood all this and prophesied it (despite having limited revelation). Jesus mentioned all this publicly in his ministry many times. The apostles explained all this in their preaching and teaching and laid it down in the NT record. Even the religious Jews of Jesus' time understood what it meant. YET supposed Christians (who have succumbed to Jewish Root lies, a truly demonic teaching) fail to see what is plainly obvious in the OT and the NT. The only explanation is that they are deceived and will suffer for it in the end.

### **The Jewish rejection of their Messiah was predestined by God**

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 1 Pt 2:8

'Appointed', in this context, means to fix, establish, ordain, or to lay in place. The use of the aorist tense means that it was a past event with an ongoing effect. In the same way, Paul was 'appointed' as an apostle by God (1 Tim 2:7); something he also was predestined to.

The Jewish rejection of Christ was appointed, or predestined, by God. Just as Israel rejected her own prophets and killed God's messengers in the OT, so they would also reject and kill their own Messiah. Thus Israel is a warning to all of God judgment on those who do not obey him.<sup>3</sup>

God does not use Israel as an object of blessing for the church but as an object of warning. This is not only stated in 1 Corinthians 10 (see footnote) but also in Hebrews,

'Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.' For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. ... 'They shall not enter My rest.' Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience ... Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. Heb 3:15-4:11

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<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor 10:1-12; '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 ... 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. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall'.

The apostles constantly use Israel as an object lesson of warning, showing that condemnation came upon her for disobedience and idolatry.

### **Plain sayings of the Lord**

From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Matt 16:21

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. Mk 8:31

The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Lk 9:22

Jesus stated very simply that it would be the Jewish religious leaders who would cause his sufferings and that they would kill him; not the Romans.

### **Interim conclusion**

God predestined that the Jews would complete their sins by rejecting and killing their own Messiah. The prophets fully expounded what would happen to Israel for breaking the covenant and forsaking God; terrible judgment would ensue. Knowing this destiny, Jesus warned the Jews in a parable that they would kill God's own Son by betraying him. Judgment would follow murdering the Christ by a condemnation likened to being ground into powder.

## **The historical facts**

### **That Jewish generation was guilty of rejecting the Messiah and completing the sin of historic Israel, which brought about its ruin**

The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here. The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here. Matt 12:41-42

The last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation. Matt 12:45

This adulterous and sinful generation. Mk 8:38

This is an evil generation. Lk 11:29

For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here. Lk 11:30-32

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

But first He [the Son of Man] must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. Lk 17:25

Be saved from this perverse generation. Acts 2:40

Note that Jesus states, unequivocally, that Israel is worse than Gentile nations which were earlier condemned for their wickedness. This is due to the fact that they repeatedly rebelled against God despite having his oracles and being repeatedly forgiven and given a new start. With Christ the end comes upon the nation. Israel, as a nation, is finished in the purposes of God – as a nation. Jews can still get saved by repenting and believing in Christ, but the nation was finished when that evil generation was condemned.

### **The Romans did not murder Christ – Jews did**

*Jesus foretold that Jewish religious leaders would kill him*

Jesus prophesied that the chief priests (chosen representatives of the people) and the scribes (secretaries of state) condemned him to death not the Romans, ‘**the Son of Man will be betrayed to<sup>4</sup> the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death**’, (Matt 20:18).

*The Romans tried to release Christ*

Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, ‘I find no fault in this Man’. Lk 23:4

Pilate said to Him, ‘What is truth?’ And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, ‘I find no fault in Him at all’. Jn 18:38

Pilate then went out again, and said to them, ‘Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.’ Jn 19:4

The Romans did not instigate Jesus’ death, neither did they find any fault in him whatsoever. Pilate repeatedly tried to release Jesus but capitulated to the crowds of Jews demanding Christ’s death since he feared an insurrection, which would blot his copybook with the emperor. A better man would have denied the Jews; but though Pilate has some responsibility, the demand for Christ’s death was entirely Jewish.

*It was the Jews that demanded Christ’s death when Pilate would have freed him*

‘But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?’ Then they all cried again, saying, ‘Not this Man, but Barabbas!’ Now Barabbas was a robber. Jn 18:39-40

Pilate gave the Jews the choice; the decision to kill Jesus was made entirely by the Jews.

### **The chief culprits were the members of the Sanhedrin**

The historical narrative says that Jews in the Sanhedrin (the highest Jewish court whose decrees were binding on all Jews) condemned Jesus to death,

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, ‘What further need do we have of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?’ And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.’ Mk 14:63-64

Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, ‘Crucify *Him*, crucify *Him!*’ Pilate said to them, ‘You take Him and crucify *Him*, for I find no fault in Him.’ 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 19:6-7

But they cried out, ‘Away with *Him*, away with *Him!* Crucify Him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but Caesar!’ Jn 19:15

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<sup>4</sup> ‘Lit. betrayed into the hands of’.

The last comment is a flat blasphemous denial of God as the king, a fulfilment to the prophecy made earlier by Jesus.

### **Crowds of Jews assented to Jesus' death and cursed themselves in doing it**

It was all the Jews present at Jesus' trial who were willing to fully accept the blame for Jesus' death throughout their generations,

Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. And they began to accuse Him. Lk 23:1-2

But they were the more fierce, saying, 'He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judaea, beginning from Galilee to this place.' Lk 23:5

They all cried out at once, saying, 'Away with this *Man*, and release to us Barabbas'. Lk 23:18

But they shouted, saying, 'Crucify *Him*, crucify Him!' Lk 23:21

Then he said to them the third time, 'Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let *Him* go.' But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. Lk 23:22-24<sup>5</sup>

And all the people answered and said, 'His blood be on us and on our children.' Matt 27:25

### **The curse involved their children and descendants**

His blood be on us and on our children. Matt 27:25

The Jews cursed themselves willingly that the murder of Jesus would be upon themselves and their children – i.e. all Jews.

### **Jesus warned the Jews about the seriousness of their actions in a prophecy**

But Jesus, turning to them, said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, "Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?' Lk 23:28-31

Jesus explains that the descendants of the Jews will suffer for this action to a degree that they would wish themselves dead. One situation when this prophecy was fulfilled was the destruction of Jerusalem when the Jewish sufferings were appalling and people resorted to cannibalism of their own children. Even Jewish historian Josephus explains that this tragedy was the direct result of their rejection of Christ and his apostles (he was not a Christian).

### **Interim conclusion**

The historical facts, as reported in the Bible, show conclusively that the Jews not only rejected their Messiah, but also betrayed and killed him when the Gentiles would have released him. Furthermore, Scripture testifies that for this action the Jews have come under terrible judgment of God.

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<sup>5</sup> We could add more parallel quotes from the rest of the Gospels, but this demonstration suffices.



## The later historical comments

### The apostles' assessment in Acts

According to the apostles, it was Jews who condemned Jesus to death, 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

Peter makes no bones about it, speaking to various types of Jews and Jewish proselytes, stating 'You crucified him'. No apostle ever blamed the Romans but all blamed the Jews and said so directly to them when speaking to ordinary Jewish people, not just the religious leaders.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. 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 3:13-15

Again, Peter categorically states that 'you killed the Prince of Life', not Romans

Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Acts 4:10-11

Peter says that Jews crucified the Lord (even though crucifixion was a Roman form of punishment).

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

Paul is as unequivocal as Peter in declaring that it was the Jews who were responsible for Christ's death.

### Stephen's assessment in Acts

*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you. 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, who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept *it*. Acts 7:51-53

Stephen's words are clearly a retelling of the words of Jesus, whom he was looking at at the time. Note what he says:

- Jews are stiff-necked (something God repeatedly condemned them for in the OT).
- Jews do not have spiritual hearts and ears.
- Jews 'always' resist the Holy Spirit.
- Therefore, Jews cannot please God in any way.
- Jews persecuted the prophets.
- Jews killed prophets.
- Jews betrayed Christ.
- Jews murdered Christ.

This is clear NT teaching that many modern believers totally ignore. Stephen's words merely bear witness to the overall teaching of the prophets, the Lord and the apostles.

### Paul's assessment

For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judaea in Christ Jesus. 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, 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 2:14-16

Note what Paul uncontrovertibly says:

- The Jews persecuted the early church as they did Christ.
- The Jews killed God's prophets.
- The Jews killed the Lord Jesus.
- The Jews do not please God.
- The Jews are contrary to all men.
- God wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

Now anyone saying this in the presence of Jewish Root 'Christians' will be accused immediately of anti-Semitism (as I have). In that case they need to accuse Paul of anti-Semitism, but also God who inspired these very words. Anyone daring to say this immediately denominates themselves as a blasphemer and an unbeliever.

Mark this well, anyone denying the words in this Scripture and calling people who quote them as 'anti-Semites', cannot be believers and are blaspheming God.

ASIDE: note that God's own word states that Jews do not please God. No one in the flesh can please God (Rm 3:10ff.) and that includes all fleshly Jews. There is no blessing in any human ethnic race at all; all are in Adam, all die and all are equally condemned. Only those in Christ please God because of the virtues of Christ.

### Paul's condemnation of Jews in general for their opposition to the Gospel

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

For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, **especially those of the circumcision**, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not ... Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. ... even their mind and conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. Titus 1:10-16

Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. 1 Tim 1:5-7

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Phil 3:2-3

But 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 4:19-

As part of their condemnation for the rejection of Christ, God permitted Jews to be vitriolic opponents of Christianity, and this continues to this day. Jews will never be friends with Christians because they hate Christ (see the unabridged *Babylonian Talmud* for proof of this).

The current unbridled church support of all things Jewish and Israeli by Jewish Root and Messianic Zionist 'Christians' is the result of insidious propaganda by political Zionists allied with misplaced loyalty formed from the theological errors of Dispensationalism. Such people can never have read these passages of Scripture.

### **Interim conclusion**

Following the crucifixion, all the NT witnesses testify that it was the Jews who killed Christ and all agree that Jews are under God's condemnation.

## **The principle of corporate condemnation**

Many believers have no idea about this theological principle that is evidenced throughout the whole Bible. This is, that God holds people groups responsible for the sins of some; that certain groups of people are corrupted by the sins of their fathers and suffer with them.

Now this principle is evidenced in salvation, both negatively in Adam and positively in Christ. All in Adam die for their sins, even though they did not sin in the serious way that Adam did. They are federally connected to Adam and treated similarly. The reverse is the case of Christians who are included in the death and resurrection of Christ and receive new life, even though they did nothing to deserve it; Christ lived a perfect life under the law for them. This is federalism at work. The covenant head determines the fate of all those beneath him. Christians are saved because they are taken out of Adam and placed into Christ. The condemnation they deserved was taken by another.

Paul talks about this sort of federalism, or imputation, often:

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned. Rm 5:12

For if by the one man's offence death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as through one man's offence *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Rm 5:17-19

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

And so it is written, 'The first man Adam became a living being.' The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man*, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*. 1 Cor 15:45-49

In the OT this corporate condemnation is pictured in the various judgments on Canaanite nations, which amounted to genocide. The stock of the nation was considered to be so full

of sin that the whole nation had to be eradicated. The world could not longer sustain the sins of these people.

When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them *and* utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. Deut 7:1-2

And you shall destroy all the peoples whom the LORD your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that *will be* a snare to you. Deut 7:16

The LORD your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land. Jos 9:24

So, the principle of corporate condemnation is no surprise to a Bible reader; it is everywhere. What is surprising is that believers do not consider this principle when dealing with the Jews – but God does.

The fate of the Jews as a people was set down in the law when Moses explained the curses that would come upon the Israelites if they neglected God's law and fell away. Time after time these dreadful curses were brought to the memory of the people by a prophet after some temporal judgment. In these temporal judgments (say losing a war) God was reminding the people about the danger of apostasy and seeking their repentance. The history of the OT is that the Israelites never stopped committing spiritual adultery and only a remnant was promised to be saved. This remnant would eventually be those who believed in Christ, the appointed Messiah.

Thus the Jews as a nation would suffer the consequences of the generation that rejected the Messiah. And it was the whole generation, not a few isolated leaders (Jn 1:11; Lk 17:25).

In God's eyes, the remnant of Israel is subsumed into the people of Christ – the church. His judgment upon Israel is condemnation. They ceased to be the people of God, as Jesus warned in Matthew 21:43. Corporate Israel was condemned for her hardness of heart, apostasy and rebellion. The sin of Israel came to corporate completion with the killing of the Messiah.

## The witness of the early church fathers

### Justin Martyr

For verily your hand is high to commit evil, because ye slew the Christ, and do not repent of it; but so far from that, ye hate and murder us who have believed through Him in the God and Father of all, as often as ye can; and ye curse Him without ceasing, as well as those who side with Him; while all of us pray for you, and for all men, as our Christ and Lord taught us to do, when He enjoined us to pray even for our enemies, and to love them that hate us, and to bless them that curse us.<sup>6</sup>

For you neither suffer Him when He calls you, nor hear Him when He speaks to you, but have done evil in the presence of the Lord. But the highest pitch of your wickedness lies in this, that you hate the Righteous One, and slew Him; and so treat those who have received from Him all that they are and have, and who are pious, righteous, and humane. Therefore 'woe unto their soul,' says the Lord, 'for they have

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<sup>6</sup> Justin Martyr; *Dialogue with Trypho*, chapter 133, p523. *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, AGES edition.

devised an evil counsel against themselves, saying, Let us take away the righteous, for he is distasteful to us.’<sup>7</sup>

ASIDE: Jewish Root writers, such as Steve Maltz, have used passages (misquoted) by Justin and condemned him as a Jew hater. However, the *Dialogue with Trypho* was written (originally spoken) to help a Jewish philosopher (trained by Greeks) to see the truth of the Gospel based on answering his questions. Justin also explained that he, and his fellow Christians, regularly prayed for Jews to be saved. The Jew, Trypho, thanked Justin for doing this. Maltz (and many others) have done Justin a grave disservice.

### Irenaeus

Wherefore did the Lord also declare: “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye are like whited sepulchre. For the sepulchre appears beautiful outside, but within it is full of dead men’s bones, and all uncleanness; even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of wickedness and hypocrisy.” For while they were thought to offer correctly so far as outward appearance went, they had in themselves jealousy like to Cain; therefore they slew the Just One, slighting the counsel of the Word, as did also Cain.<sup>8</sup>

### Origen

The Jews, in fine, owing to the hardness of their heart, and from a desire to appear wise in their own eyes, have not believed in our Lord and Saviour.<sup>9</sup>

For in the 18th book of his *Antiquities of the Jews*, ... Now this writer, although not believing in Jesus as the Christ, in seeking after the cause of the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple, whereas he ought to have said that the conspiracy against Jesus was the cause of these calamities befalling the people, since they put to death Christ, who was a prophet, says nevertheless — being, although against his will, not far from the truth — that these disasters happened to the Jews as a punishment for the death of James the Just, who was a brother of Jesus (called Christ), — the Jews having put him to death, although he was a man most distinguished for his justice. Paul, a genuine disciple of Jesus, says that he regarded this James as a brother of the Lord, not so much on account of their relationship by blood, or of their being brought up together, as because of his virtue and doctrine. If, then, he says that it was on account of James that the desolation of Jerusalem was made to overtake the Jews, how should it not be more in accordance with reason to say that it happened on account (of the death) of Jesus Christ, of whose divinity so many Churches are witnesses, composed of those who have been converted from a flood of sins, and who have joined themselves to the Creator, and who refer all their actions to His good pleasure.<sup>10</sup>

Therefore we may see, that after the advent of Jesus the Jews were altogether abandoned, and possess now none of what were considered their ancient glories, so that there is no indication of any Divinity abiding amongst them. For they have no longer prophets nor miracles, traces of which to a considerable extent are still found among Christians ... And these calamities they have suffered, because they were a most wicked nation, which, although guilty of many other sins, yet has been punished so severely for none, as for those that were committed against our Jesus.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Justin Martyr; *Dialogue with Trypho*, chapter 136, p526. *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, AGES edition.

<sup>8</sup> Irenaeus; *Against Heresies*; Book 4, chapter 18, p968. *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 1, AGES edition.

<sup>9</sup> Origen; *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 4, AGES edition, p675.

<sup>10</sup> Origen; *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 4, AGES edition, p801.

<sup>11</sup> Origen; *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 4, AGES edition, p837.

It is certain, moreover, that the Jews were punished even in this present life, after treating Jesus in the manner in which they did. And let the Jews assert what they will when we charge them with guilt, and say, "Is not the providence and goodness of God most wonderfully displayed in your punishment, and in your being deprived of Jerusalem, and of the sanctuary, and of your splendid worship?"<sup>12</sup>

We could continue in this vein add infinitum; there are so many passages relating to the affirmation that the Jews killed their own Messiah in the hardness of their heart against God. This is merely re-iterating what the apostles stated in the NT. In fact, most rabbis accept this as a fact; that the church fathers and the apostles are one in their condemnation of the Jews regarding the death of Christ.

So, one either has to accept what the NT actually says, and what the fathers testified to, or one has to cease being a Christian and deny the NT as the word of God. Anything else is hypocrisy for the Christian who claims that the Jews did not kill Christ.

What actually happens is a tragic compromise that kills all spirituality – most Jewish Root 'Christians' ignore the problem and actually diminish the value of the NT as a whole. This is a compromise too far that questions whether such folk can really be Christians at all.

The conclusion is that it is impossible to deny that both the NT and the fathers taught very clearly that the Jews are responsible, as a nation, for the death of Christ.

## Conclusion

One of the traits of a true Christian is that they listen to God and to his Son. Jesus said, **The sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. Jn 10:3-5**

**And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice. Jn 10:16**

**My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. Jn 10:27**

Note what he says:

- The sheep know the voice of their shepherd.
- The sheep do not follow the voice of someone who is not their shepherd.
- Jesus' sheep hear his voice, know it, and follow his instructions.

This is very clear. If supposed 'Christians' do not know the voice of Jesus and do not obey it, then they are not Christians at all. Indeed, the beginning of the Christian life is hearing the voice of Jesus (Rev 3:20).

In the OT God also demanded that his people must hear his voice:

**Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live. Deut 4:1**

**Moses called all Israel, and said to them: 'Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.' Deut 5:1**

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<sup>12 12</sup> Origen; *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 4, AGES edition, p903.

Indeed, God's word warns his followers not to rebel and ignore his voice,

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: 'Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, "They always go astray in *their* heart, And they have not known My ways." So I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest."' Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. Heb 3:7-12

Sin begins with failing to hear God's voice or refusing to listen to it.

Peter too warned Jews about this matter:

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

Failing to hear or refusing to hear the voice of God is terminal behaviour. It will result in condemnation and exclusion from God's presence. The Jew that fails to hear Christ ('The Prophet') will be utterly destroyed.

So, we have clearly demonstrated in this paper that God states, categorically, time and time again, in the words of Jesus, the apostles and even the prophets, that Israel is finished as a nation and that it is under condemnation for both rejecting and killing Christ, her own Messiah. There is no doubt that Jews murdered Christ and still suffer today for this terrible evil.

Those Jewish Root 'Christians' that deny this, and say many other false things about Israel, need to seriously consider that they are refusing to hear God voice in his word and this may be a sign that they are not true believers at all.

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## Appendix One

### What about the blessings given to the Jews?

This paper is devoted to confirming that the Jews killed Christ; it is not a general paper regarding the claims of Jewish Root teachers. I have examined these claims in various places and shown how they are errors.<sup>13</sup>

Jews come under the condemnation of God just like other natural men; they are not immune to judgment because they are descended from Abraham [In fact, very many modern Jews are not actually descended from Abraham at all<sup>14</sup> and are less of a blood relative than Arabs that are.] We must not ignore clear apostolic teaching:

**What then? Are we [Jews] 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 are not better off; all are judged according to their sin equally. In fact Jews are judged more harshly because they had advantages that Gentiles did not have:

**What advantage then has the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. Rm 3:1-2**

The Gentiles did not have God's word, law or prophets; neither did they witness miracles or live in a theocratic nation. Since the Jews had these things, they are judged more strictly. Jesus adds that because they also heard his ministry, they will be judged even more harshly:

**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 in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."**  
Matt 11:21-23

**The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here. The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here.**  
Matt 12:41-42

So, are there no blessings left for the Jews?

God still has love for the people that he chose, but this is limited to the remnant alone, as it was in the OT; 'at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace,' (Rm 11:5). Over and over again prophets stated that only a remnant would return and receive God's blessing. This is typified by the relatively small number of Jews that returned from the Babylonian exile.

The big mistake is to claim that God loves the Jews as they are in their fleshly state. This is heresy. God does not give any man favourable treatment; all are alike condemned. What God does is to ensure that, in every age, a number of Jews (according to the remnant) are

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<sup>13</sup> For instance in my book, *'The Veil of Moses'*.

<sup>14</sup> The Jewish Encyclopaedia confirms this.



saved and believe in Jesus. Paul refers to the 7,000 in the time of Elijah as an example of this (Rm 11:2-5).

Paul sums this up by saying, **'What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded,'** (Rm 11:7). Israel as a whole has not obtained the inheritance but is blind to God; only the remnant, those who are elect, are saved.

Some claim that the teaching in Romans 11 points to a time when this will be a substantial number, or even all of the Jews on earth at a certain time, but this is not taught in the text. Indeed, Romans 9-11 is not actually about Israel at all but a description of election and how it works, using Israel as an example. All that is promised in Rm 11 is that all those Jews who believe in Christ will be engrafted back onto the olive tree; **'if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again,'** (Rm 11:23). God has not permanently cast away his people (Rm 11:1), he ensures that those he chooses will believe in Christ and be saved. Paul refers to himself as proof; he was an Israelite of the tribe of Benjamin and he was saved.

In conclusion, modern fleshly Israel is not the people of God today. Jews are not loved by God because they are Jews, but are treated the same as any other person. Christians are not blessed by supporting Israel. Israel is the enemy of the Gospel and Jews hate Christ. However, even Jews, if they are elect, will be saved and grafted back on to the olive tree (salvation in Christ). Christians do not do Jews any favours by telling them that God loves them and that they are God's people.

## Appendix Two

### References to the stone of stumbling

The stone *which* the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing; It *is* marvellous in our eyes. Ps 118:22-23

He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken. Isa 8:14-15

Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall on them. The neighbour and his friend shall perish.' Jer 6:21

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 21:42-45

'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. Mk 12:10-12

Then He looked at them and said, 'What then is this that is written: "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone?" Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.' And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people -- for they knew He had spoken this parable against them. Lk 20:17-19

Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Acts 4:10-11

*They did not seek it* by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. As it is written: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offence, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.' Rm 9:32-33

We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block. 1 Cor 1:23

Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,' and 'A stone of stumbling and a rock of offence.' They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 1 Pt 2:7-8

Notice that the apostolic method of preaching to the Jews was not to mollify them but to preach Christ as a stumbling block; a cause of offence.

## Summary

The Jews expected their promised Messiah to be a conquering world leader who would elevate the fortunes of Israel amongst the nations; in fact making them Lords of the nations. This was the result of their faithlessness, their refusal to read their own prophets, who said otherwise, and their self-esteem.

In fact the Bible is unified in stating that Israel would be crushed by her Messiah. The OT prophets (including Moses) foretold it; Jesus explained it and the apostles testified to it.

Far from Israel being God's privileged people, she is a nation under condemnation and judgment for rejecting and killing her own Messiah. Only the elect remnant, who become Christians, escape this judgment.

All those who teach otherwise; who claim that God loves the Jews especially, that they are by nature God's people and that they are blessed by God, are clearly lying. That teaching, as is plainly evident from Scripture, is the very reverse of what the Bible teaches.

Since Jewish Root teaching is so obviously unbiblical, it can only be from one source – it is a demonic doctrine.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times<sup>15</sup> some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. 1 Tim 4:1

*I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. Rev 2:9

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 3:9

Note these latter two incontrovertible texts. These state that there are people who claim to be Jews (who oppress the real church) who are worshippers of Satan. These texts alone confirm that God does not bless or favour all those who claim to be Jewish; and some Jewish defenders are demonic. Note that God does not love these 'Jews' but does love the church.

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<sup>15</sup> Jewish Root teaching is very modern. It did not exist in previous church history. In fact, the separation of the church from Israel, as two peoples of God, originated with Dispensationalism, which itself only originated in 1832. Jewish Root doctrine gradually appeared out of Zionist propaganda influences within the last 30 years and only became prominent after 1994 in the UK as the Toronto Blessing forced many conservative Charismatics out of the Charismatic church and into the waiting arms of Jewish Root teachers.