

THE JEWISH PERSECUTION OF YESHUA AND HOW THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO GET IT WRONG

I want to talk about a pet peeve that I have. This peeve is with some “Christians,” but also those who translated the Bible into English and other languages. Good Christians take the Bible seriously, as well all should. However, many fail to go into the original languages in order to clarify issues. You can’t blame many people for doing this, many would say, but yes you can. I tried to come up with an analogy that might work, but I couldn’t. I wanted to say that many treat reading the Bible like driving a car. You climb into a seat every day, drive to work or school or wherever, then you drive home, park the car and you don’t see it until the next day. However, when problems arise, if the problem is simple, just about anyone can fix the problem, but if things go really wrong, most take their cars to a mechanic to have it analyzed and fixed. There are certain souls, who are not mechanics who will read books and delve into problems and can fix the most serious mechanical problem. There are others who attempt the same thing and end up making more of a mess than there was, to begin with. Some problems mimic other things. For instance, if the idle is rough it could be an electrical problem or it could be blown rings on the pistons. A good mechanic will look at the exhaust in such instances; finding blue smoke coming from the tailpipe will indicate that the car is burning oil so the piston theory is correct, but if not, then they might investigate the electrical, or even an air or fuel intake problem. Often, a mechanic will look at schematics and/or troubleshooting charts to make a determination. When they do this, they are reading the remedy written by those who have spent hours and/or days working out problems that could happen with any particular car, but the book they use for your car was written for your car make, model and year.

Scripture should be studied in a similar fashion. There is a surface meaning that is rendered in English, and many times when this meaning is meshed together with the context of the whole of the scripture body, both before and after the scripture in question, a proper rendering can be made of what the scripture is telling us. Sometimes, just like in the rough idle analogy above, things can be looked at from two or three (or more) perspectives. For instance, the man above who noticed a rough idle and thought it to be electrical without looking for blue smoke coming out of the tailpipe is one example. He hopes and wants the problem to be electrical because maybe he is adept at fixing electrical problems and could fix the car himself. He could tear down the entire electrical system when that would be unnecessary if he just looked behind the car at the tailpipe. Oft times people that study scripture want it to say a certain thing,

so they build a doctrine upon what they want a scripture to say, not necessarily what it actually says.

Have you ever gotten something manufactured in a foreign country and read the directions when they are translated into English, or whatever language you speak? I understand that this isn't as bad as it used to be, but in the past, words were left out that were crucial to making the item correctly or ruining the project. Well, the same thing happens sometimes when Hebrew words and Greek words are translated into our native languages. Sometimes, articles aren't used in Hebrew but are injected by the scribe to cause the scripture to make sense in English. Sometimes there aren't modern words for things mentioned in scripture, as we can see next:

God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn. Numbers 23:22

Well, we all know that unicorns are mythical creatures, but some would suggest that the Bible proves otherwise. However, if we do a Hebrew word search that the translators mistook for "unicorn," we see that it is the Hebrew word "*rě'em*," and that word really means:

probably the great aurochs or wild bulls which are now extinct. The exact meaning is not known. Strongs: H7214

We see that when the scribes translated the King James Version of the Scriptures, there no longer existed a beast *rě'em* and they thought that insert the word unicorn. Whether this was deliberate or not, we'll probably never know, but I do know that both extinct creatures mentioned had two horns, so using "unicorn" as the word for *rě'em* was either done out of negligence of correct interpretation or by intentional deceit. By showing this I'm not trying to state that the Bible is full of errors, no, it is the most accurate handed down script ever to be printed, but there are differences in languages and in the translation thereof, and it is important to get into the original languages (yourself and not let others do it for you) to see what the intent of the divinely inspired authors actually meant and said. It's only natural that such things would happen, that there could be less than adequate translations. That is why we have the original languages. To you schmendricks that think that the Jews are cast off forever, you better reconsider and be thankful to the Jews because they preserved Hebrew so that we can have the literal translations of what was written of years ago and know without a doubt that what we're

reading or researching is a correct division of the Word of Yahweh. This is again more proof that Yahweh isn't finished with the Apple of His Eye.

My biggest pet peeve when it comes to the illogical and improper use of scripture is when the phrase, "the Jews" is used in the Brit Hadasha (New Testament). Using the word "the" in front of any ethnic or nationality tends to lump all of the particular people into one group. For instance, many people in the world hate "the Americans," and for a variety of reasons. If you ask people abroad why they hate Americans, they will tell you mostly that it is because of what the government and/or big business does to exploit people of other nations. I once ran into a German couple who came into our pharmacy. The husband told me that the people of Germany don't hate the common, everyday American, but they hate what the US Government does. However, when you take into account that we're told that we elect our officials, then if the German couple had problems with President Bush and his government, then they hated close to have of all Americans because of those who voted, close to half voted for George Bush. We have a habit in our western culture (and others also) to put the word "the" in front of things, and like I said above, it mixes all of a particular people or group into one bucket. In my lifetime, I've heard many such things, including; The Irish are drunken louts and brawlers, the French just want to fornicate, the English are snobs, the Germans are hard-headed, the Italians are all criminals; so on and so forth. However, I know wonderful Irish, French, English, Germans, Italians and many other people, all who come from different ethnic groups and are superb people. I know Americans who are supreme jerks and I know fellow countryman who are the salt of the earth. I know Christians that I clearly distance myself from and I know others that I'm proud to call my brothers and sisters. And finally, I know some Jews that I don't care to associate with and I know others that are mishpochah.

However, a serious error occurs when we read scriptures in the Brit Hadasha, and we read "the Jews." For some reason, gentiles like to equate ALL Jews with the ones that were instrumental in coercing the Romans to nail Yeshua to the Tree. It's clear that Christians are influenced by Scripture and rightfully so, but what about those scriptures, the ones in the Brit Hadasha that place ALL Jews in a bad light. We saw above how the world views Americans by what our leaders do around the world, yet at least half of common Americans are good and decent people. We know that in just about every group there are people who just want to live their lives out and be left alone, unencumbered by the governments and leaders that give our cooperatives a bad name. Why do Christians allow the words "the Jews" influence how they feel about Jews? Well, maybe it is because, just like those who like to just jump in the car and go and

not worry about the mechanics of the car, people like to read and/or hear scripture read to them without looking at things from the lens of scripture.

Modern Greek takes on some of the older Greek elements, one of those being that they put articles in sentences. For instance, they insert the word “οι” for the word “the” in English. If I were talking about the words, the Italians, it would be rendered in modern Greek “οι Ιταλοί” or if I were to say the words, “the Jews,” in Greek it would be rendered, “Οι Εβραίοι.” Notice that there is always an article in front of the noun. Let’s look at a scripture in the Brit Hadasha:

And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? John 1:19

Now, let’s look at the words in Greek, for “the Jews,”:

The word that is used is “*Ioudaios*” and you can look high and low, and you don’t find the word “Οι” before or after the word Jews.

So, the scripture should be translated: “...so Jews sent priests and Levites....., not “the Jews.” We read all through the Brit Hadasha, that it was the Scribes, Pharisees and other Jewish “leaders,” that caused all of the trouble, NOT the common, everyday Jew. So a more proper rendering, taking all context into account, should be to render such scriptures as saying, “The Jewish Leadership,” instead of just “the Jews.”

But let’s say that we want to find a scripture that includes all Jews; how would that be rendered in scripture properly? A good example is found in Mark, chapter seven:

For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. Mark 7:3

Let’s look at the Greek for “all Jews”:

“All” = Greek “pas”

individually

each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything collectively

some of all types

Jews = Greek "Ioudaios"

*Jewish, belonging to the Jewish nation
Jewish as respects to birth, origin, religion*

If the writers of the original Greek texts would have wanted to include Jews incorporate, in most of the scriptures where Jews are involved, they would have used an article in the sentence, which they did not. And, it works in a great percentage in that manner. The original Greek scribes wanted readers to know that it was certain Jews, not all Jews, that cause Yeshua tsuris (great troubles). It was certain, not all Jews that wanted Yeshua crucified and it was probably the scribes and Pharisees that mocked Him on while hanging on the tree. If we look at the troubles that we have today, most opinions, whether they be politically or economically motivated, come from the rich and powerful.

For more than two centuries, it is ignorant and the arrogant people that have used the incorrect rendering of the Greek and subsequent inaccurate translation from incorrect renderings to persecute the common everyday Jew. When we look back at Germany during the early and middle part of the 20th Century we find it hard to comprehend why so many Germans joined the Nazi party and why even those who didn't join that party either turned in their Jewish neighbors or turned their eyes while atrocities were being committed. Well, if you take into account that many Germans were Lutherans, you can get some idea, because the writings of Martin Luther about the Jews were utterly horrible. Luther was sympathetic toward the Jews because of their persecution by the Roman Catholic Church; but when those Jews who had backed Luther failed to convert to Christianity, Luther began to loathe them. Here are Luther's writings about the Jews:

I had made up my mind to write no more either about the Jews or against them. But since I learned that these miserable and accursed people do not cease to lure to themselves even us, that is, the Christians, I have published this little book, so that I might be found among those who opposed such poisonous activities of the Jews who warned the Christians to be on their guard against them. I would not have believed that a Christian could be duped by the Jews into taking their exile and wretchedness upon himself. However, the devil is the god of the world, and wherever God's word is absent he has an easy task, not only with the weak but also with the strong. May God help us. Amen.

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He did not call them Abraham's children, but a "brood of vipers" [Matt. 3:7]. Oh, that was too insulting for the noble blood and race of Israel, and they declared, "He has a demon" [Matt 11:18]. Our Lord also calls them a "brood of vipers"; furthermore in John 8 [39,44] he states: "If you were Abraham's children ye would do what Abraham did.... You are of your father the devil. It was intolerable to them to hear that they were not Abraham's but the devil's children, nor can they bear to hear this today.

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Therefore the blind Jews are truly stupid fools...

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Now just behold these miserable, blind, and senseless people ... their blindness and arrogance are as solid as an iron mountain.

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Learn from this, dear Christian, what you are doing if you permit the blind Jews to mislead you. Then the saying will truly apply, "When a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into the pit" [cf. Luke 6:39]. You cannot learn anything from them except how to misunderstand the divine commandments...

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Therefore be on your guard against the Jews, knowing that wherever they have their synagogues, nothing is found but a den of devils in which sheer selfglory, conceit, lies, blasphemy, and defaming of God and men are practiced most maliciously and vehemingly with their eyes on them.

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Moreover, they are nothing but thieves and robbers who daily eat no morsel and wear no thread of clothing which they have not stolen and pilfered from us by means of their accursed usury. Thus they live from day to day, together with wife and child, by theft and robbery, as archthieves and robbers, in the most impenitent security.

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However, they have not acquired a perfect mastery of the art of lying; they lie so clumsily and ineptly that anyone who is just a little observant can easily detect it. But for us Christians they stand as a terrifying example of God's wrath.

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If I had to refute all the other articles of the Jewish faith, I should be obliged to write against them as much and for as long a time as they have used for inventing their lies that is, longer than two thousand years.

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...Christ and his word can hardly be recognized because of the great vermin of human ordinances. However, let this suffice for the time being on their lies against doctrine or faith.

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Did I not tell you earlier that a Jew is such a noble, precious jewel that God and all the angels dance when he farts?

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Alas, it cannot be anything but the terrible wrath of God which permits anyone to sink into such abysmal, devilish, hellish, insane baseness, envy, and arrogance. If I were to avenge myself on the devil himself I should be unable to wish him such evil and misfortune as God's wrath inflicts on the Jews, compelling them to lie and to blaspheme so monstrously, in violation of their own conscience. Anyway, they have their reward for constantly giving God the lie.

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No, one should toss out these lazy rogues by the seat of their pants.

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...but then eject them forever from this country. For, as we have heard, God's anger with them is so intense that gentle mercy will only tend to make them worse and worse, while sharp mercy will reform them but little. Therefore, in any case, away with them!

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Over and above that we let them get rich on our sweat and blood, while we remain poor and they such the marrow from our bones.

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I brief, dear princes and lords, those of you who have Jews under your rule if my counsel does not please your, find better advice, so that you and we all can be rid of the unbearable, devilish burden of the Jews, lest we become guilty sharers before God in the lies, blasphemy, the defamation, and the curses which the mad Jews indulge in so freely and wantonly against the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, this dear mother, all Christians, all authority, and ourselves. Do not grant them protection, safeconduct, or communion with us.... .With this faithful counsel and warning I wish to cleanse and exonerate my conscience.

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Let the government deal with them in this respect, as I have suggested. But whether the government acts or not, let everyone at least be guided by his own conscience and form for himself a definition or image of a Jew.

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However, we must avoid confirming them in their wanton lying, slandering, cursing, and defaming. Nor dare we make ourselves partners in their devilish ranting and raving by shielding and protecting them, by giving them food, drink, and shelter, or by other neighborly

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Therefore we Christians, in turn, are obliged not to tolerate their wanton and conscious blasphemy.

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Accordingly, it must and dare not be considered a trifling matter but a most serious one to seek counsel against this and to save our souls from the Jews, that is, from the devil and from eternal death.

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What shall we Christians do with this rejected and condemned people, the Jews? Since they live among us, we dare not tolerate their conduct, now that we are aware of their lying and reviling and blaspheming. If we do, we become sharers in their lies, cursing and blasphemy. Thus we cannot extinguish the unquenchable fire of divine wrath, of which the prophets speak, nor can we convert the Jews. With prayer and the fear of God we must practice a sharp mercy to see whether we might save at least a few from the glowing flames. We dare not avenge ourselves. Vengeance a thousand times worse than we could wish them already has them by the throat. I shall give you my sincere advice:

First to set fire to their synagogues or schools and to bury and cover with dirt whatever will not burn, so that no man will ever again see a stone or cinder of them. This is to be done in honor of our Lord and of Christendom, so that God might see that we are Christians, and do not condone or knowingly tolerate such public lying, cursing, and blaspheming of his Son and of his Christians. For whatever we tolerated in the past unknowingly and I myself was unaware of it will be pardoned by God. But if we, now that we are informed, were to protect and shield such a house for the Jews, existing right before our very nose, in which they lie about, blaspheme, curse, vilify, and defame Christ and us (as was heard above), it would be the same as if we were doing all this and even worse ourselves, as we very well know.

Second, I advise that their houses also be razed and destroyed. For they pursue in them the same aims as in their synagogues. Instead they might be lodged under a roof or in a barn, like the gypsies. This will bring home to them that they are not masters in our country, as they boast, but that they are living in exile and in captivity, as they incessantly wail and lament about us before God.

Third, I advise that all their prayer books and Talmudic writings, in which such idolatry, lies, cursing and blasphemy are taught, be taken from them. (remainder omitted)

Fourth, I advise that their rabbis be forbidden to teach henceforth on pain of loss of life and limb. For they have justly forfeited the right to such an office by holding the poor Jews captive with the saying of Moses (Deuteronomy 17 [:10 ff.]) in which he commands them to obey their teachers on penalty of death, although Moses clearly adds: "what they teach you in accord with the law of the Lord." Those villains ignore that. They wantonly employ the poor people's obedience contrary to the law of the Lord and infuse them with this poison, cursing, and blasphemy. In the same way the pope also held us captive with the declaration in Matthew 16 [:18], "You are Peter," etc, inducing us to believe all the lies and deceptions that issued from his devilish mind. He did not teach in accord with the word of God, and therefore he forfeited the right to teach.

Fifth, I advise that safeconduct on the highways be abolished completely for the Jews. For they have no business in the countryside, since they are not lords, officials, tradesmen, or the like. Let them stay at home. (...remainder omitted).

Sixth, I advise that usury be prohibited to them, and that all cash and treasure of silver and gold be taken from them and put aside for safekeeping. The reason for such a measure is that, as said above, they have no other means of earning a livelihood than usury, and by it they have stolen and robbed from us all they possess. Such money should now be used in no other way than the following: Whenever a Jew is sincerely converted, he should be handed one hundred, two hundred, or three hundred florins, as personal circumstances may suggest. With this he could set himself up in some occupation for the support of his poor wife and children, and the maintenance of the old or feeble. For such evil gains are cursed if they are not put to use with God's blessing in a good and worthy cause.

Seventh, I commend putting a flail, an ax, a hoe, a spade, a distaff, or a spindle into the hands of young, strong Jews and Jewesses and letting them earn their bread in the sweat of their brow, as was imposed on the children of Adam (Gen 3[:19]). For it is not fitting that they should let us accursed Goyim toil in the sweat of our faces while they, the holy people, idle away their time behind the stove, feasting and farting, and on top of all, boasting blasphemously of their lordship over the Christians by means of our sweat. No, one should toss out these lazy rogues by the seat of their pants.

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But what will happen even if we do burn down the Jews' synagogues and forbid them publicly to praise God, to pray, to teach, to utter God's name? They will still keep doing it in secret. If we know that they are doing this in secret, it is the same as if they were doing it publicly. for our knowledge of their secret doings and our toleration of them implies that they are not secret after all and thus our conscience is encumbered with it before God.

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Accordingly, it must and dare not be considered a trifling matter but a most serious one to seek counsel against this and to save our souls from the Jews, that is, from the devil and from eternal death. My advice, as I said earlier, is:

First, that their synagogues be burned down, and that all who are able toss in sulphur and pitch; it would be good if someone could also throw in some hellfire. That would demonstrate to God our serious resolve and be evidence to all the world that it was in ignorance that we tolerated such houses, in which the Jews have reviled God, our dear Creator and Father, and his Son most shamefully up till now but that we have now given them their due reward.

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I wish and I ask that our rulers who have Jewish subjects exercise a sharp mercy toward these wretched people, as suggested above, to see whether this might not help (though it is doubtful). They must act like a good physician who, when gangrene has set in, proceeds without mercy to cut, saw, and burn flesh, veins, bone, and marrow. Such a procedure must also be followed in this instance. Burn down their synagogues, forbid all that I enumerated earlier, force them to work, and deal harshly with them, as Moses did in the wilderness, slaying three thousand lest the whole people perish. They surely do not know what they are doing; moreover, as people possessed, they do not wish to know it, hear it, or learn it. There it would be wrong to be merciful and confirm them in their conduct. If this does not help we must drive them out like mad dogs, so that we do not become partakers of their abominable blasphemy and all their other vices and thus merit God's wrath and be damned with them. I have done my duty. Now let everyone see to his. I am exonerated. "

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My essay, I hope, will furnish a Christian (who in any case has no desire to become a Jew) with enough material not only to defend himself against the blind, venomous Jews, but also to become the foe of the Jews' malice, lying, and cursing, and to understand not only that their belief is false but that they are surely possessed by all devils. May Christ, our dear Lord, convert them mercifully and preserve us steadfastly and immovably in the knowledge of him, which is eternal life. Amen.

[Source: http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/anti-semitism/Luther_on_Jews.html]

In our current era, we see the plague of Islam terrorizing the world and many, including myself, say that it is because of the writings of Mohammed as the Islamic foundation of faith that causes people to act out. People like to follow creeds and philosophies. The Catholics of Germany did like Catholics did for centuries before Luther, they despised Jews and acted out because the Vatican twisted scriptures so that people believed the priests when they went out and banished and killed Jewish people. However, the supposed "protesters" against Catholicism, the Lutherans followed the writings of a former Catholic Monk who rebelled against the many ills of Catholicism, but not the anti-Jewish sentiment that has always existed in Europe and around the world.

This anti-Jewish sentiment has slithered down through various denominations and the nondenominational churches and still exists today. There are so many people in so many churches that just come to services on Sunday to practice "Churchianity" and they head home afterward feeling good that they fulfilled their obligation to Yahweh. They hear what the preacher preaches and then try to apply it to their lives. They don't have time, or they are

unwilling or they are not sure of how to research into the Word of Yahweh to see the original intent of the Ruach Ha Kodesh inspired writers and Yahweh Himself. They hear any number of scriptures read to them, or they read them where “the Jews” are mentioned and they take it at face value, much like the people of the world hate Americans because of the actions of our leaders, our philosophers, and our business elites.

Over the past few years, many researchers like myself have noticed a rise in groups of Christians that are into Dominionism and Replacement Theology. They read the Gospels which were mistranslated and say that “the Jews” did all sort of evil to Yeshua and His Disciples. We see how they cut and paste the writings of Rabbi Paul so as to demonize Jewish people, and I have to say that this sentiment is skyrocketing at an alarming rate. I wouldn’t put it past what would seem to be good Christians of today forming a body that is much like the Nazi party of Germany (and such organizations do already exist) while they turn in their Jewish neighbors or turn a blind eye toward the evil that will ensue. And all of this will happen because they are built on faulty foundations of their own making, made because they didn’t examine the scriptures. They didn’t listen to that still small voice that says that the words, “THE JEWS” is not all inclusive of all Jews. They are too blind to see that the very reviling of their own nation, which occurs because of the political and religious leaders of our land is the same force that the words, “The AMERICANS” causes those of other lands to equate every single American into the misdeeds of just a few. It’s time to wake up and smell the coffee folks. Realize that in the vast majority of the cases of Brit Hadasha scripture, the words “the Jews,” refers to the Jewish Leaders and the Jewish Powerful of the time, and not people like you and me; the good folks that just want to live our lives left alone and not associated with the corrupt cabal that is in charge of the whole mess.