

ANTI-SEMITISM: A Vital Key to Understanding Spiritual Delusion

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The Devil seeks only to steal, kill, and destroy. (John 10:9-10) Only Jesus is the way of life for all peoples. The Devil is the Enemy of all peoples seeking only the destruction of the human race.

The Devil's primary weapon in the destruction of humanity is the deceitful lie. Most of the time Satan is successful in his deceit because he uses many true facts and a nearly flawless internal logic in his arguments. However, the Devil's debating position is always based on false premises, which in turn creates a successfully deceptive, but false, belief system or religion that always consumes its adherents even as it seeks the destruction of others. *Today's most dramatic example of this system at work is the Palestinian Arab "suicide" (really homicide) bomber where the true believer of the Deceiver's lie is obliterated by means of attack against the objects of the Devil's insanely destructive wrath.* The Columbine, Colorado tragedy has similar markings.

Anti-Semitism is defined as **"hostility towards Jews as a religious or racial minority group often accompanied by social, economic, and political discrimination"** by Webster's Third New International Dictionary.

The Universal God of this Age vs. the God of Israel

Satan hates the God of Israel. He hates the name of Israel. He hates the people of Israel. He hates the promises of Israel as well as the church of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit born out of those promises. (See Ephesians 2:8-15.) These promises are written in the Bible, which was received from the Jews. (Romans 3:2) They include a promise of salvation through a Redeemer, a Savior who was to be both God and man - a Jewish man. (Isaiah 43:10-15 and Romans 9:4-8) Therefore, Jesus taught:

"You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:22-24)

Thus, followed to its natural conclusion, anti-Semitism inevitably leads to the persecution of Christians who live a biblical faith. The reason is spiritually simple: the Enemy of the Jewish people and the disciples of the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua/Jesus, is the same. It is Satan the Devil. What Satan opposes he hates. What he hates, he seeks to destroy.

Exposing the Devil

The primary methods of defeating this spiritual enemy expose him for what he is. One way to do this is to expose the underlying false premises of his otherwise seemingly rational philosophies or religions. However, when it comes to dealing with the Jewish people and the land of Israel, Satan's hate is so heated that he loses his "cool" to the point that even his otherwise flawless logic breaks down. This "breakdown" opens doorways to expose the true identity of the devilish spiritual forces behind the world's false religious systems. The presence of any anti-Semitic beliefs or behaviors becomes a major indicator of the presence of deception, whether that presence is in an organization of people or an organization of values, beliefs, mores, practices, and/or rituals.

Therefore, by understanding anti-Semitism better, a disciple of Jesus obtains a useful tool in spiritual warfare. It becomes easier for one to avoid, and help others to avoid, the spiritual deceptions that Yeshua the Messiah warned and prophesied would dominate the latter days prior to His return as the King of Israel and the King of Kings. The days we are living in today.