

ORIGINAL ANTI-ISRAELISM

I originally started this article out by addressing Antisemitism as an integral part of Original Sin. Then I corrected that because Semites also include many of the Arab people and other descendants of Noah's son Shem. Then, I addressed the issue as Anti-Hebrewism, but that was incorrect too, because Hebrew derives from the Biblical character of Eber, who came before Abraham, thus, many people other than the line of Jacob derive from this person and would not apply to my purpose. Then, I thought about using the phrase Anti-Abrahamism, because Isaac came forth from Abraham, but so did Ishmael, and he is the father of the Arabs, so that would be a definite error since Arabs and their kin have always been antagonists of Israel. So, I have settled on the phrase "Anti-Israelism," because that includes only the Sons of Jacob, or Israel and address the true focus of what I'm trying to address, and it is more correct for all purposes where persecution of Jews or any sons of Israel are concerned. It also applies to haters of the nation of Israel, both in antiquity and in our current time. If you are a Jew and you hate Israel (yes, there are some of my fellow Jews who feel that way), then you have deeper identity crisis to deal with.

In the Biblical tradition, we affirm that people are born inherently in defiance of Yahweh and His ways. We call this condition, "original sin." The premise of Original Sin is that because of the fall of Adam and Chava (Eve), we are born with a propensity to be disobedient to Yahweh. Defiance is born out pretty early in life, exhibited by temper tantrums and the fact that children learn the word "no" better than they learn any words with the exception of mommy and/or daddy. The Bible instructs us to bring up children "in the way they should go" so that "when they get older, they will not depart from it." In other words, it is the natural inclination for humans to rebel, so quench that desire and teach obedience and you will have a successful adult on your hands when your child gets older. Success isn't measured in what your adult child does for a profession, or what they acquire or if they have one wife and ten kids. Success is measured in that you have raised a decent adult who respects others, loves their neighbor and they Love Yahweh as well as obey Him. That is the mark of true success. Bringing up a child so that they become an adult with a contrite heart and a humble spirit is a mark of success. Anyone can rear a narcissist or sociopath; just let them do what "they" want to do and pamper them and attend to their every whim and bam, you have your nightmare human being.

I'm sort of torn about the lack of correction by parents in our current society. It has become politically incorrect to spank your child and, in some localities, you can go to jail or have your child taken away from you for administering "Mr. Hand" to a child's behind when

they are obnoxious little cretins. A few years ago, we were at the Sacramento Zoo enjoying a cool drink on a very hot day. There was a mother there who it seemed, took Yahweh's phrase, "be fruitful and multiply" quite literally. She had kids of all ages with hers and you could tell by their bright red hair, which matched her's exactly, that they were all her kids. She had one child who was being a narcissistic little jerk and he was annoying everyone. We joked about how he belonged on the other side of the bars in the chimp cage. Back in my day, I would have gotten a good slap on the rear-end and it would have ended my rebellious ways, at least for a while. But this was not the way that Big Red handled her kids. She played the "number's game" and told little her little FSOA (Future Sociopath of America) spawn that she was going to count to ten and that he had better cease his activities or else. He looked at her like, "or else what?" So, Big Red started to count; 1, 2, 3... and finally she got to her 10 number and the FSOA just kept on disobeying. What I found amusing was that there were several of us that kept counting, 11, 12, 13..., which ticked Red off and made her grab FSOA by the hand and firmly place him on her bench seat, where he just continued his rebellion. Little FSOA was a clear-cut example of original sin, and what happens when it is allowed to fester. I can only imagine, that in the years that followed, the child grew up and found himself in Juvenal Hall, or prison, or perhaps as the CEO of a Monsanto or some other rat bastard organization out to take over the world and enslave good and honest people.

Yes, as much as many would like to dismiss the idea of original sin, it is real and it manifest in everyone from the youngest child to the oldest person; from the poorest human to the richest and from the worse of pagans to the (self-perceived) most saintly person alive. It cannot be escaped and it only can be overcome by the Blood of Yeshua. For the believer in Yeshua, we are washed clean by His Blood, but we struggle every day to overcome the flesh that would just love to rise up and overcome our lives. When we have reached the envelope of our endurance, we are reminded of the words of Yeshua to Rabbi Paul; "My grace is sufficient for you." Grace, the wonderful gift from Yahweh; a gift that is so prized and also so abused.

I know that sin has no grade or hierarchical scale in Yahweh's eyes. Many make the mistake of thinking that Yahweh sees one sin more grievous than he sees another. Many make the mistake of seeing the Law as laws, and that some are highly more offensive than others. In human society, there are degrees of severity according to which law is broken. What we fail to see is that when someone breaks a law, he or she breaks "the" law. In court, when an accusation is made, it is always read "the people vs. _____," even though the offense was one party against the other, or several individuals against another group of individuals. It is as though, by breaking a law, the offender has offended the law against society as a whole and the law that governs that

society. The Law is a whole, with many parts, but when you offend one part you offend the whole law. If you run a stop sign, you have broken the law that says that running stop signs is illegal, but you have also broken the motor-vehicle code, public safety laws, and all the way up to the top. How could that be? Well, you ran that stop sign and nothing really happened, but you did run the sign and that was illegal. But what say, by doing so you broadsided another car and you killed the driver of the other car. You could then be guilty of vehicular manslaughter if the conditions warranted that it could be proved so. So, let's make it a bit worse. You run the sign, you kill the other driver and you flee the scene of the crime. You run to the nearest house, break into that house and find an assault rifle in the closet. You freak out because of what has happened and you barricade yourself in the house and shoot several police officers who have answered the call. Do you see how things can spiral out of control? By breaking one little law under the best of conditions you have created a situation that could escalate if the worse of conditions are presented. However, if you obey "the law" and stop at the sign, all potential problems are alleviated and the law is satisfied.

The Law of Moses (the Torah) is the same way. Yahweh instituted various degrees to the law and penalties that were to be carried out when one of the laws was violated. The Torah itself is a single entity made up of a variety of lesser and lesser infractions. However, whatever infraction you committed; you broke the entire Law. Yahweh wrote the Torah because He knew what original sin is, and he knew that the penalties for breaking the Law, though sometimes severe, were incentives for people to keep the Law and not break the Law. Yahweh instituted the Commandments, which is a list of dos' and do nots for the Sons of Israel to follow. The Torah (which means instruction) are the codes of by which the Commandments are followed. For most pious people, just knowing that the Ruler of the Universe gave us these Commandments should be enough, but original sin comes into play; the part of us that makes us want to test the envelope of the Law and to disobey the Law's author by disobeying the Law. If we could use the illustration above, it could go like this. Let's say that Yahweh said, "thou shalt not run stop signs." Original sin makes us think, "well, cars never come from the side directions, so today I'll run that sign." So, you run the sign and you get away with it. Normal people feel bad about doing that because we have some respect for the law. We reason that although we got away with it, we were lucky and we won't do that again. However, original sin overrides our sane thought and we keep blowing through the sign for months and never get caught. Though Yahweh's edict said "thou shalt not run stop signs," we did and there was no consequence. Yahweh knew that original sin is like leaven, in that when one spore gets into a loaf of dough, it quickly infiltrates the whole loaf, "a little leaven leaveneth the whole loaf." The Torah (instruction) of that Commandment is that if you run that sign, you will be ticketed and heavily fined, and hopefully,

that penalty will keep you from running that sign (or any stop sign) ever again. The Commandment is the Law, and the Torah is the code of the Law, so when you break one commandment, it is as though you broke the entire law. And, if you think that keeping 10 commandments is hard, there are a total of 613 commandments in the Torah, and yes, it is impossible.

Back in the late 1970's, when I came to faith in Yeshua I tried to witness to my cousin. This cousin was always the favorite of my grandfather because he was the son of the first-born son. This cousin could do no wrong, and even though this cousin was quite intelligent in some ways, all of his actions were seen to be a product of "enlightenment," so to speak. As you could imagine, this caused this cousin to develop his own philosophy of life and this caused him to be sort of narcissistic in his philosophical views. And, as you can imagine, it caused him to build major walls to keep out the truth of Yahweh. I can't say that I blame him for his misunderstanding of Law and how Yahweh sees infractions because frankly, many Christians get it wrong too. There are so many who still don't realize that Yahweh isn't a respecter of people so that He can be swayed one way or another. The things that kept my cousin from coming to faith in Yeshua were his own philosophy and his failure to understand that Law means the entire law, and that when you break even the tiniest of laws, you offend the whole law and it is as if you broke the most stricture of law. It is so important that people, especially Yahweh's people (or those who claim to be His people) stop looking at things from an earthly perspective, and start looking at things like Yahweh sees them. We have at least 66 books of scripture to show us how Yahweh thinks, and how He is not bound by the constraints of time and space.

So, we know that original sin is a single thing made up of many facets with the main aspect being that it is a genetically inherent rebellion against Yahweh. The Bible calls this "the natural man," an ability to break every Commandment that Yahweh ever issued, with an ability to be artful and skilled at being creative in inventing new ways of doing so. Natural people are predisposed to sin. In other words, it is natural for worldly people to be in rebellion toward Yahweh. The sad thing is when supposed believers in Yeshua are in rebellion too. The abuse of Grace is the reason for this. A "Christian" curses out someone in traffic; it's okay because "I'm covered by grace." Go out and drink at the bar with coworkers, "no problem, I'm covered by grace." Get a tattoo or a piercing in your skin, "well, restrictions about that are in the Old Testament, and I'm not under the Law, but under grace." Oh, and then there's my favorite, "let's malign the Jews, advocate for the Palestinians and blame Israel and let's deny the Holocaust and say that God has written off the Jews forever, replacing them with the Church," but that's okay because that is what the pastor said, or my Facebook friends say, or that is what I saw on The

History Channel. This brings us to one particular part of original sin that I like to call anti-Israelism. Some would call it antisemitism, but, like I illustrated at the beginning of this article, when you look at origins, many of the Arab peoples are also Semites and they're not the object of persecution. So, anti-Israelism is a better designation.

Now, don't get me wrong; I know quite a number of people called Christians who love Israel because they've read their Bibles and they know that Yahweh demands that we have love for and support our Jewish brethren. They love Jewish tradition and festivals because they know that the festivals are prophetic in nature, a foreshadowing of both advents of Yeshua; and they know that the Jewish traditions have enabled Jews to survive (along with Yahweh's divine help of course) for all the millennia that we have existed. It is also "true Christians" that have been protectors of Jews during the myriads of persecutions that they have endured. Jews call these Christians, "righteous Gentiles." Conversely, there is an increasing number of those who claim the title "Christian" who have a slight to rabid hatred for Jews and Israel. What could cause people who supposedly love the King of The Jews, to have such a rabid hatred of Israel and Jews. Well, it could be ignorance, meaning that they haven't read their Bibles or haven't read the Tanakh. You can't read the "Old Testament" and not realize that Yahweh loves Israel (physical Israel) and will return to redeem them. Or, it could be that in addition to not reading the "whole" Bible, these people have listened to those in authority who have a rabid hatred of Jews and, figuring that these false shepherds know what they are talking about, choose to believe the lies. But could there be another factor that figures into this equation? Could it be that Original Sin hard-wires people to be Anti-Israel?

Okay, you're saying that people are hard-wired to disobey Yahweh in all manner of things. That is very true. Everyone is capable of adultery, murder, hating their parents, and every other rebellion. Original sin is like puppet strings that Satan and his fallen angels (along with the demons) can use to manipulate men and women who aren't regenerated, and the redeemed who aren't walking faithfully with Yeshua. Yes, believers are forgiven of their sins, but they are not immune from sin. The Brit Hadasha (New Testament) is a commentary on sin and how it must be fought and temptations must be avoided. If sin was abolished totally the Brit Hadasha would consist of 5 books; the Four Gospels and the Book of Acts, and even Acts addresses sin in a believer's life. The penalty of sin was done away with by the Blood of our Lamb Yeshua, but sin itself and the ravages and earthly consequences still exist.

A few years ago, I wrote an article on how it is my belief that truly saved Believers in Yeshua are most probably carriers of the Hebraic gene. I note that it is a fulfillment of the

prophecies that “all of Israel will be saved.” I know more Christians than I can number who love Israel and the Jews with all of their hearts and they are devoted to the preservation and upholding of both. It is like they themselves are Jews or sons and daughters of Jacob and have familial ties with Jews and Israel. Could it be that they really do? On the other hand, there are those who call themselves “Christians,” who are stringently “replacement theology” in doctrine; thinking that Yahweh has written off Israel forever and that the “Church” replaces physical Israel. By totally “spiritualizing” the whole of Scripture, they have, in effect, bastardized Jews and Israel. I amusingly ask such people the following question. “Do you believe that Jesus will return to redeem Israel?” They will always answer with an affirmative “yes.” Then I ask them, “well then, if Jesus is coming back to redeem the Jews, and you replace the Jews, does that mean that you are not redeemed?” I have NEVER gotten a valid answer to that question. The Brit Hadasha is quite clear that Christians are “Redeemed by the Blood of The Lamb.” You cannot be redeemed and still be redeemed. To “redeem” means to be “bought back with a price.” Yeshua bought back those who follow Him, that is scriptural truth and cannot be denied.

So the question has to be asked, what is going on with Christians who hate Israel or those who think that they replace Israel. One answer is that these people are genuinely redeemed and that they have been mistaught. There are a lot of people out there who think that just because a person went to “Bible School,” they have all of the answers. Well, most politicians took “ethics” classes in college and the vast majority of them are some of the most immoral and unethical people in the world. Doctors can go to medical school, but most will admit that they don’t know everything about anatomy, physiology, pharmacokinetics. If doctors knew everything, we wouldn’t be told to seek out second opinions. The list of such things is probably such high in number that it would be redundant to list all things. The point is, just because a pastor says something doesn’t mean it’s right. If it lines up with scripture (and the intent of scripture) then it is plausible. That is why we are exhorted to search out Scripture in all things, just like the Bereans. Another thing that must be taken into account as we look at this particular scenario is the prompting of the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit). Every true follower of Yeshua is given the Holy Spirit. He is the voice that tells us when we’re doing wrong and/or that what we’re being told is wrong. He also tells when we are doing righteous things and He is the rewarder of people who are righteous. If a supposed believer is being taught false doctrine, such as replacement theology or blatant Anti-Israel doctrine, and there isn’t a nagging of the Ruach Ha Kodesh on their heart that there is something wrong, there is something seriously wrong with the “supposed” relationship that the person has with Yeshua, or perhaps, the person is deluded into thinking that they are actually saved.

Sadly, there is a third possibility. We're told all throughout scripture that there are "wolves amongst the sheep," tares that grow up alongside the wheat," and plain old infiltrators that are sent by the enemy into the fold of Yeshua's sheep. Aside from what you might believe, there are people who are set on destroying the works of Yahweh. And again, aside from what you might believe, there are people who are born bad and are not redeemable. Genesis talks about two seeds, Messiah's Seed and Satan's Seed:

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:14-15

And the words of Yeshua Himself:

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. John 17:12

A look at the words "lost," and "perdition," are interesting and are rendered from the Greek:

Perdition:

destroying, utter destruction; of vessels

a perishing, ruin, destruction; of money; the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell

Lost:

to destroy; to put out of the way entirely, abolish, put an end to ruin; render useless; to kill; to declare that one must be put to death; metaph. to devote or give over to eternal misery in hell; to perish, to be lost, ruined, destroyed

Yeshua was saying that Judah Iscariot was born to be bad. He was saying that the reason why Judah Iscariot was born was to come into Yeshua's ministerial team for the sole purpose of

being a traitor, to be lost to perdition. Take this scripture, the words of Yeshua Himself, and add it to the fact that Elohim Himself said that there would be two seeds, one of Mashiach and one of Satan; and you have to admit that there are those who are born bad. Now, add the story of the wheat and tares in Matthew 13:

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. Matthew 13:24-30 KJV

Yeshua knew something that is not well known these days. First, he's talking about two seeds; one being planted by the owner of the field, and the other being planted in the night when nobody was looking. Yeshua knew, as do all farmers who farm wheat, that immature wheat and tares look almost identical. If the tares (the bad plants) are removed too early, the good wheat could be mistaken for tares and removed also. There was also a chance that the good wheat would have been uprooted with the tares, causing damage to the wheat. As the plants mature, tares become more discernible from wheat and when fully mature, they do not look the same at all. There are those in the Body of Mashiach who are not from Yeshua. They have every appearance of being believers, but they are not. But how do you tell, even when they're mature?

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name

done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matthew 7:15-23

The reprobates will be so convincing that they will look, act and perform the miracles of those who truly follow Mashiach. But we will know them by the fruit that they bear. Everything that a pastor preaches, everything that a believer does, says and acts out, everything, must line up with scripture and be in obedience to Yahweh. Everything. Several years ago, I was given a word from Yahweh that said that he was beginning to reveal the wolves amongst the sheep and he was revealing the tares amongst the wheat. I don't know about you, but I've seen people whom I've thought to be pretty strong believers in Yeshua doing the strangest things; growing very worldly and even forsaking Yeshua altogether. I've known pastors, whom I thought were staunch believers in solid doctrine who go off into strange doctrines and promote them as if they were good doctrine. I've seen the New Age creep into churches and when the pastors have been approached on the matter, they just shrug it off, or, they turn against us and lead the congregation to call me (us) heretics and such. Had Yahweh not warned me that it was coming and that it was coming at an accelerated rate, I would have been perplexed. A few weeks ago, I wrote an article about there not being any good churches left to attend; and this is one of the reasons why; people are walking away from the Gospel of Yeshua and they are clinging to "strange fire." Yes, the wheat and tares have indeed matured and their differences are growing vastly evident rapidly. The wolves are being shown for wolves amongst the sheep, even going to the point of saying that the Traditional Gospel is outdated and not for our current time. This is the revelation that the fruit growing on the trees is not good fruit. Sadly, the trees producing bad fruit will be torn down and burned; and the tares will be separated from the true wheat and it will be burned; and those who are wolves will continue to grow worse until they are thrown into the Lake of Fire with their Satanic leader.

Original sin is just that, original, and it manifests in everyone. I'm always amazed at how believers in Yeshua are shocked when unregenerate people act like sinners. Well, they are supposed to act that way; they still have their puppet strings attached and their puppet is manipulating them. Unsaved people are supposed to sin; that is what they are best at and predisposed to do. It does not shock me when unbelievers become Anti-Israel and persecute Jews and Christians because being Anti-Israel is one of the facets of the gem of sin. It seems to be a very large facet in that cold, hard and lifeless gem. Many of the unsaved do not listen to their conscience; something built into every person, perhaps even those born to perdition, the other seed. I do not know if those born to perdition have a conscience. Judah Iscariot hanged himself after he betrayed Yeshua. Did he hang himself because he felt guilty, or did he hang himself

fearing retribution; we'll never know for sure. My personal belief is that he knew that he did wrong, but he hanged himself because he knew that Yeshua was the Son of El Elyon and he was too cowardly to face what might be meted out to him by Yahweh. Had he truly known Yeshua, he would have known that the sacrificial death of Yeshua would have provided him too forgiveness for what he had done.

Before I continue, let me make a clarification in what I am about to write. There is only one true Church. That church consists of true believers in Yeshua. By true believers I mean those who do the will of Yeshua, who believe in Him with their hearts, and minds and who manifest His will by producing the fruit of love for Him, for their brothers and sisters, and for the lost. In essence, people who make His will their will and want nothing that the system of this world has to offer. I use the words "true believers" to denote such people. I do not like to use the word "Christian" because the word has taken on a generic tone. For instance, the world blames "Christians" for things like Inquisitions, Crusades, and other things done by unbelievers done in the name of "Christ." If I claimed the name "Christian" and then went out of my way to commit sin, then I am a counterfeit, but the worldly people don't see it that way; they see hypocritical Christianity. Therefore, I prefer the term, "True Believers in Yeshua, or, True Believers, for short." I do not fault others or think less of them if they choose to use the word "Christian" to refer to their life's relationship with Yeshua. To me, it is simply a preference in semantics and personal choice.

We are being plunged into a time like this world has not seen this side of the Great Flood of Noah's era. For a short time, the world saw Anti-Israelism for what it was; when the crimes of the Nazis were discovered and brought to light. The images of the Death Camps and the accounts of the soldiers that saw them during the Liberation is starting to fade. General Dwight Eisenhower had great insight when he commissioned photographers to snap pictures and film the scenes at the death camps. He remarked,

"But the most interesting — although horrible — sight that I encountered during the trip was a visit to a German internment camp near Gotha. The things I saw beggar description. While I was touring the camp I encountered three men who had been inmates and by one ruse or another had made their escape. I interviewed them through an interpreter. The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering as to leave me a bit sick. In one room, where they [there] were piled up twenty or thirty naked men, killed by starvation, George Patton would not even enter. He said he would get sick if he did so. I made the visit deliberately, in order to

be in position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda'." [Letter, DDE to George C. Marshall, 4/15/45 [The Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower, The War Years IV, doc #2418]

Many of the people who were there to personally witness the Holocaust in Europe have now passed on. The words of Eisenhower were prophetic in nature. I think that he knew about the propensity of people to be Anti-Israel and he knew that only personal testimony and archivable evidence would suffice to silence the critics. He knew that someday the Holocaust would be classified as contrived propaganda and that the haters of Israel would try to capitalize on the fact that the eyewitnesses would be gone. In our current time, the pictures that were taken by US Soldiers, the movies that were taken by US Army cinematographers are all being touted as being propaganda produced by a contrived "vast Jewish Conspiracy" to fool the world into believing what the fools are calling lies. They say, that the films, pictures and soundtracks are all lies and that they were manipulations of skilled cutting and pasting. Many of the camps still stand as reminders, physical evidence that would convince any "honest" jury that the Holocaust occurred is all being called false evidence. That is sad, so sad.

George Santayana, whose famous words, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," echo throughout a world that proves his words to be correct. Sr. Santayana was echoing words penned millennia before he ever existed, which proclaimed:

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after. Ecclesiastes 1:9-11

King Solomon clearly states above that not only will people forget history; it is impossible for them to remember it. One of the reasons this is true is that people tend to stop teaching about things as the events grow older. Another is that older events are no longer contemporary, so they are dismissed as being old, archaic and not up with the times. I can't count how many times I've been told that the Bible isn't for our age; that it is a book of rules and regulations for an earlier age and that it doesn't address current issues. I beg to differ with their assertion. If one studies the Bible one finds that it addresses issues like the current crazes of tattooing, piercing, rebellion against authority, getting high, infidelity, adultery, fornication,

homosexuality; and it goes on to talk about other things that haven't happened yet. Oh, how much heartache and bad history could have been avoided had people simply read their Bibles and even better than that; had they asked the author to reveal scripture to their hearts and minds.

Take for example the common stereotype thrust upon Jews, the title of Christ Killer. Well, if people had read their Bible, they could see that Yeshua was quite clear, and made the statement that nobody took his life, that he voluntarily laid it down. Furthermore, it wasn't all of the Jews that made accusations against Yeshua; it was the Jewish Leadership, and not all of them either. Furthermore, every version of the Bible that I've read, you know, the ones that Christians read; all state that although the Jewish leaders made the accusations, it was the Romans that whipped Yeshua, beat Him, place the robe on Him, place the crown of thorns on His head, forced Him to carry the cross, nailed Him to the cross, placed the cross in the ground, drove the spikes into his wrists, and it was a Roman Centurion that pierced his side to make sure that He was dead. If you want to call someone a Christ Killer, then single out Italians, or better yet, single out yourself because it is clearly pointed out in scripture that Yeshua is "The Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the WORLD." If it wasn't for those few Jewish leaders that conspired against Yeshua, Yehuda Iscariot who betrayed Him, the Romans who crucified him and you and I who are offered the free gift of Salvation if we confess Yeshua without mouths and believe in our hearts that Yahweh raised Him from the dead, you would still be dead in your original sin with no hope, no joy and absolutely no way to Heaven.

I find it interesting that out of all of the peoples on the Earth, that the Sons of Israel have been the ones the most persecuted. In Yahweh's plan of all things, there had to be a line of people that Mashiach had to come through. Did you know that the plan of Yahweh is clearly shown in the names of the patriarchs in the Book of Genesis? Let's look at their names and see:

Adam

Adam's name means "man." As the first Man, that seems straightforward enough.

Seth

Adam's son was named Seth, which means "appointed." Eve said, "For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."

Enosh

Seth's son was called Enosh, which means "mortal," "frail," or "miserable." It is from the root anash, to be incurable, used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness. It was in the days of Enosh that men began to defile the name of the Living God.

Kenan

Enosh's son was named Kenan, which can mean "sorrow," or "wandering nomad." (The precise denotation is somewhat elusive; some study aids even assume that Kenan is synonymous with "Cainan." Balaam, looking down from the heights of Moab, puns upon the name of the Kenites when he prophesizes their destruction.

Mahalalel

Kenan's son was Mahalalel, which means "the Blessed God." Often Hebrew names include El, one of the many names of God, as Daniel, "God is my Judge," etc.

Jared

Mahalalel's son was named Jared, from a verb yaradh, meaning "shall come down." (Some authorities also tie this to the "Sons of God" corrupting the daughters of men, resulting in the Nephilim of Genesis 6.)

Enoch

Jared's son was Enoch, which means "teaching." He was the first of four generations of preachers. In fact, the earliest recorded prophecy was by Enoch, and which, amazingly enough, dealt with the Second Coming of Christ, (although it is quoted in the Book of Jude in the New Testament):

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Jude 1:14-15

Methuselah

Enoch was the father of Methuselah, who we have already mentioned. Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah. Apparently, Enoch received the prophecy of the Great Flood, and was told that as long as his son was alive, the flood would be withheld. The year that Methuselah died, the flood came. Enoch, of course, never died; he was translated. (If you'll excuse the expression, "raptured.") That's how Methuselah can be the oldest man in the Bible, yet he died "before" his father!

Lamech

Methuselah's son was named Lamech, which means "despairing." This same root also seems to lie behind our English word lamentation. (While a similar root can mean "strength." this name is linked, through traditional Jewish sources, with the Lamech in Cain's line, who inadvertently killed his son Tubal-Cain in a hunting incident.

Noah

Lamech, of course, is the father of Noah, which is linked with nacham, "to bring relief" or "comfort." This is highlighted in Genesis 5:29.

Now let's put it all together:

Hebrew = English

Adam = Man

Seth = Appointed

Enosh = Mortal

Kenan = Sorrow

Mahalalel = The Blessed God

Jared = Shall come down

Enoch = Teaching

Methuselah = His death shall bring

Lamech = The Despairing

Noah = Comfort (or Rest)

That's rather remarkable:

Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the Blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing rest."

Yahweh had the plan of Salvation all worked out from the beginning. He picked the Sons of Israel as His special people, a people called out from the world right from the beginning. From before time began, this plan was affected, and it was completed. Remember, there is not linear time in Heaven, so the past is future, the future is past and this very moment will happen and has happened as far as Yahweh is concerned.

Our enemy Satan, has known the plan to some degree; much like we know a little of the end from the Book of Revelation. That book will not be figured out until it is actually happened, but we know sort of what will happen. Satan has known that the Sons of Israel would be instrumental to His plan for the ages. The enemy has tried to exterminate the Sons of Israel many times, and has failed every time. He tried to kill the Sons of Israel in Egypt, in Persia, through Babylon, Greece; and for what purpose? His purpose was to prevent the birth of a Redeemer who would offer mankind a chance to bridge the gap between man and Yahweh. He wanted to prevent the birth of the Sacrificed Lamb. After the Resurrection he has tried to kill the Sons of Israel, along with true believers in Yeshua because Yeshua is coming back to rescue the Sons of Israel (the Jewish people) and to rescue the true believers in Yeshua. The Jewish nation will figure predominantly through the Millennial Age and after. Read the last chapters of Ezekiel. True believers in Yeshua will serve Yahweh as Kings and Priests too.

What does the immediate future hold for us? In the long run, things look great, but for a few years, things will not be well. There will be another holocaust, but this time it will be not only Jews in death camps, but also all true believers in Yeshua. Yahweh is in the process of getting many people ready to endure the hardships that are coming. Many are the times that we

have heard rumors of internment camps here in the United States, and I'm sure around the world too. We hear rumors of rail cars being reserved to take people away to these camps. We hear rumors of the US Government buying guillotines by the hundreds or thousands; and we ask why? The answer is to attempt to rid the world of the physical seed of Mashiach, and the spiritual seed of Mashiach; many of who are the same in lineage. The Anti-Israelism that we see today is morphing rapidly into Anti-Yahwehism, where anyone related in any way to the God of Israel, Yahweh, will be persecuted and/or killed.

I hear many say that they are ready for such a thing, that they are willing to die for Yeshua, but are they really? I read a story years ago. It was a story from one of the books written by the early Christian Fathers. As the story goes, there was a time when it was very popular to be a "Christian." It was the hip thing to do, the popular thing in society. There was a Christian friendly emperor that made Christianity a legal religion. People played religion and everyone had a cross around their neck. A few years passed and the good emperor died. A new emperor came into power and proclaimed that Christians were enemies of the Empire and that anyone caught with any sort of paraphernalia would be immediately executed. The writer of the story would later be martyred, but he wrote this history. He said that the saddest thing wasn't reading the proclamation and fearing for his life. He said that the saddest thing was the sound he heard when all of the crosses being torn from necks and were being thrown to the floor.

I wonder how many people reading this proudly proclaim that they will follow Yeshua to the death, but will throw their faith to the floor to save their flesh. I look at the shallowness of so many people who claim to follow Yeshua with such devotion, but at the same time are drawn to the things of the world; who value the opinions of unbelievers over their own beliefs. I wonder about those who try to be politically correct and let that trump their faith. I wonder about those who say that they want to be like Yeshua when it comes to his peacefulness but ignore the fact that out of indignation overturned tables of money changers and called the religious leaders of the times, whitewashed tombs full of dead men's bones, a den of vipers, and sons of Satan. I have to wonder about those who follow the easy Yeshua, but shun those who follow all of Yeshua. I wonder about those who will do everything that the pastor says, yet they will not dust off their Bibles to see if what the pastor is saying is backed up by scripture, text and verse. I wonder about a lot of such things, and I pray that the faith of everyone reading this, and all "believers" in general will seek greater faith, greater knowledge of Yahweh Yeshua, and even more, that all-encompassing relationship that Yeshua died to enable everyone who believes on His Name to experience with Aveinu, through the love of Ha Ben and the power of the Ruach Ha Kodesh. End.