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The Epistle to the ROMANS

The Reason for 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



**THE NEW
ANTI-SEMITISM:
WHY THE WORLD
HATES ISRAEL**

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?

“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.**

There is much discussion regarding the cause of anti-Semitism. But the Bible teaches that the ultimate cause is Satan and his rebellion against God.

Rev 12:1–2,

“And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.”



Gen. 37:9, “Now he [Joseph] had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, ‘Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.’

Gen. 37:10, “And he related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, ‘What is this dream that you have had? Shall I [sun] and your mother [moon] and your brothers [eleven stars] actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?’ ”



Rev. 12:3, “Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.”



1. Who is the Dragon?

2. What are the 7 heads and the 10 horns?



Rev. 12:4a, “His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.”



A dragon, sacred animal of Marduk, patron deity of Babylon. In the 12th century BC, Marduk was viewed as the supreme cosmic ruler of the earth. The Babylonians believed he was the creator of the universe and ruler of gods and humans.



Rev. 12:4b,

“And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.”

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Psa. 2:7, “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*

Psa. 2:8, “ ‘Ask of Me, and I will give *You* the nations *for* Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

Psa. 2:9, “ ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”



Rev 12:5, “And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.”

Rev. 12:6, “Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”



Isa. 34:6, “The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, It is sated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.”



Isa. 63:1, “Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?— ‘I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.’

Isa. 63:2, “Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?”

**“I will surely assemble all of you,
Jacob, I will surely gather the
remnant of Israel. I will put them
together like *sheep in the fold*
[Hebrew word is *basrah*]; Like a
flock in the midst of its pasture they
will be noisy with men.”**

—Micah 2:12





Rev. 12:7, “And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,”



Tirzah

Samaria

Mt. Ebal

Mt. Gerizim

Succoth?

Penuel?

Mahanaim?

Shechem

Jabbok R.

Joppa

Aphek

Shiloh

ISRAEL

Rabbah (Amm)
AMMON

Bethel

Jericho

Gezer

Aijalon

Jerusalem

Mt. Nebo

Heshbon

Medeba

Ashdod

Gath

Bethlehem

Ashkelon

Mareshah

Hebron

Dibon

Gaza

Gerar

Beersheba

Salt Sea

Arnon R.

MOAB

Kir Hareseth

Raphia

PHILISTIA

JUDAH

Zered Br.

Region periodically
contested
by Judah
and Edom

Bozrah

EDOM

Kadesh
Barnea

WILDERNESS

el-Arish

Besor Br.



Rev. 12:8, “and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

Rev. 12:9, “And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

Rev. 12:10, “Then 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 [*kategor*] of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses [*kategoron=satan*] them before our God day and night.

Rev. 12:11, “ ‘And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.’ ”

Rev. 12:12, “ ‘For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.’

Rev. 12:13, “And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.”



Rev. 12:14,

“And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.”



**“You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself.”
—Exodus 19:4**





Rev. 12:15,

“And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.

Rev. 12:16,

“And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.”



“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short.”

—Matthew 24:15–22



Rev. 12:17,

“And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”

“The afflicted and needy are seeking water, but there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst; I, the LORD, will answer them Myself, as the God of Israel I will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land fountains of water. I will put the cedar in the wilderness, the acacia, and the myrtle, and the olive tree; I will place the juniper in the desert, together with the box tree and the cypress, that they may see and recognize, and consider and gain insight as well, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.”

—Isaiah 41:17–20





“He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the pupil of His eye. Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that hovers over its young, He spread His wings and caught them, He carried them on His pinions.”

—Deuteronomy 32:10–11

Ezek. 5:2, “You shall burn with fire one-third in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are finished; then you shall take one-third and strike around it with the sword, and one-third you shall scatter in the wind: I will draw out a sword after them.”

Ezek. 5:12, “One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.”

Zech. 13:8, “ ‘And it shall come to pass in all the land,’ says the LORD, ‘That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it:

Zech. 13:9, “ ‘I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, “This is My people”; and each one will say, “The LORD is my God.” ’ ”