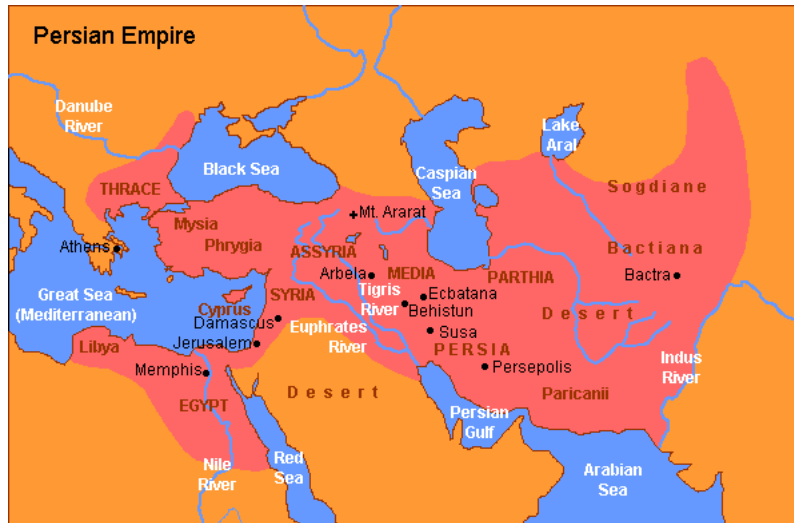


1. Last week we completed a study of the Book of Esther and when time expired I had just read from a book written by Col. R. B. Thieme entitled *Anti-Semitism*.



2. I want to review some of that learned last week and then we begin new material with an analysis of the *Doctrine of the Advantage of Being a Jew*.

3. Wycliffe in his Encyclopedia has written: "Four main ideas seem to be set forth in Mordecai's decree:

(a) the Jews were to gather into groups by the thirteenth of Adar (our February or March);

(b) they were to defend their lives;

(c) they were to kill those who attacked them; and

(d) they were to take the spoil of their attackers. The power of the people ... refers to their military forces."

Est 9:5 The Jews struck down all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and they did what they pleased to those who hated them.

4. I also taught of the Jewish Holiday of Purim and how it is used to teach future generations of the deliverance of God's people from the hands of a powerful Persian King.

5. At this point we need to again review the *Doctrine of Anti-Semitism*.

## **The Doctrine of Anti-Semitism**

1. Anti-Semitism will always be punished but in God's perfect timing. The book of Esther is a graphic example of Anti-Semitism not unlike that which took place on an international scale when Great Britain rejected the Balfour declaration by supporting Jordan in a war against the new-found state of Israel.

1.1 Again, when the United States was asked to stop Hitler's genocide of Europe's Jewish population, the US of A refused. Yet in 1918 the US sent troops to Russia in order to save some 70,000 Czechoslovakian fighters trapped inside Russia by the newly established Bolshevik government.

**Footnote: In 1914 WWI started with Russian as an ally of the Allied Powers (US of course included). Then came 1917 and the Russian communist government became an ally of the Axis powers.**

This action of helping the Czechs seems to be an example of pro-Czech policy the Czechs in the mid-west were look upon favorably vis-à-vis the poor Jew in the northeast. As we will see when the object of prejudice is a Jew or Israel the devil will work overtime to “dump special misery their way, even if it means using our President and the prejudiced Congress.”

2. Gen 12:3 addresses a special caveat given at the time of the selection of Abram as the first Jew.

2.1 Paul makes clear not all Israel is Israel:

Rom 9:8 They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed ...

Rom 9:11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

3. Nations who persecute the Jews will be disciplined.

3.1 In 520 B.C. Zechariah the prophet recorded what he saw in a series of visions. In one such vision he saw four horns and four craftsmen.

The Horns were four empires: Babylon, the Medo-Persians, Greece and Rome, with the craftsmen or carpenters representing how the Medo-Persians who destroyed Babylon, Greece who destroyed the Medo-Persians, Rome who destroyed Greece and, in a time, future God's Messianic Kingdom will destroy the Revived Roman Empire.



4. God does not need our help, Israel is His to discipline.

#### Review

1. Nations who treat the Jew well will prosper and conversely those who mistreat Israel will be disciplined.

Gen 12:3 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.

2. Anti-Semitism is inspired by Satan as a ploy to spoil the plan of God; without Jews, Christ has "no one to come back to."

3. Because the decrees of God are immutable there will always be Jews no matter how many nations or peoples try to destroy them.

4. A few historical examples will help illustrate how pervasive has been Anti-Semitism:

Egypt c. B.C. 1400

Assyria c. B.C. 720

Babylon c. B.C. 606

Persia c. B.C. 539

Ptolemies and Seleucids c. 323-147 B.C.

Rome c. 200-476 A.D.

Spain c. 1500 A.D.

France WWI and WWII Vichy Government;

England 1948

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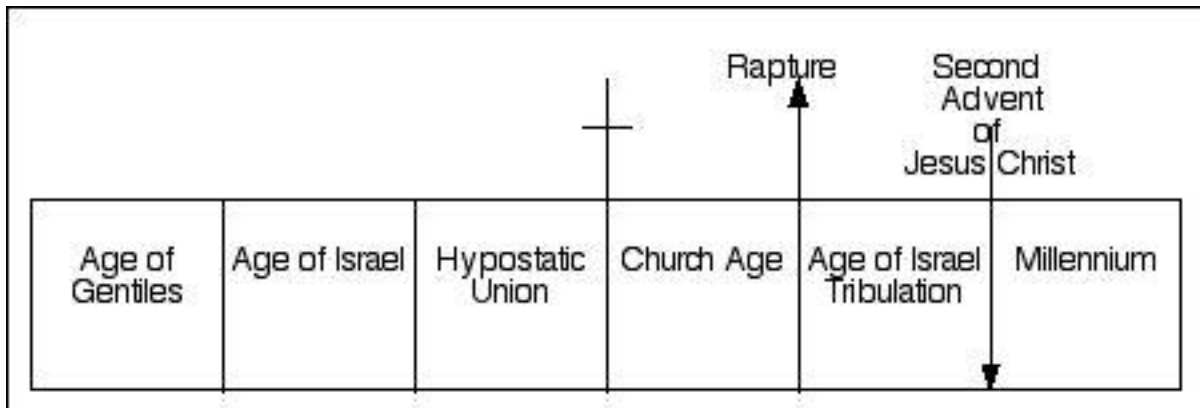
Arabs today.

5. Once a Jew believes in the Lord Jesus in the Church Age, he or she becomes one in Christ and is no longer a Jew.

Gal 3:28 There is no longer male or female, bond or freeman, Jew or Gentile for we are all one in Christ.

6. So how do you evaluate a Jew today? Like anyone else.

7. Let's see how all this looks on a dispensation chart:



8. The future of the Jew:

9. As a believer he or she has eternal life.

9.1 In the Tribulation the Jew will be the active catalyst.

9.2 Born-again Jews of Ages one and two will move into the Millennium with our Lord.

9.3 In the Millennium the Jew will show the rest of the world how to live and worship the Messiah King.

10. In closing our lesson last week, I read from a book written by Col. R.B. Thieme entitled *Anti-Semitism*.

"This poses something of a problem. What remained of the once great Jewish nation was scattered throughout the world in A.D. 70, when God allowed Rome to administer the fifth cycle of discipline, beginning the second dispersion. Israel as an elect nation is now set aside until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. At that future time the nation will consist of regathered, living, born-again Jews and resurrected Old Testament saints.

"Today, [1999] America is a host nation for dispersed Jews and should receive these people as we would any other. When they become citizens, they are simply Americans with a different ethnic background, not an uncommon circumstance in the history of the United States. Jews who choose to immigrate to other countries merge and adapt to the culture of their adopted nation. What of Palestine as a homeland for the Jews? This, as we saw, is God's design for Israel's future. The present gathering of the Jews in Israel is of no prophetic significance; it is not the regathering of national Israel forecasted in the Scriptures. The Israeli nation which exists today has man's, not God's, stamp of approval. Consequently, the present Jewish state is evaluated on its national and international policies, adherence to law, and the host of other criterion upon which we approve or disapprove the actions of any allied nation.

"Notably, since Israel's inception in 1948, the United States has maintained close diplomatic and political relations. Where does the American Jew's allegiance belong? Is he obligated to Israel because he is a Jew, or to America because he is an American? Some Zionists argue that every Jew's loyalty should be directed toward the Jewish homeland. This is not so! Americans owe their allegiance to the flag of the United States. However, if an American Jew wishes to contribute to the support of Israel, he may do so on the same premise as he would any cause he deems worthy; but this should not be an arbitrary demand. An American Jew is in no way obligated to the Jewish nation. As for the Christian's attitude toward Israel, there is no command in Scripture to reverence that nation as some sacred cow.

"As with all nations Israel has good and bad policies and must stand or fall on its own merits. Neither malign nor deify Israel, but evaluate her policies as you would any other nation on the basis of your knowledge of Bible doctrine. Currently Israel is one of the few countries that understands freedom through military victory. Therefore, respect Israel for its patriotic, courageous stand."

11. Before we begin new material with a review of the *Doctrine of the Advantage of Being a Jew* we must keep in mind the Colonel's quotation speaks to Israel as a nation extant during the Church Age where "There is neither Jew nor Gentile for we are all one in Christ."

12. In the Tribulation Israel will become the active catalyst in a Jewish Age. At the end of the last three and one-half years of this troublesome age Christ will return to destroy the forces of the Satan, the fallen angels, the Antichrist, the False Prophet and their unbelieving followers.

### **Doctrine of The Advantage of Being a Jew**

1. A spiritual advantage today comes only through the salvation adjustment to the justice of God.

2. There are certain oblique advantages to being a Jew.

2.1 Their forefathers had received much doctrine and therefore great potential for salvation and growth.

2.2 Racially speaking, they seem to have been blessed with an outstanding gene pool.

2.3 In the prior dispensation therefore, the Jew had certain advantage because they were the custodians of doctrine.

2.4 In the Tribulation and the Millennium the Jew will have many advantages.

2.5 The Jew has many establishment advantages, i.e., a history of sound establishment heritage.

2.6 The Jew has a cultural advantage because they have consistently rejected foreign cultural influences.

2.7 Thomas Sowell in his book *Ethnic America* has noted:

Jewish mobility is legendary ... Seventy-five per cent of the sons of Jewish immigrants had moved up to middle class status by 1950, an almost exact reversal of the proportions among Italians ... Religious tradition and community approval encouraged the Jew in America to invest in education and correspondingly to increase his upward mobility. No other group had this advantage ... By 1953 ... while one in every 20 Americans had completed college, one in every six Jews had done so."

3. There is a large overrepresentation of Jews in the professions. There is a disproportionate number of Jews teaching in elite universities.

4. There is a significant disproportionate representation for Nobel Prize winners. It is to be noted that 33% of the Nobel Prize winners in the second half of the twentieth century were Jewish. In the case of Pulitzer Prizes Jews are vastly over-represented.

5. Overrepresentation in the case of “Media:”

5.1 For example, the American Broadcasting Company (ABC), the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), and the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) were founded and run by Jews.

5.2 In 1990 Jews were CEO's in the top-10 entertainment companies. “The newspapers, too, have become largely owned by Jews.” The New York Times, Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, Time, Newsweek, and U. S. News and World Report are largely owned and run by Jews.

6. Overrepresentation of students in Ivy League universities:

6.1 In 1919 the percentage of Jewish students was 20% for Harvard, 13% for Yale, 20% for Brown, 25% for Pennsylvania, and 40% for Columbia.

6.2 At that time the Ivy League universities began to use various transparent ways to keep their Jewish enrollment down, such as on the basis of last names or by various intangible qualities such as ‘manliness,’ ‘uprightness,’ ‘cleanliness,’ and ‘native refinement.’ In 1957, 23% of Ivy League university students were Jewish.

7. All of the above is even more remarkable when you consider Jews arrived in the U.S. during the years 1881 to 1924 and had to earn their livings by skilled manual labor such as tailoring. It did not take Jews long before they began their upward mobility.

8. As you might imagine the same disparity exists in family income. Jews are number one, significantly ahead of the Japanese who hold second place.

8.1 With the number 100 representing average U.S. family income: Jews are 172, Japanese are 132, Polish 115, Chinese 112, Italian 112, German 107, Irish 103, Filipino 99, West Indian 94, Mexican 76, Puerto Rican 63, Black 62 and the American Indian 60.

9. Thomas Sowell has further written:

“The remarkable achievements - especially intellectual achievements of later generations of Jews cannot simply be read back into the immigrant generation. These children often had serious educational problems. A 1910 survey of a dozen cities found two-thirds of the children of Polish Jews to be below the normal grade for their age.

“As late as World War I, soldiers of Russian-mostly Jewish-origin averaged among the lowest mental test scores of any of the ethnic groups tested by the U.S. Army.”

9.1 This should come of no surprise given the conditions Jews were forced to live under. What is a surprise, is that the Jews survived to prosper.

10. Col. R.B. Thieme in his book *Anti-Semitism* has written of Anti-Semitism in the future.

“It is highly unrealistic to think that man will eventually set aside his prejudices, particularly toward the Jew. For example, assume that our lawmakers introduce additional legislation that favors and protects the Jew. Would this improve human relations? Far from it! Mandating against real or imagined prejudice only aggravates the undercurrent of resentment. At best, statutory compliance can be hoped for; but tolerance and love can never be legislated.”

“If a change is to come about in man’s attitude toward other human beings, that transformation must come from within, since man possesses a sinful nature and a penchant for prejudice, the answer to his problems is not human reformation but spiritual regeneration, followed by the changes wrought by Bible Doctrine in the soul.

“As long as Satan is the ruler of this world, he will stir up hostility against the Jewish people. Anti-Semitism will continue to exist overtly or covertly until prejudice erupts into unprecedented violence in the Tribulation.”

11. It is important that our country never display Anti-Semitism at any level. Keep in mind of the approximately 13,000,000 Jews, 6,000,000 reside in Israel while 5,600,000 reside in the US of A. The rest are scattered around the world.

12. In closing, we must continue to support the nation Israel as long as their acts and policies are in our national interest and we must never forget Gen 12:3.

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