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Hell's Hatred for Israel

"Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say... yet they have not prevailed against me."— [Psalm 129:1-2](#)

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"It is 1938 all over again!" This is the terrifying cry of many Jewish people as they examine the shocking global rise of hatred being expressed toward Israel and the Jewish people. 1938 was a horrific year for the Jewish people. It was the year they witnessed the explosion of hatred and persecution that literally opened the doors of the Holocaust, which ultimately led to the savage murder of more than 6 million European Jews. Sadly, the world ignored the threats of Germany's evil Nazi regime. Led by Adolf Hitler, the Nazis targeted the Jewish people for annihilation.

Today, the world is witnessing an eerily similar development. Millions of Muslims are daily calling for the destruction of Israel. The incitement against Jews is a part of the very fiber of the global Islamic culture. The main Islamic nation that is leading this attack upon Israel is Iran. In recent years, many Iranian officials have repeatedly and openly called for the annihilation of the Jewish nation. Iran is bragging that it will accomplish this

mission. Hitler successfully killed 6 million Jews during the few years of the Holocaust. However, Iran is planning to use a nuclear bomb to kill about 6 million Jews in Israel in just a few minutes! Once again, the world is ignoring these daily threats against Israel and the Jewish people.

The Jewish people have had to face the threat of their extermination since the beginning of the nation in Egypt 3,500 years ago. An examination of history demonstrates that there have been periods of intense rejection and hatred of the Jewish people. However, according to the prophetic Scriptures, the last days will produce the most horrific time the nation of Israel will ever endure. While speaking about the Tribulation Period, the prophet Daniel wrote: *"... and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."* ([Daniel 12:1](#))

According to the Bible, when the end comes, the world will hate Israel and be zealously plotting its destruction. The Bible also reveals that the obliteration of Israel is one of Satan's major objectives. (Read [Revelation 12.](#)) Satan and his demons are behind this global agenda to murder the Jewish people and annihilate the only Jewish state -- Israel. Therefore, it is very apparent that we are entering a dangerous and heinous period as described by the prophetic Scriptures. In light of this, let us examine five panoramic realities about hell's hatred for Israel.

1. The Historic Plight of the Jewish People

Both secular history and the Scriptures testify to the violent global rejection of the Jewish people in the history of the nations. The Jewish people grew into a nation in Egypt over a 430-year period, from Jacob to Moses. This is where the attack against the Jewish people began, and it continues to this day. While facing the brutal attack of the Assyrians against Jerusalem, more than 700 years after Moses, King Hezekiah wrote: *"Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say."* ([Psalm 129:1](#))

It is significant to notice that the Lord God has chosen the Jewish people as an instrument of His glory. The Lord said: *"This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise."* ([Isaiah 43:21](#)) The Lord has chosen to strengthen His people by allowing them to go through times of horrific trials. The Lord has declared: *"I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction."* ([Isaiah 48:10](#)) However, the Almighty has promised that He will be with them during all of these trials. *"But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior..."* ([Isaiah 43:1-3](#))

God has kept His Word to the Jewish people! No other people in the history of mankind has faced such threats, dangers, wars, persecutions, expulsions, and hatred. In Old and New Testament times, Israel has defeated and outlasted the Egyptians, Amalekites, Edomites, Amorites,

Canaanites, Syrians, Moabites, Midianites, Philistines, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans.

Since the New Testament era, this war against the Jews has continued. In 70 A.D. the Romans leveled Jerusalem and its glorious temple, slaughtering all the inhabitants of the city. Consequently, many Jews fled for their lives. In the decades that followed, the Jewish people revolted against Rome, only to be defeated and dispersed throughout the Gentile nations. Wherever they went, they were eventually persecuted and rejected. "Between the years 250 and 1948, a period of 1,700 years - Jews have experienced more than eighty expulsions from various countries in Europe - an average of nearly one expulsion every twenty-one years. Jews were expelled from England, France, Austria, Germany, Lithuania, Spain, Portugal, Bohemia, Moravia and seventy-one other countries."

(www.simpletoremember.com/vitals/Why_Do_People_Hate_The_Jews.htm)

In 1899, Mark Twain, an American author not known for making Biblically accurate statements, penned an essay in *Harper's Magazine*. In it he said: "...If statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent [now only .3 percent] of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it.

"The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed; and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing

of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains." (<https://blog.ifcj.org/post/mark-twain-waxes-eloquent-about-jews>)

The most shocking testimony of the historical hatred leveled against the Jewish people has come from various Christian leaders who joined the world in its vicious attacks against the Jewish people. While adopting Replacement Theology, which states that the church has permanently replaced Israel as God's chosen people, many well-known church leaders have spoken with great hatred concerning the Jewish people, demonizing Israel.

In his recent book, *When a Jew Rules the World*, Joel Richardson gives a detailed review of church history, demonstrating that the church has had a consistent track record of hating Jews. [See page 8 to order your copy of this book.] The early church fathers called the Jews "Christ killers." They fostered a growing hatred for the Jewish people. In 380 A.D., the popular eloquent preacher, John Chrysostom, proclaimed that God hates the Jews and said that Christians are "to hate them and long for their blood." (page 125)

"After the fifth century, anti-Semitism became fundamentally ingrained into the very fabric of European Christian culture. This period was marked by sporadic persecutions, the kidnapping of Jewish children, forced baptisms and conversions, harsh economic pressures, the seizure of property, expulsions, forced enslavement, and even multiple massacres of entire communities of Jews." (page 133)

The diatribe of the church's hatred for the Jewish people continued unabated until the days of Martin Luther. Believe it or not, Martin Luther, the very man whom the entire evangelical Christian world applauds as the one who set the church free from the dark ages, did not oppose the level of hatred that had been voiced by Christian leaders against the Jews since the end of the first century. Instead, Luther continued with a greater vicious spirit, calling for a greater hatred and rejection of the Jewish people. In 1543 A.D., Luther wrote a treatise titled *The Jews and Their Lies*. In this book, "Luther described the Jews as a 'base whoring people, that is no people of God, and their boast of lineage, circumcision, and law must be accounted as filth.' He also wrote that 'the blind Jews are

truly stupid fools,' 'lazy rogues,' 'nothing but thieves and robbers,' 'miserable and accursed,' and, 'rejected and condemned people.' Their synagogues, he said, were 'a den of devils in which sheer self glory, conceit, lies, blasphemy, and defaming God [occur].'" (page 144)

Luther went so far as to demonize the entire Jewish race. He said: "They are venomous, bitter, vindictive, tricky serpents, assassins, and children of the devil, who sting and work harm stealthily wherever they cannot do it openly ... These venomous serpents and young devils ... next to the devil, a Christian has not more bitter and galling foe than a Jew." (page 144)

In his book, Luther called for the destruction of their synagogues and homes. He said that they should have their religious books confiscated. The rabbis must be threatened with death if they refused to stop teaching Judaism. They should not be allowed to travel or own a business. Finally, he stated that the German leaders should find a way "that we all be free of this insufferable devilish burden -- the Jews." (page 145)

It is a proven historical fact that the writings of the German pastor, Martin Luther, played a major role in Adolf Hitler's agenda 400 years later to destroy the Jewish race. Luther had called for the death of the Jewish people. Therefore, many in the German church were not alarmed when their Führer called for the annihilation of the Jewish race. There was a minority of German Christian leaders who openly opposed Hitler and his radical socialist ideals, the most famous being the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was executed for his opposition to the Nazi regime. However, the majority of the church leaders chose to be politically correct and supported that state's call for the death of the Jewish people. In four years, 1941-1945, six million Jewish souls perished in the Holocaust.

The shock and dismay of the world in learning about the horrific death of more than 11 million people, including 6 million Jews, opened the door for the rebirth of the modern nation of Israel in 1948. However, within 24 hours after the announcement of the birth of Israel, five powerful Arab/Muslim nations declared war on the new Jewish nation. In essence, the state of war against Israel by the Islamic world has continued to this day. With the modern-day revival of Islam and their jihad war machine,

the call for the death of Jews and their Jewish state has reached a fever-pitch level. This dangerous escalating level of anti-Semitism is being aided by the Communists, the United Nations, and the liberal socialists leaders in the West, including some in the United States of America.

2. The Demonic Purpose behind the Hatred of the Jews

Human reasoning cannot resolve the enigma of the historical attack upon such a small ethnic group of people and their tiny nation. Only the Scriptures help to pull back the curtain that separates the physical and spiritual realms, showing that there is only one logical explanation for the global attempt to exterminate the Jewish race. This effort is being directed by the adversary of God and the murderer of men, Satan. As previously mentioned, the Lord has determined that His eternal plan and the demonstration of His divine character and power are vested in the future of the Jewish nation and people. Many passages in the Old and New Testament state that when the end of this age comes, the global war against the Jewish people and the nation of Israel will be at the center of the world stage. (Read [Isaiah 62](#); [Joel 3](#); [Zechariah 12-14](#); and [Matthew 24:15-21](#).) Many passages state that the Lord will protect and defend His people. ([Jeremiah 30:7-11](#); [Daniel 12:1](#); [Joel 3](#), [Zechariah 12-14](#)) Therefore, we must conclude that Satan is the mastermind behind the plot to destroy the Jewish people. (Read [Zechariah 3:1-2](#) and [Revelation 12](#).) The angelic world recognizes that Israel is at the center of the war between heaven and hell. From the beginning of the nation of Israel, the good angels and demons have been at war with each other over the nation of Israel. ([Daniel 10:12-14, 20-21](#); [12:1](#); [Revelation 12:7](#); and [16:12-16](#).)

It is clear from Scripture that those who attempt to curse or destroy Israel are the enemies of God. (Read [Genesis 12:3](#) and [Psalm 83:1-8](#).) Satan deceives and manipulates evil men and nations to do his work in his attempt to destroy Israel and defeat God. ([Isaiah 14:12-14](#); [Revelation 13:1-7](#))

Satan's attack upon Israel and the Jewish people is, in essence, an attack upon God and His eternal purposes. If Satan can destroy Israel or annihilate the Jewish people, He will have defeated God. From the beginning of time he has made this his aim.

Satan heard God's promise to Abraham. He saw the hand of God upon the Jews in Egypt in the days of hell's puppet, Pharaoh. He saw the miracles of God in the days of Moses. He has watched the supernatural defeat of all of the armies and dictators who have followed his deception and attacked Israel, or plotted their destruction. Everything hell has done to destroy the Jewish race has failed! However, he refuses to give up! He has made it one of his major objectives to attack the nation of Israel and to kill the Jewish people in a desperate attempt to defeat God. Since the resurrection of Christ, it is really his greatest option in his war against God.

3. The Present Predicament of the World's Jewish Population

At this very hour, there are millions around the globe that are passionately consumed with a hatred for Israel. They are plotting to kill Jewish people, and destroy the nation of Israel. These actions are clearly motivated by the demonic powers of hell. Satan has unleashed his demons upon the nations to gather support for an army of hellish warriors to wipe the nation of Israel from the face of the earth.

This is the passion of misinformed and Scripturally confused professing Christians. It is the passion of Islam, and the target of the United Nations. There is a boiling cauldron of hate brewing on many of the U.S. university campuses, being aided and guided by Islamic messengers with hate for the U.S. and Israel.

For example, last summer in Europe, many Jews were attacked. In France Muslims "torched cars, lobbed firebombs into a synagogue, and burnt Jewish-owned stores to the ground. One group of men reportedly spoke loudly of 'hunting Jews and killing them.' ... 'Death to Jews!' and 'Hitler was right!' ... In Germany, an imam was filmed delivering a Friday sermon beseeching Allah to destroy the Zionist Jews. 'Count them and kill them to the very last one,' he prayed." (www.tabletmag.com/scroll/180022/anti-israel-protests-make-the-case-for-israel)

"In many parts of the world, Jews are increasingly unwelcome in the 21st century. The number of countries in which wearing visibly Jewish clothing such as a kippa means risking physical violence has hit an all-time high. On both the individual and the national level, Jews are targeted with extraordinary ferocity..." (<http://www.>

tabletmag.com/jewish-arts-and-culture/books/143487/academic-anti-semitism)

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, expressed the fear that “we currently face as great a threat to the safety and security of the Jewish people as the one we faced in the 1930s — if not a greater one.” (<http://www.religionnews.com/2015/05/21/people-hate-jews-judaism-commentary>)

4. The Prophetic Picture for Israel and the Jews

According to the prophetic Word of God, the attack upon Israel and the Jewish people will reach unprecedented levels in the last few years of the end of this age. As mentioned in [Ezekiel 36:1-7](#), Israel is surrounded by Islamic nations that demand the Jews to give them *"the mountains of Israel."* ([Ezekiel 36:1](#)) This designation is a reference to what the world calls "the West Bank," which is Biblical Judea and Samaria. Presently, Israel is surrounded by 22 Muslim nations whose land mass is 640 times greater, and population is 60 times greater.

While answering His disciples' questions about the signs of the end-times, Jesus characterized the time leading up to the end as a time of deception, wars and rumors of wars, famines, diseases, and earthquakes. ([Matthew 24:4-7](#)) Then, He declared, *"All of these are the beginning of sorrows [birth pangs]."* ([Matthew 24:8](#)) It is my conviction that we are living in this designated time at this very hour!

The spiritual deception of this hour is preparing for the time of the greatest spiritual deception when the Antichrist appears at the beginning of the Tribulation Period. ([2 Thessalonians 2:8-12](#)) Jesus warned us that the deception of the last days will be so great that even the true believers who are Biblically misinformed will be deceived. ([Matthew 24:24](#))

According to the Apostle Paul's second epistle to the church at Thessalonica, they were deceived and believed they were in the Tribulation Period. ([2 Thessalonians 2:1-2](#)) Paul responded to their confusion by reminding them that the day of the Lord (the Tribulation Period) could not begin *"except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 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, showing himself that he is God." ([2 Thessalonians 2:3-4](#)) Please notice that Paul reminds these believers that a time of doctrinal departure will occur within professing church circles before the Antichrist appears with his great deception. It appears that he is connecting the apostasy of the false church (which will not be raptured) with the deception that will prepare the professing Christians to be deceived when the Antichrist comes.

As mentioned previously, there are many professing Christians and influential pastors who are followers of a doctrine that does not accept the literal interpretation of the prophetic Scriptures. Many of these churches are promoters of Replacement Theology, which states that Israel has been permanently divorced from God's eternal plan and has been replaced by the church. Many of these pastors and churches spiritualize the prophetic texts about the kingdom of God and conclude that there will be no literal kingdom of God on earth centered in Jerusalem. Instead, they believe they are building God's spiritual kingdom on earth now! Some of these support the establishment of a Palestinian State on the West Bank. Some have twisted the gospel and the Scriptures with the attempt to erase Jesus' Jewish roots. Some, like Luther and others, espouse a hatred for Jews and the modern nation of Israel.

Unfortunately, this apostasy is being aided by many pastors and churches that have been deceived into believing that the proclamation of the prophetic Word of God is not important or relevant for our time. These pastors claim they believe in a literal interpretation and fulfillment of the prophetic Word of God. However, for various reasons, they refuse to preach and teach about the Second Coming of Christ and the end-time events. We must realize that the absence of the teaching and preaching of the prophetic Word of God is aiding the deception of this hour and openly preparing for the great deception of the Antichrist during the Tribulation Period.

The confusion and unscriptural teaching of Luther concerning the Jewish people prepared the way for Hitler's Holocaust. History is repeating itself. The confusion in the pulpits of the majority of churches today is preparing the way for the Antichrist's Holocaust. Hitler killed one-half of the world's Jewish population. According to [Zechariah 13:8-9](#), two-thirds of the world's Jewish population will die during the Tribulation Period. It

saddens my heart to know that a greater holocaust is coming for the Jewish people. And, once again, part of the blame for this will be because of false teachers and teaching within the professing church of the last days!

It is time for the true church to wake up and stop supporting those churches and pastors who do not proclaim the whole counsel of God. When we support pastors and churches that refuse to proclaim the prophetic truth we are aiding the spiritual deception of these last days! When we support churches and pastors who hate the Jewish people, or support the establishment of a Palestinian State upon the land that God promised to His people, we are standing with the enemies of God! ([Psalm 83:1-8](#)) [Psalm 129:5](#) declares: *"Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion."*

5. The Powerful Payback from Heaven

We must remember that Satan and his fallen angels do not know when the Rapture will occur, or the Tribulation Period will begin. Jesus said: *"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels in heaven, but my Father only."* ([Matthew 24:36](#)) Certainly, this would mean that Satan is watching world events in the light of the prophetic Scriptures, with the aim of being ready to produce and unleash his messiah, the Antichrist, to proceed with his hellish assault against the Jewish people.

When that moment comes, Satan will direct the Antichrist to deceive Israel by establishing a false covenant with the Jewish nation for seven years. ([Daniel 9:27](#)) Satan will help his messiah take control of all of the nations of the world during the first half of the Tribulation Period. Once he has established global power, Satan will literally indwell him and empower him to openly attack all believers in Jesus Christ, all Jews, and especially the nation of Israel. ([Revelation 12-13](#)) The Antichrist will turn on Israel with a hellish vengeance as described by Jesus in [Matthew 24:15-26](#). This attack upon the Jewish nation will continue unabated for the remainder of the Tribulation Period. The last half of the Tribulation Period is described as *"the time of Jacob's trouble."* ([Jeremiah 30:7](#)) Jeremiah describes this time as a time of *"trembling, of fear, and not of peace."* ([Jeremiah 30:5](#)) However, the Lord will enable Israel to withstand the assault of the Antichrist's forces for over three years. Finally, the Antichrist will call for global reinforcements

in the final assault against the Jewish people at Armageddon.

On the final day of the 7-year Tribulation Period, the Messiah will lead His heavenly assault against the Antichrist and his global forces. [Zechariah 14:3](#) declares: *"Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."* When the final push comes at Armageddon, the Lord will crush with awesome power all the armies of the world that are gathered against Israel. The Creator will unleash the power of His Word and His creation against the forces of the Antichrist and obliterate them. ([Psalm 68:2](#); [Isaiah 63:1-6](#); [Revelation 14:14-20](#) and [19:11-18](#))

God has determined that the rebirth and restoration of the nation of Israel be a beacon of truth, flashing a message of hope and warning in the face of an unbelieving world that Jesus is soon to return. The return of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland, and the ensuing global struggle over the land of Israel, is a wonderful reminder that out of all of this will come the Messiah and His earthly millennial kingdom. This is the only real hope for mankind and all of creation. This planet is waiting for its glorious redemption from the curse of sin. When the kingdom begins, *"the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."* ([Isaiah 55:12](#))

God is judging the nations on the basis of how they treat Israel. However, they have been conditioned by hatred and lies against the Jewish people so that they are blind and deaf to the will and power of God being displayed on behalf of Israel on the earth today.

The stage is set for the final war in the spirit world. The Jewish people and the land of Israel are at the center of it all! At the heart of the world's rejection of Israel is the rejection of the Word of God and Israel's Messiah. ([Psalm 2](#))

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