

COVID-19, ANTI-SEMITISM AND BIBLE PROPHECY

One aspect of prophecy that is often overlooked is the promised rise of anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is satanic, but God will use this demonic reality to bring Jewish people back to the land of Israel. Hitler's genocidal anti-Semitism was used by God to move the nations to allow Israel to become a nation once again (in fulfillment of Bible prophecy). In the same type of way, God will use the satanic hatred of the world to bring to pass His promises of the Jewish people returning to Israel.

PASTOR 'SCAMS' JEWISH CLERICS FOR FILM Dec. 9, 2014

Pastor Steve Anderson, Faithful Word Baptist Church, Tempe AZ

"In a promotional video, Anderson said that the film [Marching to Zion] has two purposes: 'to prove that the Jews are no longer God's chosen people in the New Testament but that we as believers, we as Christians, are God's chosen people. And secondly, to prove that the modern-day nation of Israel over in the Middle East is a complete fraud.'"

"The subterfuge that he used to get these interviews from us is beyond belief," said Wiener, who noted that the man mentioned a PBS documentary. "When he used the words PBS to me, it sounded legitimate and I didn't pursue it any further," he said."

http://www.jewishaz.com/community/pastor-scams-jewish-clerics-for-film/article_c6f8e942-8008-11e4-b57f-8b4c6d7cbff8.html

ANTI-SEMITISM IN A MAJOR RELIGIOUS PARTY AND AMERICA

Why Democrats embrace antisemitism and anti-Israel bias
by H.A. Goodman Feb. 4, 2019

The Democratic Party Has Normalized Anti-Semitism
by David Harsanyi March 7, 2019

Is It Still Safe to Be a Jew in America?
by Gary Rosenblatt March 15, 2020

The Antisemitism Crisis in the Democratic Party
by Dr. Alex Jaffe March 20, 2019

"With astonishing rapidity and cravenness, the US Democratic Party has succumbed to Corbynization. Tweets and other statements by newly elected members of Congress have asserted that American Jews are disloyal, that support for Israel is bought, and that accusations of antisemitism are used as weapons to silence dissent over Israel and the role of Jews.

"Though long anticipated, few expected that the process would take only a few weeks. However, the nature and dimensions of the Democrats' problem far transcend that of the Labour Party in Britain. The potential transformation of the US has global ramifications.

"The future of American politics, and the American experiment, is not yet written, but the script has become far darker."

THE SILENT AMERICAN JEWS by Caroline Glick JNS.org June 29, 2020

"According to the BLM charter, U.S. military aid to Israel is the foundation of America's problems. Because of U.S. military aid to Israel, BLM alleges, 'Every year billions of dollars are funneled from U.S. taxpayers to hundreds of arms corporations, who then wage lobbying campaigns pushing for even more foreign military aid. The results of this policy are twofold: it not only diverts much needed funding from domestic education and social programs, but it makes U.S. citizens complicit in the abuses committed by the Israeli government.'

"In other words, Israel is the root of America's troubles at home and abroad.

"The charter accuses Israel of being an "apartheid state," and supports the anti-Semitic boycott, sanctions and divestment campaign against Israel. It calls for local, state and federal action against Israel. Among other things, BLM demands that the U.S. military budget be cut by 50 percent, "which will lead to the closure of over 800 U.S. military bases in the U.S. and around the world, and the elimination of the sale of weaponry to violators of human rights, reduces the use and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and return all troops back from the current theaters of war."

"So for BLM, anti-Semitism isn't a bug. It is a feature. Hatred of Israel and the Jews is part of its DNA."

"Evangelical newscaster Rick Wiles calls the impeachment of President Donald Trump a "Jew Coup," says Jews are under divine judgment because they "oppose" Jesus, and asserts that the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic is a "plague" sent by God to the Jews, spreading from their synagogues to the entire world. His daily program is called TruNews.

"Steven Ben-Nun (Denoon), founder of Israel News Live, claims to be a Jewish believer in Jesus. His daily YouTube posts regularly include rants against the Jewish state and Christians who stand with it. According to Ben-Nun, Israel has made a pact with "the beast" (the Antichrist) in order to build a third temple where, contrary to his interpretation of the New Testament, blood sacrifices will be reinstated. Claiming fluency in Hebrew, he uses the Bible to assert that Israel today seeks to establish a theocratic state in which Christians will be beheaded for their belief in Jesus.

"Older expressions of Christianity, like Roman Catholicism and various Eastern Orthodox denominations, have kept a lid on their own essentially antisemitic convictions for several decades, even at times renouncing it. Instead of cooling the magma, however, those convictions have simmered just beneath the surface threatening to blow again one day.

"That day might be soon. Painting in the classic style and known for portrayal of Christian-themes, Italian artist Giovanni Gesparao unveiled his latest work just in time for Passover, 2020. Naming it, "The Martyrdom of Saint Simon of Trent, For Jewish Ritual Murder," it is based on a blood libel from the Middle Ages. Gleeful Jews are depicted in the slow bloodletting and murder of a Christian child, collecting its blood as an ingredient for the Passover meal.

"The modern State of Israel is keenly aware of the global resurgence of antisemitism."
<https://www.jpost.com/jerusalem-report/the-resurrection-of-christian-antisemitism-631109>

ANTI-SEMITISM OR NOT? by Susanna Kokkonen June 3, 2020

"COVID-19 has brought out serious expressions of hatred. We now have a specific form of anti-Semitism called COVID-19 anti-Semitism....now pictures of viruses with "Jewish faces" are very much visible on Social Media. Somehow Israel is spreading the virus. But we can still celebrate virus deaths in Israel. In the so-called anti-mask demonstrations signs were seen saying: "This is the real problem" whilst showing the Israeli flag. But, instead of the Star of David, a rat was shown in the middle of the flag."



COVID-19 FUELING WORLDWIDE WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITISM, RESEARCHERS FIND The Times of Israel June 23, 2020

"A report published Tuesday by a Tel Aviv research group found that the coronavirus pandemic has become a vehicle for an intense and exceptional wave of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionist propaganda that accuses Jews and Israel of either causing the virus or standing to benefit from it.

"The study is the latest to point to an increase in anti-Semitism as the virus has overshadowed nearly all aspects of life across the globe, with Jews blamed for creating the virus or for refusing to heed social distancing and hygiene guidelines. A recent Oxford University study found that 19.1 percent of the public in Britain believes to some degree that Jews caused the coronavirus pandemic.

"The recent killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis while in police custody has also been incorporated into anti-Israel discourse, with activists claiming that US police forces are racist and brutal because they receive training from the Israel Police. African Americans are also depicted as having a shared fate with Palestinians.

"The current wave of antisemitism is unprecedented, however, because, spreading very swiftly through the social media, it focused at first on the COVID-19 crisis and then quickly moved on because of social and political changes.

"Just a few days passed between the coronavirus crisis and the racism-related social crisis in the US, but antisemitic discourse remained just as fierce, with its proponents simply adapting their antisemitic narratives to the changing social contexts," he wrote."

https://www.timesofisrael.com/covid-19-fueling-worldwide-wave-of-anti-semitism-researchers-find/?utm_source=The+Daily+Edition&utm_campaign=daily-edition-2020-06-23&utm_medium=email

BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF ANTI-SEMITISM

1. God demands a love for Jewish people

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Genesis 12:3

"The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people." Deuteronomy 7:7

"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:3

To hate what God loves is to embrace a satanic mind-set.

2. The root of anti-Semitism is satanic

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

This event takes place at the middle of the Tribulation period. Satan at this time no longer has access to heaven. Many believe it is at this time that Satan indwells the anti-Christ who goes into the rebuilt Temple and proclaims himself god.

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."
2 Thessalonians 2:4

"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" Revelation 13:4

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people." Daniel 8:24

- 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.
- 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

The entire earth is warned about the wrath of the Devil (for 3½ years) but Israel is his special target of hate and wrath.

- 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

In this verse we have the two groups of people Satan makes war against.

1. Israel (see Revelation 12:1-6)

"The woman is the nation of Israel. This is evident for the following reasons: (1) Her description is reminiscent of Genesis 37:9-10 where these heavenly bodies, the sun and the moon, represent Jacob and Rachel. This identifies the woman with Israel and the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant. (2) The 12 stars in her crown would link her to the 12 tribes of Israel or the 12 sons of Jacob, the patriarchs of Israel. (3) In verse 2 she is seen with child, one who rules with a rod of iron (vs. 5). This can be none other than Christ, who as promised in Scripture, was from the nation of Israel (Matt. 1:1-25; cf. also Psalm 2:8-9; Rev. 2:27; 19:15). (4) That she is Israel, the nation, and not simply Mary, the mother of Jesus, is clear from the fact she will be persecuted in the last half of the Tribulation (vss. 6, 13-17). So the woman is the nation of Israel, the matrix and source of Messiah.

The description given here is not merely to identify her but to describe her in queenly terms because of Israel's prominence in the plan of God and especially in the millennial reign of Christ. This identifies her with the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant (cf. Psalm 89:34-37)."

J Hampton Keathley III, Commentary on the Revelation

2. Believers (in this context, though, Jewish believers)

3. Anti-Semitism will be used by God to get the Jewish people back to Israel

- Psalm 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- 3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

These four verses speak of Messiah as God who is the Davidic King and the Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Notice that the Messiah will:

1. "send the rod of thy strength" Vs. 2
2. "rule in the midst of thine enemies" Vs. 2
3. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power" vs. 3

The context places this passage in the Tribulation period.

- 5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
- 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

These three verses speak of the LORD's judgment upon the nations and the Anti-Christ in the Tribulation period.

Notice that the LORD (Messiah) will:

1. "Strike through kings in the day of his wrath"
2. "He shall judge among the heathen"
3. "He shall wound the heads over many countries"

Countries - ארצו eh'-rets = lands

Heads - ראש roshe = head (it is in the singular)

"The expression 'He dasheth in pieces the head over a wide land' has been variously interpreted. It is quite likely, however, that it is a reference to the slaughter of the Ruler who reigns over wide stretches of territory. It is quite probable that this one is the same one who is set forth as the little horn on the fourth beast mentioned in Dan. 7, which is the same person as the one who is spoken of as the king of Babylon in the end-time."

David Cooper, *Outline of Messiah's Career According to Psalm One Hundred Ten*

"'Heads' should be in the singular. In that day there will be one 'head' over 'many countries,' the Beast of Revelation 13:4-7, energized and indwelt by Satan. He will finally be crushed to eternal death by Christ fulfilling the primeval promise of Genesis 3:15." Henry Morris, Defenders Study Bible

The "head" is the "Anti-Christ," ruler of the world who has led the revolt against God and the persecution of the Jewish people.

The reason why the "Jewish people" will be willing at the end of the Tribulation period is that Satan has marshaled all the nations and armies of the world against Israel and they have no place to turn except God - Zechariah 12:1-10; Matthew 23:38-39

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.