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The Epistle to the ROMANS

The Origins of Anti-Semitism

Romans 9:1–6 (Introduction)



Two Horrible Errors Have Plagued Christianity:

1. Replacement Theology

2. Anti-Semitism

What they both have in common is a non-literal, allegorizing, spiritualizing method of interpreting the Scripture.

Rom. 9:4, “who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;

Rom. 9:5, “of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.”

Gen. 12:1, “Now the LORD had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

Gen. 12:2, “ ‘I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

Gen. 12:3, “ ‘I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ ”

THE GOLDEN RULE OF INTERPRETATION

When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, make no other sense, therefore take every word at its ordinary, usual, literal meaning, unless the facts of the immediate context studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths indicates clearly otherwise.

~D. L. Cooper



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“Today several ‘isms’ inhabit the world still. Among the most pernicious are an atavistic anti-Semitism and its 20th-century version, anti-Zionism. These ‘isms’ are graffiti on the wall of history, emblems of a poison still potent and raw, evidenced, most recently by the remarks of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed, who said, ‘Today the Jews rule this world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them.’ Mahathir’s words were widely condemned. But such comments obscure a deeper truth about this new strain of anti-Semitism, which is not that it is directed at individual Jews or even at Judaism itself. It is directed, rather against the Jewish collective, the modern State of Israel.” (p. 44)

“Just as historic anti-Semitism has denied individual Jews the right to live as equal members of society, anti-Zionism would deny the collective expression of the Jewish people, the state of Israel, the right to live as an equal member of the family of nations. Israel’s policies are thus subjected to criticism that cause it to be singled out when others in similar circumstances escape any criticism at all. Surely if any other country were bleeding from terrorism as Israel is today, there would be no question of its right to defend itself. But Israel’s efforts merely to protect its own citizens are routinely portrayed as aggression.”

The Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel, Michael Melchior, said, “the wave of worldwide anti-Semitic attacks in recent months is the worst since the Second World War.”

~July 2002

What is Anti-Semitism?

“...taking a trait or an action that is widespread, if not universal, and blaming only the Jews for it.”

~Alan Dershowitz, *The Case for Israel*

“...insisting that when Jews do wrong, it’s because they are Jews, not because they are human.”

~Ron Rosenblum, *Those Who Forget the Past:
The Question of Anti-Semitism*

“Theory, action, or practice directed against the Jews. Hence anti-Semite, one who is hostile or opposed to the Jews; anti-Semitic.”

~*The Compact OED*

What is Anti-Semitism?

“... opposition to, prejudice against, or intolerance of the Jewish people.”

~R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Anti-Semitism*

“The belief or behavior hostile toward Jews just because they are Jewish. It may take the form of religious teachings that proclaim the inferiority of Jews, for instance, or political efforts to isolate, oppress, or otherwise injure them. It may also include prejudiced or stereotyped views about Jews.

~Anti-Defamation League

The Seed of the Woman

Gen. 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

The Seed of the Woman

Gen. 12:7, “Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.”

Gen. 13:15, “for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

Gen. 13:16, “And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

Gen. 15:5, “Then He brought him outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ ”

The Seed of the Woman

Gen. 22:17, “blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their [His] enemies.

Gen. 22:18, “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

The Seed of the Woman

2 Sam. 7:12, “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.”

HISTORICAL INSTANCES OF SATAN'S HOSTILITY TOWARD THE WOMAN'S SEED

- **Cain's murder of Abel (Gen. 4:8)**
- **Corrupting of human seed through angelic and human marriage (Gen. 6:1–12)**
- **Attempted rapes of Sarah (Gen. 12:10–20) and Rebekah (Gen. 26:1–18)**
- **Rebekah's plan to cheat Esau out of his birthright and the consequent enmity between Esau against Jacob (Gen. 27)**
- **Murder of the male children in Egypt (Ex. 1:15–22)**

- **Attempted murders of David (e.g., 1 Sam. 18:10–11)**
- **Queen Athaliah’s attempt to destroy the royal seed (2 Chron. 22:10)**
- **Haman’s attempt to slaughter the Jews (Esther 3–9)**
- **Consistent attempts of the Israelites to murder their own children for false sacrificial purposes (Lev. 18:21; 2 Kings 16:3; 2 Chron. 28:3; Ps. 106:37–38; Ezek. 16:10)**
- **Herod’s attack against the children of Bethlehem (Matt. 2:16)**
- **Many incidents during Jesus’ earthly life, including His temptation, typify the ongoing attempt of the dragon to “devour” the woman’s child once born.**

Es. 3:6, “But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.

Es. 3:7, “In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that is, the lot), before Haman to determine the day and the month, until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.”

Es. 3:13, “And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king’s provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.”

Es. 4:14, “For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”