Doctrine of Antisemitism, Part 7

In previous sessions, we have seen how Satan has attempted to prevent the Cross by attacking the line to Christ, but God countered, and Satan was defeated. We will now explore Satan's final attempt to prevent the administration of his sentence to the Lake of Fire. He intends to destroy all Israel so that no Jew will be present at the Second Advent, when the promises of the four unconditional covenants to Israel will be fulfilled.

Unconditional Covenants:

- Abrahamic Covenant - Genesis 12:1-3
- Land Grant Covenant - Deuteronomy 30:1-10
- Davidic Covenant - 2 Samuel 7:14-15
- New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-33

The Meaning of Anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism is the hostility of a person, a group, an organization, or a nation toward the Jews. The descendants of Shem are classified as the Semitic race of peoples. Semites include the Akkadians, Elamites, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Arabs, Syrians, Lydians, Carians, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Midianites, some Armenians, some Ethiopians, and Jews. The term "antisemitic" is somewhat of a misnomer because "antisemitism" applies only to Jews as a race and nation, not to all Semitic peoples.

The term is defined as intolerance, hatred, prejudice, opposition, persecution, and the use of terrorism and military force against the Jewish race. Because the Jews are central to the angelic conflict, there is strong Satanic motivation and opposition against them, not only in the Middle East but also scattered throughout the world. This persecution and hostility toward the Jews will reach its peak during the Tribulation.

The principle of anti-Semitism is stated outside the Bible and documented in the Encyclopedia Britannica, 14th edition, Volume 13, p. 511, "It is a noteworthy fact of history that great conquerors like Alexander, Caesar, and Napoleon have always treated the Jew well. On the other hand, lesser men, endowed with narrower outlooks, have failed to recognize the Jew, and have sought to crush him. But such methods are contrary to nature, and tyranny, whether toward the Jew or any other, has never secured

permanent results. The same policy of antisemitism has characterized subsequent dynasties from the Assyrian to the Romanov. And the same fate has overtaken them. The Jews have survived their disappearance from history."

Antisemitism is first declared as part of the Abrahamic covenant in Genesis 12:1-3, "I will bless those who bless you; but the one who curses [despises] you, I will curse. And through you, all the nations of the earth will be blessed." Anyone who turns against the Jew will be punished by God.

This is demonstrated throughout Old Testament history and restated in Zechariah 2:8, “For thus said the LORD of hosts, after his glory sent me to the nations who plundered you, for he who touches you touches the apple of his eye.”

Anti-Semitism reaches its peak when Satan himself tries to destroy all Jews in the middle of the Tribulation (Revelation 12). All forms of antisemitism are Satanic.

Satan’s tactic in antisemitism is to create an atmosphere of mistrust and outright hatred of the Jew by the rest of society. He is attempting to drive a wedge between Christians and Jews by fostering mistrust of Christians among Jews and hatred of Jews among Christians.

Some Examples:

- Justin Martyr, an early church father, accused the Jews of inciting the Romans to kill Christ.
- Jerome (A.D. 340-419), the originator of the Latin Vulgate Bible, said, “God hates Jews, and I hate Jews.”
- Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople (A.D. 344-407), said, “Jews are the most worthless of men … It is incumbent upon all Christians to hate Jews.”
- Regarding Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria, it is written, “In the year 415 he fell upon the synagogues of the very numerous Jews with an armed force … he put some to death and drove out the rest…”
- Richard the Lion Hearted expelled the Jews from England in 1199 and confiscated their property.
- Thomas Aquinas wrote, “It would be licit in holding the Jews in perpetual servitude.”

- Jews were denied membership in many guilds, limiting them to professions considered undesirable, such as moneylending.

During the Crusades:

- At Rouen, all Jews who refused to submit to baptism were put to death.
- At Worms, Jews were massacred, and their property was divided.
- At Jerusalem in 1099, the Great Synagogue was burned with Jews of the city inside, and the perpetrators marched around the synagogue, chanting Christian hymns.
- In the Middle Ages, Jews were accused of sorcery and blamed for the Black Plague and other unexplained catastrophes.

Following the Crusades:

- The Inquisitions of fifteenth-century Spain and Portugal were Roman Church-sponsored efforts to force Jews to convert, die, or leave. This eventually spread to the rest of Europe.
- Martin Luther, the leading Protestant reformer, initially held the Jews in high regard, but when they did not flock to his message, he rejected them as “they cannot be saved.”
- During the seventeenth century, Jews were expelled from Prague, Frankfurt, and Vienna, as well as from numerous surrounding towns and villages.
- In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, pogroms, mass murders, and vandalism against Jews in Poland and Russia were church-sponsored.

The Holocaust of the late 1930s and 1940s took place in Germany, a so-called Christian nation and home to some of the most outstanding and respected Christian theologians. The so-called Christian nations of the world watched as the Third Reich slaughtered six million Jews, often denying refuge and safety to Jewish refugees fleeing death.

Anti-Semitism and Consequences

A clear correlation exists between the rise and fall of nations and their attitudes toward and treatment of Jews. Antisemitism has destroyed individuals, nations, and empires.

- Assyria declined because of its antisemitism, while Persia became great because of its kind treatment of the Jews.

- Alexander the Great was pro-Semitic and used Jews as administrators, as did Napoleon.
- The Seleucids, who took over a portion of Alexander's empire, were very antisemitic and were destroyed by Rome.
- Julius Caesar was pro-Semitic, unlike Pompey, who was antisemitic.
- Spain rose because it was a haven for the Jews, then fell, losing its New World riches, because of the persecution of the Jews under the Inquisition.
- Jews were protected in England under William the Conqueror. Though Edward I drove them out, the Jews returned under the Stuarts and the Hanoverians to flourish in England.
- The same pattern occurred in France, Assyria, Persia, and Rome.
- Germany under Hitler is a classic example of rampant antisemitism and Satan's attempt to exterminate the whole Jewish race.
- Antisemitism destroyed the Romanov dynasty in Russia.
- Client nations must be careful about their attitude toward the Jews.

Individuals, nations, and empires have also been blessed for their kind treatment of the Jews.

- Alexander the Great, Cyrus the Great, Julius Caesar, and the United States under Franklin D. Roosevelt all held a favorable attitude toward the Jews, and the results are evident.
- The rise of the British Empire was linked to pro-Semitism in 1215. Edward the First drove them out of England, but they returned and flourished from 1760 onward. Cromwell made England a haven for the Jews in 1665.
- The Jews were granted safe haven in the American colonies. The first group of 23 Jews arrived in New York from Brazil in 1654. This continued until 1830. Roger Williams made Newport, Rhode Island, the second-largest Jewish colony in the United States. The second large wave of immigration came from Central and Eastern Europe, from 1881 to 1924. The final period is the refugee period (1936-1946), when Jews were fleeing European countries.

The United States and Antisemitism.

On August 18, 1790, President George Washington sent a letter in response to an address from Moses Seixas, the warden of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. The message stands as George Washington's clearest declaration that the United States government would protect religious liberty as an inherent right, not a granted privilege.

He famously wrote, “Behold the government that **gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance**, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens.”

Under the Constitution of the United States of America, this nation has made religion solely a matter of individual privacy and concern. The Constitution is the greatest document outside the Bible for the protection of Jews. It not only protects the Jew as a member of a race but also protects him with regard to his religion. Our Constitution protects the Jewish citizen against racial and religious persecution.

It failed, however, to initially provide the same level of protection to those brought from Africa as slaves, taking decades before that wrong was corrected.

Freedom rests on the divine institution of human volition and the sanctity of property, life, and privacy. Government must balance the protection of our basic freedoms. Freedom without authority is anarchy, and authority without freedom is tyranny.

We, as citizens, have inalienable rights, but that doesn't mean the government provides them. The government's job is to provide freedom and peace; we do the rest. The government only provides the freedom to claim these rights. If the government assumes responsibility for providing food, shelter, and clothing for all people, then you no longer have freedom; you then have tyranny. We have the *right* to seek and acquire food, shelter, and clothing, but we do not have the right to *compel* the government or others to give us food, shelter, and clothing. In fact, freedom forbids the government from interfering rather than requiring it to do so.

The rights specified in the first ten amendments to the Constitution are freedoms in the sense of opportunities. For example, the First Amendment protects religious freedom, but this doesn't make people religious. The government cannot take sides for or against any religion. This amendment forbids the government from interfering with anyone's practice of the religion of their choice; if someone chooses no religion, that is their right.

Rights specify opportunities the government must not deny you or what the government must not tamper with; therefore, they leave people free to pursue their life plans.

Rights are freedoms from interference, especially by the federal government. They state that the government shall not interfere with or tamper with opportunities to live, prosper, and own property.

Therefore, the issue in our Constitution and Bill of Rights is never racial or religious. Any Jew has the same inherent right as anyone else: the freedom to pursue inherent rights, which are called "just claims on life." The government must *protect our freedom* to pursue these just claims, but it must not interfere with that freedom, nor provide these claims. The government is not to interfere with or persecute anyone because of race or religion.

What happened to the nations involved in antisemitism that were mentioned above? They went from prosperity to discipline, and many were destroyed under the fifth cycle of discipline. Germany after WWII is a good example.

But the worst is yet to come. During the Tribulation, Satan, with the help of willing antisemites, will come dangerously close to destroying Israel.

> **Matthew 24:21** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

God's counterattack will deliver the Jews at the Second Advent (Joel 2:20; 3:16; Zechariah 14:2-9; 11), destroy their enemies (Zechariah 9:14-15; 14:12-14; Revelation 19:21), and imprison Satan (Revelation 20:1-3).

This Angelic War has been ongoing since before the beginning of human history. Few people fully grasp its intensity. We are right in the middle of it. In fact, we are more "in the middle of it" than you may realize.

So far, I have only shown you the "big picture." Next, we will get down to the personal level and see how you and I can become part of this without even realizing it.

The Divine Attitude Toward Antisemitism

God's attitude is clearly delineated in the third paragraph of the Abrahamic covenant.

> **Genesis 12:3** I will bless those who bless you; but the one who curses [despises] you, I will curse. And through you, all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

The Hebrew verb *barak* (bless) is passive, meaning we receive blessing from God through our attitude toward Jews. We do not earn blessing. All nations are blessed through the Canon of Scripture, written by Jews, and through Christ's work on the Cross.

The prepositional phrase "through you" refers to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are blessed through Him. Salvation is open to every race and nation. God has promised to destroy any nation that turns against the Jews.

Principles of Application.

Good people become evil when they compromise with evil. Antisemitism is evil. By entering the system of antisemitism, good people take on the evil characteristics of that system.

> **Romans 12:21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The “good” is “divine good” and refers to living the Christ-life through “walking in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16; 22-23). This is possible only through faith and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Racial, Regenerate, and Religious Jews.

Akkadian Abraham became a Jew at age ninety-nine, when he was circumcised. Up until then, he was what the Hebrews called a *goi*, a Gentile. By removing skin from his phallus, God made a new race. That race is descended through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. A **racial Jew** is anyone who has the genes of one of the twelve sons of Jacob.

A “new racial species” came through regeneration. The “true” Jew possesses *both the genes and the God* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the Lord Jesus Christ.

> **Romans 9:6** But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

The "true" Jews are born-again, regenerate Jews. Not all racial Jews are "true" Jews. Racial Jews are not recipients of the unconditional covenants to Israel. These divine promises can be transmitted only through the second birth; thus, only regenerate Jews are recipients.

Paul, using this illustration in Romans 9, says that the Word of God has not failed, but the promises of the Word are for those who are born again. Abraham was born again. The Jewish race was perpetuated through the promise made to Abraham that he would have a son. Regeneration is the secret to the foundation of the Jewish race.

> **Romans 4:1** What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? **"Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."** 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works. (Emphasis added)

Christ is the God of the born-again Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The unconditional covenants apply only to the born-again Jew. Physical descent or natural birth cannot convey divine promises. Therefore, *these divine promises* require eternal life and can be transmitted only through regeneration.

The religious Jew is a legalist who has distorted the Mosaic Law into a system of legalism. Religion encompasses all of Satan's counterfeits of doctrine and grace. Religion and grace are antithetical. In religion, man works to gain God's approval. In regeneration, God seeks man through the

saving work of Jesus Christ on the Cross, and man approaches God through personal faith in Christ. Religion is the devil's ace trump.

Religion has its own gospel—keeping the Law, which is salvation by works. It has its own communion table (1 Corinthians 10:20-21); its own counterfeit spirituality (Galatians 3:2-3); its own counterfeit maturity (Matthew 23:1-35); and terrible self-righteousness and arrogance, which Christ describes in Matthew 19:16-28.

In religion, legalism is expressed through human plans, talents, thoughts, and works, all focused on earning God's approval.

How to Evaluate a Jew.

You are to evaluate the Jew as an individual just like any other person.

- As a believer, do not judge him.
- As an American, apply your norms and standards of establishment and patriotism to the Jew as you would to any person.
- As a nation in the Middle East, that depends on its foreign policy. We are not required to approve everything they do or every policy. Today, Israel is one of the strongest anti-communist nations in the world, and our only real ally in a region filled with nations that are basically hostile to us. Many of its population, being Muslim, want to see Israel and America completely eliminated.

Anti-Semitism is on the rise today and will peak during the Tribulation (Revelation 12:1-9). One hundred and forty-four thousand (144,000) Jews will evangelize during the Tribulation. Jews in the Tribulation will survive Satan's attempts to wipe them out. At the Second Advent, they will be regathered, and God's unconditional covenants to them will be fulfilled.

The Protocols of Zion.

“The Protocols of the London Elders of Zion” is a fabricated historical text written by the Romanov Czar's secret police in Paris before World War I. It was part of the Czar's antisemitic campaign against the Jews of Russia.

- The document consists of twenty-four sections, each called a “protocol.” It purports to be the confidential minutes of a Jewish conclave convened in the last years of the nineteenth century. This was entirely fabricated.
- After a famous trial in Switzerland in 1935, the judge wrote in his opinion, "I hope that one day there will come a time when no one will

any longer comprehend how in this year, almost a dozen fully sensible and reasonable men could for fourteen days torment their brains before a court over the authenticity or lack of authenticity of these so-called protocols. These protocols, that for all the harm they have already caused and may yet cause, are nothing but ridiculous nonsense."

- The Protocols became a major source of propaganda in the Arab world between 1965 and 1967. In 1967, the Soviet Union launched an antisemitic campaign centered on the Protocols' main theme, which held that the Jews were attempting to control the world through an international banking system and by extending Jewish monopolies into ore mining, oil production, chemical production, transportation, and publishing. In the 1970s, the Protocols were widely circulated throughout Central and South America.
- The United States Senate Judiciary Committee concluded, "Every age and country has had its share of fabricated historical documents which have been foisted on an unsuspecting public for some maligned purpose. In the United States, such forgeries pop up periodically in the underworld of subpolitics. One of the most notorious and enduring is The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. According to the Protocols, international communism is simply a manifestation of a world Jewish conspiracy that seeks to subjugate all non-Jewish peoples of the world. The real enemy, according to the Protocols, is not international communism, but international Jewry. The Protocols are one of a number of fraudulent documents that peddle the myth of an international Jewish conspiracy. Although the Protocols have been repeatedly and authentically exposed as a vicious hoax, they continue to be circulated by the unscrupulous and accepted by the unthinking."

It should be noted that the antisemitic Czar was soon murdered, and antisemitic Russia became a communist nation after a revolution. (The Fifth Cycle of Discipline strikes again.)

Antisemitism after the resurrection of the Church.

Revelation 12:1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. **2** She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. **3** And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his

heads seven diadems. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of
heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the
woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he
might devour it. 5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all
the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to
his throne, 6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a
place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.
7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the
dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was
defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And
the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called
the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown
down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 And I
heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses
them day and night before our God. 11 And they have conquered him by
the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved
not their lives even unto death. 12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you
who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has
come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is
short!”
13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth,
he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 But the
woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly
from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be
nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. 15 The serpent poured
water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away
with a flood. 16 But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the
earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had
poured from his mouth. 17 Then the dragon became furious with the
woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those
who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of
Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

In verse 1, the woman seen in Heaven is Israel. She is clothed with the sun, a reference to Jacob. The moon refers to Jacob's wives, the mothers of the patriarchs. The twelve stars represent Jacob's twelve sons.

In verse 2, while this may be fulfilled in the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary, the context seems to refer to the emerging nation of Israel in its suffering before Christ's second coming. The verses that follow further support this. The labor pains are a metaphor for antisemitism.

In verse 5, the child is our Lord Jesus Christ.

In verse 13, Satan, the dragon, persecutes the woman, Israel, in the greatest holocaust in history.

In verse 14, God protects her in Edom, Moab, and Ammon for three and a half years.

Antisemitism Is Unique

No hatred against any group of people can compare with it.

1. First is its longevity. Hatred of Jews has existed for a very long time. The Babylonians, the Persians, the Assyrians, the Egyptians, the Hittites, and the Nazis have all attempted to destroy the Jewish people.
2. Second is its universality. Jews are despised virtually everywhere in the world. Over the past 1,700 years, Jews have been expelled from more than eighty countries.
3. Third is its intensity. Antisemitism has always been expressed in a particularly virulent manner. In this sense, the world's antisemitism reflects hatred toward God.

> **Romans 9:4** They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

God is not finished with Israel.

God used the Jews to bring forth His Word, the Law, and morality to a sinful world. Through the Jews, God sent His Son to fulfill the Law and redeem mankind, offering salvation and freedom from sin. The message entrusted to the Jews ultimately transforms the world.

Despite all efforts to destroy the Jews, someday the nation of Israel will recognize Christ as their Savior and turn to Him.

Romans 11:26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob."

This cannot happen if Israel no longer exists. God has always preserved at least a remnant of the Jews and will continue to do so until His final plan comes to fruition. No amount of antisemitism will thwart God's plan for the Jewish people.

Sum up!

Over the last few weeks we have seen:

- At some point in eternity past, Satan led 1/3 of the angelic beings into rebellion against God. Satan aspired to be "like God" and to replace Him. Satan and the fallen angels were judged and sentenced to the Lake of Fire, but the sentence has not yet been carried out.
- Though not clearly stated in Scripture, we conclude from Satan's continued freedom to cause mischief and the creation of mankind that Satan must have protested his sentence and was granted an appeal trial. We further speculate that mankind is God's key witness that Satan's sentence was indeed fair and correct. The assumption is that man, a "lesser" being with free will, will not choose the path Satan and his fallen angels chose.
- Satan sought to tempt Adam and Eve into open rebellion by denying God and eating the forbidden fruit. They did so and were disciplined and expelled from the Garden of Eden.
- But God promised a redeemer who would offer redemption and triumph over Satan, proving that mankind would choose what God offered.
- Satan then focused on breaking the line from Eve to her seed, that redeemer who would "wound his head," a fatal blow. He failed in every scheme to prevent the coming of the Messiah and the Cross, where mankind's sins would be judged. That was a strategic victory for God. At this point, Satan has lost his appeal trial.
- *But* he has one more scheme, and that is to kill all the intended recipients of the four unconditional covenants promised to Israel. The last two thousand years are a history of that and what we call "antisemitism," as Satan spreads hatred for the Jews in an attempt to wipe out the entire race. Technically, he needs only to kill the born-again Jews who are the intended recipients of the promises found in the four

unconditional covenants, but there is no way he can separate them from those who are lost; thus, all Jews become Satan's target.

What we should take from all this:

- Satan has specifically targeted the Jews for destruction.
- God intends to protect the Jews and deliver the blessings of the covenants to them at the Second Advent.
- We see evidence of that protection throughout history: when the Jews were in the land enjoying blessings, and even when they were expelled and under discipline. When expelled, God always provided a "client nation," whose responsibilities, among other things, included offering safe haven to the Jews. Should these client nations turn on the Jews, they faced divine discipline under the five cycles of discipline—discipline that could culminate in revoking their client nation status, transferring it to another nation, and disciplining the failed client nation to the point of removing its blessings and even destroying that nation.
- The same responsibilities and potential discipline for failure apply to individual believers.

Unfortunately, today we are witnessing a dramatic global rise in antisemitism, and even in God's current client nation, the United States of America.