

THE SEED WARS
(Israel in God's Redemption Plan)
PART 5 From Crusades to Holocaust

I. Church at Birth

A Jewish Church

Acts 2:5-6

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem **God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven**. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because **each one heard them speaking in his own language**.
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Cornelius and his family were the first Gentiles to be saved – 40 AD (Acts 10)

Peter (Shimon) was reprimanded for enter a Gentile home – 40 AD (Acts 11)

Jerusalem Council had to decide whether to ask Gentiles to be circumcised i.e. become Jewish – 49 to 50 AD (Acts 15)

Paul wrote 1 Corinthians around 50 AD and said we should keep the feast without leaven, i.e. Passover. Gentiles in Corinth were celebrating Passover with the Jews (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

II. Crusades

The Seed had already come and left (to heaven) yet Satan does not let up in his attack against the people of the Seed; Jews and Christians.

He now uses the church to violently attack Israel.

Jews had emigrated to Christian Europe around 1000 AD.

They were given a charter by governments that allowed them to live but prohibited them from owning land and practicing crafts such as carpentry etc. They were only allowed to be merchants and moneylenders.

Christians rejected them due to

- Ethnic differences – Europeans were homogenous, now people of a different culture were among them.
- Religious differences – everyone was “Christian”, Jews were the people who rejected the Messiah, Christians were taught that Jews were “Christ killers”.
- Economic reasons – Jewish merchants prospered, governments saw this and raises taxes, Jewish merchants passed on the increases to consumer.

The enemy used all of these reasons to instigate hatred towards them.

A. Rome Divided



1. 800s AD Rome was divided
2. Holy Roman Empire with King Charlamagne in the West, capital – Rome.
3. Byzantine Empire in the East, capital – Constantinople (today Istanbul).
4. Church moved its headquarters to Rome; Eastern churches did not like it and broke away resulting in the Eastern Orthodox churches

B. Holy Land Invaded

1. 11th Century Muslims attacked the Byzantine Empire (Orthodox Christian) and conquered the “Holy Land”.
2. Pope Urban II called on Christians from Europe to fight in the crusades, he also hoped to reunite the church.
3. Promised exemption from purgatory
4. Crosses on uniforms and shields
5. First Crusade 1096 AD
 - two armies from Germany led by a barbaric warlord.
 - one made up of men, women and children with farming tools.
 - one professional army from France.

Marched across Europe, allowed to kill Muslims and Jews but not Christians.
Mistakenly killed Turkish Christians, thinking they were Muslim.

20,000 crusaders surrounded Jerusalem – Muslims had left only Jews remained.
6,000 Jews rounded up and burned alive in the great Synagogue.
Crusaders sung hymns as the synagogue burned.

Muslims too were gathered in mosques and burned.

All done in the name of Christ and the sign of the cross.

Jewish Response: Rabbi Rashi came up with the Kiddush Hashem (sanctification of the name of God) it allowed Jews to commit suicide to prevent conversion, based on the battle for Masada.

6. 1140s 2nd crusade
7. 1180s 3rd crusade

1190 during this crusade led by King Richard of England, the entire Jewish community in York committed Suicide.

8. 1200s 4th Crusade



III. Strange Beliefs About Jews

This xenophobic and anti-Semitic spirit led to some strange beliefs about Jewish people.

A. Blood libel

The idea that Jews need human blood to make Matzah (unleavened bread for Passover)

France, Austria, S. Germany, England, Spain continued into the 19th and 20th centuries.

It led to expulsion of Jews (pogroms) in Eastern Europe and Russia.

Still being propagated today!

B. Ritual murder

Norwich, England, boy found murdered in the woods, some said they saw him go into the house of a Jew. Rumored that he was killed to re-enact the killing of Christ.

Christians went on a rampage and attacked the Jews.

C. Desecration of Hosts – Catholics believe in transubstantiation i.e. the elements of communion become the actual body and blood of Christ when the priest prays over them. After every mass there are left over “hosts” (wafers).

Rumors that Jews would steal these and stab it, symbolic of killing Christ.

These ideas also went to other parts of Europe.

IV. Christianity after 1200s

Two groups began to emerge:

A. Catharism

- i. Dualism – god of good (New Testament), god of evil (old Testament)
- ii. Form their own congregations in Northern Italy and Southern Austria
- iii. Sent out lay preachers to establish their own churches.
- iv. Spread rapidly because the gap is removed between the preachers and the people.

B. Waldensians

- i. Church is not the Ultimate Authority – rather the Bible is the Ultimate Authority
- ii. People should live according to the Bible.
- iii. Justification by faith not by works or indulgences (payment for souls to be released from purgatory).



C. Church's response

- i. 1215 – RC Church convened the Fourth Lateran Council to address these issues. Formed the Dominican Order to counter “heretics”.
- ii. Church was also concerned with Jews intermingling and intermarrying with the Christians.
 - Jews were required to wear a special yellow marker on their clothing.
 - Passion plays depicting last Days of Christ – Jews depicted as Christ killers. After the plays Christians would go out and beat up Jews.
 - Disputations – debates between Jewish converts and Jews

The atmosphere between Christians and Jews were not very “friendly”

V. The Bubonic Plague

Jews in Europe originally prospered under Christian rule until the Bubonic plague (1346 – 48) when Jews were blamed.

30% - 60% of Europe's population died.

Again, the Anti-Semitic spirit used the opportunity to stir hatred towards the Jews.

Jews less affected by the plagues partly because of Torah teaching on cleanliness, e.g. Torah teaches Israel how and where to build a latrine. (Deuteronomy 23:10-13)

- 1348 Jews massacred in France
- Jewish Doctor in Switzerland under torture confesses to poisoning wells. – City of Basel burns all its Jews.
- Hysteria spreads to Germany

VI. Spain

In 1378 in Seville a priest destroyed a synagogue and confined Jews to Ghettos (walled settlements)

June 4 1391 pogrom breaks out and 100,000 Jews were converted and killed.

1478 Pope Sixtus IV issues the decree to investigate genuineness of Jewish converts – Inquisition begins in 1481 under Torquemada.

- Inquisitors would travel to towns looking for reports of Jewish converts who still practiced Jewish customs.
- They were tortured and forced to confess.
- When they did, they were shaved and paraded through town naked, brought to the church where they would have to confess before the bishop.

March 31, 1492 King Ferdinand orders that Jews convert or leave Spain, leaving all their gold silver and anything precious behind not allowed to sell them.



August 1492 (Tish Ba'av, 9th of Av) 200,000 Jews left Spain and 100,000 converted.

Tish Ba'av – the day both the first and second temples were destroyed by the Babylonians and Romans.

Portugese brought it to Goa where there was a large Jewish population, they killed the entire Jewish population, Hindus and Muslims too.

VII. Luther

1517 Martin Luther broke away from the Roman Catholic church.

He tried to reach out to the Jews, but after centuries of persecution, they would not listen to him. He wrote a booklet against them called “The Jews and their lies” in it he wrote:

*“What shall we Gentiles do with this damned, rejected race of Jews? ...
First their synagogues should be set on fire...
Secondly their homes should likewise be broken and destroyed...
Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer-books and Talmud’s...
Fourthly, their rabiis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...
Fifthly, passport and traveling documents should be absolutely forbidden for Jews...
Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (lending money at interest)
Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the axe, the hoe, the spade, the distaff and the spindle, and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses...
We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system... Therefore, away with them... So that we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden – the Jews.”*

VIII. Russia

By the 1800s large numbers of Jews had moved into Russia, at first they were welcomed but later again hated.

Outside the cities the Jews lived in small communities called Shetels.

Tsar Alexander II permitted the Jews to enter universities.

Russian Orthodox Church wanted Jews to convert.

Russian students (including Jews) were dissatisfied with the government and began protesting for change.

1881, Alexander II was assassinated, Jews were blamed.

Russian Government began “pogroms” (Government sanctioned eviction). Jews evicted at short notice, not allowed to sell their property or houses, only allowed to take what they could carry.



Many went to the U.S.A., some went to Palestine.

IX. Other lies against the Jews

- Protocols of the elders of Zion – first published in Russia, 1903.

Purported that Jewish leaders had a plan to take over the world.

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“1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews. There must be a way. And we can only find a way if we stop to think, to assess our weaknesses and our strength, to plan, to strategize and then to counterattack. We are actually very strong. 1.3 billion people cannot be simply wiped out. The Europeans killed 6 million Jews out of 12 million. **But today the Jews rule this world by proxy.** They get others to fight and die for them.”

Mahathir Mohammed

- The Wandering Jew

Supposedly mocked Christ on the cross and therefore forced to wander the world for eternity.

All these took place in “Christian” nations because the enemy stirred up such hatred against the covenant people of God. But, the worst is yet to come.

X. Nazism

A. Germany after WW1

1. WW1 began on 28 July 1914 – Tisha Ba’av (9th of AV) the remembrance of 2 Temple’s destruction. It ended in 1918 with the surrender of Germany.
2. Allied countries demanded that Germany pay reparations, it became a bankrupt nation and people were suffering.
3. There was a secret occultic society called Thule Society. They believed the Germans descended from a race of people called the Aryans who lived in Atlantis and who were space aliens.

They were also Anti-Semitic

4. One of their leaders was a writer named Dietrich Eckart, he believed Germany needed a messiah.

B. Adolf Hitler

1. Born 1889 in Austria.



2. Served in the German army during WW1 – rank of Corporal.
3. After the war he began speaking out against the “injustices done to Germany” by the allies.
4. In 1925 he wrote “Mein Kampf” (my struggle) in which he blamed the Jews for all of Germany’s troubles; he said they controlled the economy of Germany.
5. He became the leader of the National Socialist German Workers Party.
6. Dietrich Eckart saw him as the Messiah that Germany was looking for, and groomed him.
7. In 1933 he became Chancellor of Germany. In his speeches he stirred hatred towards the Jews. (He often quoted Luther)

C. Holocaust

1. He rearms the country and begins the conquest of Europe by taking Austria and Czechoslovakia.
2. He then turns towards the Jews:
 - Oct ‘33 decrees to ban Jews from certain occupations and all universities.
 - 1938 they had to adopt a Jewish middle name either Sarah or Israel.
 - 1942 Jews lose citizenship and they had to wear yellow star of David. (Remember the Inquisition)
 - November 9-10 '38: Krystallnach (night of breaking glass). The holocaust begins; what was called the final solution to the Jewish problem.
3. Nazis set-up three types of camps: Level 1 labour camp, Level 2 more serious, level 3 extermination camp.

6 death camps built – Treblinka, Chelmo, Sobibor, Belzek, Madjanek & Auswich. In Auswich they used Zichlon B gas in other they used exhaust fumes.
4. In Nov 1942 5 trains a day, 5 days a week brought 5000 Jews a day.
 - They were required to do all the work before they were killed.
 - 1.5 – 2 million of these were children.
5. When the Nazis invaded the Soviet Union the Jews there suffered very badly also, after they broke through Soviet lines in 1941, 500,000 Jews were killed.
6. Sep 29 – 30 1942 over 30,000 Jews shot and killed in Babi Yar (Ukraine).
7. Nazi soldiers would say “you killed our god, now we kill you”. Jews going into gas chambers heard “Silent night” over the PA system.

During the Holocaust, the church was silent.



XI. Why the Jews?

Because they stand as a witness for God: Isaiah 43:10-11

Their salvation is key to the return of Messiah Matthew 23:39

Satan wants to stop them from believing in Yeshua.

XII. Church's Responsibility

Provoke the Jewish people to jealousy – Romans 11:11

Preach to the Jewish people – Isaiah 52:7, 62:11

The Promise:

Romans 11:26 And so all Israel will be saved, NKJV

And Yeshua will return!

