SHOULD CHRISTIANS EMBRACE THE JEWS?

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Recently there was much media chatter concerning the current head of the Romish "church", Herr Ratzinger (I ought not use any of the usual self-proclaimed titles, cf. Matt. 23:8-9), and his visit to the United States. One of the highlights of his trip, according to the media, was his stop at a New York City synagogue, and his embrace of the Jews there, where he gave a speech which stressed the so-called "Jewish" roots of Jesus (Yahshua) Christ and of Christianity. Yet nothing could be further from the truth. In reality – which reality shall continue to escape the notice of most people in society – Herr Ratzinger's homage to the Jews of New York surely demonstrates the truth of such New Testament verses as Luke 4:5-6, John 14:30 and 1 Cor. 2:8, among others. For those whom we see in positions of authority are not the true wielders of power: it is the dragon (Rev. 12:7-9) which gives authority to the beast (Rev. 13:4). While this statement may seem enigmatic now, it may become clearer later, as this essay proceeds.

During His earthly ministry Yahshua Christ continually distinguished Himself from the Jews, and there are clear examples of this in the words of Christ recorded at John 8:31-47 and John 10. Such distinction is also made by the gospel writers, especially by John, such as at 7:1 and 9:22. In order to understand this distinction, and the reason for the division recorded in the New Testament, it is fitting to examine the history of Judaea in the period leading up to the birth of Christ: for why were Herod and all Jerusalem troubled – even at an announcement of His birth – and why did they conspire to kill Him, rather than rejoice as the Magi and the shepherds did (Matt. 2:1-23; Luke 2:8-20)?

Many centuries before the birth of Christ, from approximately 745 B.C. to 676 B.C., almost all of the population of ancient Israel and Judah were destroyed or removed to other lands by the invading Assyrians, outlined briefly in 2 Kings chapters 17 and 18. The Assyrians left only the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for which see 2 Chron. 32. Ancient Assyrian inscriptions have been found which corroborate these histories, and show that hundreds of thousands of Israelites were taken and resettled in the north. These Israelites are the "lost" sheep of Ezekiel chapter 34, and the subject of many Biblical prophecies made even long after their deportation. Yet none of these people were ever called "Jews", and therefore they are not the subject of this discussion, although it surely can be demonstrated that – for the most part – these people developed into the Christian nations of later history.

By 585 B.C., nearly all of those left behind by the Assyrians had been taken away by another invader, the Babylonians, who destroyed Jerusalem and removed the people to Babylon (2 Kings 25; 2 Chron. 36). Of all of these, only about 40,000 people returned to Jerusalem some years later, as recorded by both Ezra and Nehemiah. From these 40,000, some of whom settled in Galilaia but most of whom settled in and around

Jerusalem, descended Yahshua Christ and the apostles and their countrymen, and the "Jews" of Judaea and Jerusalem. Yet it is fully apparent that the Hebrew religion and prophecies of the Old Testament belonged to a much wider group than these, who never returned to Judaea nor whom were ever called "Jews" – something quite difficult to discern from all of today's propaganda.

At Ezra 10 and Nehemiah 13 we see that these people who returned to Jerusalem began intermarrying with the Canaanites – the ancient enemies of Israel who were accursed by Yahweh the God of Israel – and upon being admonished and repenting, they put off their foreign wives. This occurred in the 5th century B.C., and the Old Testament records end here, over 400 years before the birth of Christ. Yet much of this 400 years which are wanting in our Bibles are described by secular historians, and especially by the Judaean historian, Flavius Josephus.

From Josephus and others it can be seen that the Edomites – the descendants of Esau and his Canaanite wives (Gen. 36) - had moved into the lands of Simeon and Judah after the Israelites were deported. By 130 B.C., under the Maccabees who were the high priests at Jerusalem, the people of Jerusalem had grown quite strong and after throwing off the yoke of the Greek rulers of Syria to whom they had been subject, they conquered all of the Canaanites and Edomites who had inhabited the surrounding areas, and forced them all to convert to the religion of Judah, already called by this time "Judaism" in the Greek and Roman tongues, and all of those people - Israel's traditional enemies - became known as Judaeans, or "Jews". Once converted to Judaism and practicing circumcision, it became quite easy for the true Israelites of Judaea (the descendants of the 40,000) to begin intermarrying with the Edomites and Canaanites of Judaea, and this time without any apparent religious guilt or criticism. By 80 B.C., many Edomites had gotten themselves into positions of power and authority in the kingdom of Judaea, and especially the family of Herod. By 40 B.C. the first Herod (that of Matthew chapter 2) had become the de facto king of Judaea, having slain the last of the Maccabees, and being bribed by Herod, Marc Antony persuaded Octavius Caesar and the Roman Senate to make Herod the official king, about 36 B.C. Once Herod became king, the high priesthood and other positions at the Temple in Jerusalem became political tools, and over the years many of Herod's friends and kinsmen were granted appointments to such offices – a practice which continued until the Temple was finally destroyed in 70 A.D.

Understanding this history, it is evident how the Judaeans whom Christ reproved could claim to be Abraham's offspring, and yet Christ denies that they were true children of Abraham (John 8). For being descendants of Esau, their claim was valid, yet Yahweh the God of Israel hates Esau (Mal. 1:1-3), as Paul reminds us in Romans chapter 9, where the apostle tells us that not all of those in the Israel of his day were actual Israelites, and he proceeds to contrast Jacob and Esau! Describing the Israelites as "vessels of mercy" and the Edomites as "vessels of destruction" (Rom. 9:22-33), here he explains the reasons for the division among the first century Judaeans, also evident in many passages elsewhere, such as Rev. 2:9 and 3:9. Being, in part, descendants of Canaanites, they were also descendants of the Kenites – the children of Cain – and the Rephaim, all of whom mingled together (i.e. Gen. 15:19-21). This is

why the Edomite Herod was representative of "the great red dragon ... that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan" (Rev. 12) who attempted to kill the infant Christ, for the Kenites and the Rephaim were descendants of the serpent and the fallen angels of Genesis!

For this reason Yahshua Christ told those Judaeans whom He reproved that "Ye are of *your* father the devil" (John 8:44), and "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you" (John 10:26). Note that He did not say "ye are not of my sheep, because ye believe not", as the Romish and Protestant "churches" teach. No, He said "ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep", where we see that the Jews – the non-believing, anti-Christian Judaeans – were never His sheep in the first place! Indeed, the Bible and history show that they are Canaanites and Edomites – the enemies of Israel cursed and hated by Yahweh God.

Paul separates the Judaeans into two groups: vessels of mercy and vessels of destruction, as the prophet Jeremiah separated the inhabitants of Jerusalem into two groups: good and bad figs (Jer. 24). Of the bad figs, Jeremiah prophesied that they were to be "removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all the places whither I shall drive them" (Jer. 24:9). Likewise Yahshua Christ, surely alluding to Jeremiah, standing in Jerusalem in 32 A.D. and prophesying about the coming destruction of the city and temple - which happened in 70 A.D. - is recorded as having said "... for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations ..." (Matt. 21:23-24), and He said this speaking of the unbelieving Judaeans, the bad fig, "not of my sheep", Edomite Jews! This diaspora of 70 A.D. was not the dispersion of the people of God once known as Israel – for that had happened centuries before, in the Assyrian and Babylonian deportations. Rather, the diaspora of the Jews was – as both Jeremiah and Christ attest - the diaspora of the enemies of God and of Christ! From these people descend – again, in part – the Jews of today, who have mingled themselves with people from many other races along the way, yet who have kept their religion as a common bond - except for the converts to Romish catholicism in certain places in the Middle Ages, especially in Italy and Spain. For nearly 40 years, from the crucifixion in 32 A.D. to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., the gospel was the filter which separated many of the good figs from the bad. Most of the good Judaeans, as Josephus attests, had fled Jerusalem before its destruction. Christians, of course, had the warnings of Christ.

It is often claimed by the Jews of today that the Romans killed Christ, being responsible for the crucifixion, and both the Romish and many Protestant "churches" often parrot this nonsense. For at Luke 19:27, at the end of the "parable of the ten pounds", as it is often called, we find Christ saying "But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay *them* before me." Elsewhere we see the Jews exclaim "We have no king but Caesar" (John 19:15) and "His blood be on us, and on our children" (Matt. 27:25). After the crucifixion, the apostles clearly fix the murder of Christ on the people of Judaea, and never on the Romans, as can be clearly seen at Acts 2:23; 4:8-10; 7:52-53 and 1 Thess. 2:14-15.

The Romans did not kill Christ! The record is clear that the Judaeans (Jews) killed Christ. The Romans were merely the hammer in the hand of the Jews! Can a murderer blame his crime on the weapon? It is also clear that while many good people in Judaea went along with the crucifixion, they were merely following along with the masses and the propaganda of their leaders, the Pharisees and Sadducees, the great number of whom were bad-fig Edomite Jews. Politics then was no different than it is today! For this reason Paul explains that those who deny Christ shall receive much greater punishment than those who transgress the laws of Moses, and that God shall indeed take vengeance upon the Christ-deniers (Heb. 10:28-30). The Jews, claiming to be the people of God, bring much greater punishment upon themselves even if they are! Yet in reality they are not: they are rather the synagogue (assembly) of Satan (the Adversary), i.e. Rev. 2:9 and 3:9.

In another oft-repeated Jewish claim, they justify their religion – which is not the valid Hebrew religion, for indeed Christianity is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets - by claiming that there is more than one "path" to "God", and that these different paths are reflected by the various religions of the world. Yet the words of Yahshua Christ Himself clearly refute this, for at John 14:6 He is recorded as having said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." At John 10:7-9 He says "... I am the door of the sheep ... I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved ...", and so it is evident that there is only one path to Yahweh God, and it is also evident that only His sheep pass through that door! Furthermore, Paul, in his epistle to the Hebrews (1:6), says in reference to Christ: "And let all the angels of god worship Him". An "angel" is a messenger, the meaning of the Greek word. If one claims to be a messenger of God and does not worship Christ, then his religion is vain, and its promises empty. Throughout the Old Testament are prophecies and promises concerning Christ. Those who claim to find their religion in it, and yet are not Christians, are frauds who deceive even themselves. The Jews are foremost among these!

The Greek word anathema means "accursed". A valid argument may be presented that the word *maranatha*, found at 1 Cor. 16:22, is actually a Hebrew phrase which means "a rebel to be destroyed". This interpretation derives mara from Strong's Hebrew dictionary #4754 (see also 4775, 76, 77, 79 and 4784) as a rebel, and natha from #5421 (see also 5422, 23) as to destroy or in the Passive, to be destroyed. It can even be argued that this interpretation is more defensible than those of the mainstream scholars, where there is disagreement in the lexicons even as to how the phrase maranatha should be parsed, and the words derived are not - so far as I have seen identified precisely. Nevertheless, mainstream scholars insist that the phrase means "O Lord, come", or something similar, even though this is forced into the context of the preceding words. Rather, it is quite evident that 1 Cor. 16:22 should read: "If anyone does not love the Lord Yahshua Christ, he must be accursed (anathema), a rebel to be destroyed [maranatha]!" This reading of the phrase is much more natural in the context of the words which precede, and is quite legitimate, being derived from identifiable Hebrew words. And such are the Edomite Jews – accursed by God – whom Paul calls "vessels of destruction" in Romans 9. Yet we need not rely upon this one

statement – having to decipher the enigmatic and argue over its meaning – to see that Christians must reject Jews. For there are many other such statements left to us by the apostles of Christ which instruct us in like manner.

In the first epistle of John, at 2:22-23, we read: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Yahshua is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father", and in the historical context of John's writing, the apostle can only be describing the Jews. John continues at 4:1-3: "Behold, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Yahshua Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Yahshua Christ is is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." While naive catholics and other adherents to the mainstream sects await "The Antichrist" whom they believe to be some future beastly ruler often depicted with science-fiction quality abilities, the truth is that the antichrists have walked among us for thousands of years already! Many of them today are called "Jews"! Their spirits are not from God, but are rather from their own father - the devil (John 8:44). John speaks of them further, at 1 John 5:10: "He that believeth on the Son of God hath witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." The Jews, by rejecting Yahshua Christ, esteem God to be a liar! Should Christians embrace Jews?

In John's 2nd epistle, the apostle reinforces the instruction that those who deny Yahshua are the antichrists, at verse 7: "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Yahshua Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." So we see that the Jews are liars, deceivers, and antichrists! In the same epistle, at v. 9: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." John proceeds to instruct his readers how to treat those who reject Christ, at vv. 10 & 11: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed: For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds." To "bid Godspeed" is archaic language meaning simply "to greet". So it is evident that Christians certainly should not embrace Jews, nor even so much as greet them!

Paul makes a statement similar to 2 John 9-11, while discussing sound Christian doctrine, at 1 Tim. 6:3-5: "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Yahshua Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." And so, Christians must reject the Jews!

In the first century, the Jews used the organized religious sects, the Pharisees and Sadducees, to oppose Christianity, and through these their power to persuade the Roman authorities against it. Unto this day the Jews continue to oppose Christianity, both with their own cries of religious persecution and with the "secular" organizations which they have founded and operate, such as the ACLU and the ADL, among others, which employ once-Christian court systems in order to oppress Christianity. While these groups seek to extinguish Christianity, Christian morals, and Christian ideals, Christians suffer these groups, engage with them, even make donations to them, and embrace the Jews who support them! Such is contrary to the advice of Paul, who warned Christians to "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them ... And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:6, 7, 11), and "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ ... that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Ph'p. 1:27-29). The "token of perdition" comment shows that these adversaries of Christ are those "vessels of destruction" Paul discussed in Romans chapter 9 – the Edomite Jews. Paul discusses them again at Ph'p. 3:18-19: "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." These are indeed the "antichrists" of John's epistles. For a few verses before, at Ph'p. 3:2, Paul warned: "Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision", and the lines which followed show that by "concision" Paul meant those practitioners of Judaism who insisted that men be circumcised in the flesh.

Not all Judaeans who in the first century converted to Christianity did so with sincerity. Rather, often they were infiltrators, attempting to subvert the Gospel. Peter and Jude both warned about these (2 Pet. 2; Jude 4-16). Paul tells of them again at Gal. 2:1-10, where he calls them "false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Yahshua, that they might bring us into bondage", since they attempted to compel Titus to be circumcised. Elsewhere, Paul warned the elders of the Ephesians that "after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." This is why John warned in his epistle, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Therefore everything touted as doctrine must be measured against the entire Bible.

These "false brethren" were more interested in gaining control over men (Gal. 2:5) than in being true Christians themselves. And those whom they couldn't subvert, they persecuted. Paul says at 1 Thess. 2:14-15: "For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Yahshua: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: Who both killed the Lord Yahshua, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us;

and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the [nations] that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost." The problems in Thessalonica which Paul refers to here are described at Acts 17:1-9, where it is evident that common Thessalonians were incited to act against the Christians by certain Jews. They do this same thing in our society today! Early Christian history shows that it was the Jews who were behind all the Roman persecutions of Christians – as Tertullian also attests in his *Apology* (21.25). However, not being able to stifle Christianity from the outside, history is replete with examples of Jews who "converted" to Christianity, only to later subvert it with false doctrine from within. The results of this continue to plague the mainstream "Christian" sects to this very day, and especially Romish catholicism.

Why don't Christians actually follow the New Testament? Why do they disregard all of these admonitions and warnings, and embrace the Jews? Today, all of Western Civilization is in a state of drastic decline because we have embraced the Jews! Here in America, the Jews – who have been here in significant numbers for only about 130 years - have led us into racial integration and a world full of drugs and pornography. Our cities are destroyed, our economy ever teetering on the verge of collapse. Inflation of the money supply is rampant. Our formerly world-leading manufacturing base is disappearing, along with our middle class. Most of our technology has been freely transferred to our enemies. Jewish Marxist ideology has become the standard throughout all of our academia, and now holds the center ring in our political circus. If one doesn't believe that the Jews are indeed responsible for all of this, one must investigate just who it is running all of the major banking houses, such as Goldman-Sachs and Solomon Bros., Morgan Stanley and Citibank, along with the hedge funds and holding companies, such as KKR, which are really just corporate raiders with improved public relations. One must investigate how such a large percentage of positions on the White House staff, the houses of Congress and their staffs, and all of the cabinet departments are filled by Jews. In addition, all of the most powerful media companies, such as Disney, Time-Warner, Viacom, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and many others, are owned and/or managed by Jews. Like Judaea at the time of Christ, most all of the so-called "uppercrust" of American society is now occupied by the antichrist, Edomite Jews! Christians very naively pity Jews when they cry "persecution", while at the same time the Jews devour the substance of the Christians! Those whom - as Paul says - "might bring us into bondage" have done so indeed through oppressive taxes and laws - and "who mind earthly things" have through fraud and deceit come to possess all of our earthly things! When will Christians ever start actually practicing what it is that they profess to believe? Only then can our nation – and the other White nations of the world who suffer in like manner – ever begin to be healed.