



# Antisemitism in the Church

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## Mark Thatcher and the 'Wonga coup'



# The Daily Telegraph

## 'London is now a no-go zone for Jews'

Counter-extremism tsar warns of risks from pro-Palestinian protests

By Charles Hume

PROFESSOR CHARLES HUME, counter-extremism tsar, has warned that the UK's counter-extremism strategy has been "seriously undermined" by the "Wonga coup" by the far-right. He says the Home Office's independent advisory commission, led by the former Conservative MP and Tory MP, has been "seriously undermined" by the "Wonga coup". He says the Home Office's independent advisory commission, led by the former Conservative MP and Tory MP, has been "seriously undermined" by the "Wonga coup".

## Horner calls for end to media intrusion



David Horner has criticised the media for its intrusion into the private lives of public figures. He says the media should focus on reporting on public figures' work, not their private lives.

## Macron: West must step in to save Ukraine

By Simon Willmet

EMANUEL MACRON, president of France, has urged the West to step in to save Ukraine. He says the West must step in to save Ukraine. He says the West must step in to save Ukraine. He says the West must step in to save Ukraine.

## Pensioners face £1,000 hit as Budget backlash builds

By Nina Pong

Millions of pensioners are facing a £1,000 hit from the Budget. He says the Budget will hit pensioners. He says the Budget will hit pensioners.

As the Budget is unveiled, the Conservative Party is facing a backlash from pensioners. He says the Budget will hit pensioners. He says the Budget will hit pensioners.

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## The Daily Telegraph

- 8 Mar 2024
- 'London is now a no-go zone for Jews'
- British Jews are considering leaving the country altogether, because it "feels like Nazi Germany."

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# A Christian Response to Israel

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“The Church has not replaced Israel. The Jews have always been and always will be God’s Chosen people.”

- Troy Dobbs





# Jewish Suffering

“From his birth, every Christian, practicing or nominal, imbibes the belief that the Jews, i.e. any and every individual Jew, are answerable for the murder of his messiah. Indeed, the overwhelming majority of the acts of persecution, religious coercion and massacres suffered in history by our People came at the hands of the Christians. Thus we see that Christianity was a significant and major cause of Jewish suffering.” (Meir Simcha Sokolovsky, Prophecy and Providence, 1985)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Century

- From Sabbath to the Lord's Day
  - The Didache, a manual of church instruction written around 120, directs Christians to come together on the Lord's Day to worship.
- The second Jewish Revolt (AD 132-135)
  - Simon Bar Kokhba led the revolt and declared himself to be the Messiah.
  - Rabbi Akiba, the most respected scholar of the time, upheld his claim.
- The parting of the way
  - By the time of Justin Martyr (AD 160) a new attitude prevailed in the church, evidenced by its appropriating the title "Israel" for itself.

# Justin Martyr (100 – 165)

- In his *Dialogue with Trypho, a Jew*, Justin Martyr emphasized that what was of old had belonged to Israel was now the property of Christians. The Jewish Scriptures were a central part of this transference. “They are not your but ours,” Justin stated emphatically to Trypho.
- Justin Martyr was influenced by Plato, and brought many of his ideas into his teaching.
- One of the results was that third-century Christians began to view the physical world of flesh and matter as evil.
- Gnosticism had a detrimental effect on the church.



# Origen (185 – 254)

- The overthrow of the Jewish nation – especially the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple by gentile armies was seen as chastisement, proof that God had rejected His once chosen people.
- The church also viewed the sack of Jerusalem as punishment of Jews for the crime of crucifying Jesus.
- In the third century Origen wrote, “And these calamities they [the Jews] have suffered, because they were a most wicked nation, which although guilty of many other sins, yet has been punished so severely for none, as for those that were committed against our Jesus.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Century

- When Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, Jews experienced a further wave of discrimination and persecution. They lost many of their legal rights; they were not permitted to live in Jerusalem or to seek converts.
- The church fathers taught that the unfaithfulness of the Jewish people resulted in a collective guilt which made them subject to the permanent curse of God. Accordingly, church fathers from the time of Jerome and Augustine (late 4<sup>th</sup> century) applied the lesson of the barren fig tree to the Jewish people. Jesus said, “May you never bear fruit again. (Matthew 21 18-22)
- Around 380, Ambrose, bishop of Milan, praised the burning of a synagogue as an act pleasing to God.

# John Chrysostom (347 – 407)

- 4th – 5th Century
  - The “golden mouthed” eloquent preacher from Antioch
  - Eight Homilies Against The Jews

*Today the Jews, who are more dangerous than any wolves, are bent on surrounding my sheep; so I must spar with them and fight with them so that no sheep of mine many fall victim to those wolves You slay Christ, you did lift violent hands against the Master, you did spill His precious blood. This is why you have no chance for atonement.*



# The Council of Nicaea 325

The council of Nicaea was a gathering of church bishops organized by Emperor Constantine in 325 AD. The primary purpose was to unite the Church until an official position regarding the divinity of the Messiah. One group declared that the Messiah always was, while the other said he was created by God. The former group won out, and the Nicene Creed was formulated and released.



# The Council of Nicaea 325

Regarding Jesus, it declares:

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven.*

# The Fine Print - Antijudaism

1. If you read the entire text of the Nicene Creed, there is no reference to this God being *the God of Israel*. Without God's calling of Israel, there is no Nicaea. The stories begins with Abraham.
2. There is no mention of the Jewish ethnicity of the Messiah. When Paul speaks of Jesus, he emphasizes the fact that he came from Israel.



# The Fine Print - Antijudaism

Jesus died on Passover, rose on the day of the First Fruits offering, and poured out his Spirit on Jerusalem on the feast of Shavuot. God was making a point.



# The Fine Print - Antijudaism

3. One of the purposes of the Nicaea Council was to change the date for the celebration of the resurrection from the Jewish calendar, that is, Passover (or the Sunday closest to Passover), to “Easter,” which “was to be on the Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring equinox.” In other words—it was to have no connection with the Jewish Passover.





# The Fine Print - Antijudaism

4. At the time, they were roughly 1,800 bishops in the Church. Approximately 120 of them were of Jewish heritage. Dr. Jen Rosner notes, “From all accounts that we have, these Jewish Yeshua-believing bishops were not present at the council of Nicaea, and moreover, they were not invited—which we can understand from Constantine’s posture towards the Jewish people.”



# Conclusion on Nicaea

So, on the one hand, we need to celebrate the Council of Nicaea for its powerful, bold Christology—in rejecting the idea that the son of God was created and embracing his deity. But on the other hand, we must recognize that Nicaea was another step in de-Judaizing the Church. It was another step in the ethnic cleansing of the New Testament from its Jewish roots.



# Conclusion on Nicaea

For Paul, the salvation of Israel and her future revival were central. He devotes much of Romans to this. For the bishops of Nicaea, who literally boycotted Jewish participation in this most crucial council, the future of Israel was not even on their radar. It was the past. They are “the murderers of our Lord.” This would set the stage for centuries of tolerated, even promoted, Jew-hatred in the Church.

# Augustine (354-430)

- Saint Augustine, was a theologian and philosopher the bishop of Hippo Regius in Numidia, Roman North Africa.
- His many important works include The City of God, On Christian Doctrine, and Confessions.
- Foremost Church Theologian in history.
- Advocated the use of forced conversions:

Come out into the highway and **compel them** to come in.  
(Luke 14:23)



# Allegory

- The early church fathers had to solve the problem of what to do with the Old Testament.
- Their anti-Judaic stance forced them to view the Jewish Scriptures with its many strange laws and customs as offensive.
- Marcion offered one solution. He violently opposed anything Jewish and argued that the Old Testament should be done away with, removed from the canon of the church.



# The Middle Ages

- Thousands of Jews who refused baptism were murdered in the streets. Synagogues were torched.
- They were said to have a peculiar smell in contrast to the “odor of sanctity.” Jews were said to be sucklers of sows.
- During the thirteenth century, holy books were seized. Jews were forbidden to eat or talk with Christians.
- Christian art and sculpture represent the Jews as humbled and downcast rather than proud and upright.



# Anti-Semitism In “Christian” Europe

- the Jews expelled from England (1290)
- the Jews expelled from France (1306 and 1394)
- the Jews expelled from Hungary (1349 and 1360)
- the Jews expelled from German states (1348 and 1498)
- the Jews expelled from Austria (1421)
- the Jews expelled from Lithuania (1445 and 1495)
- the Jews expelled from Spain (1492)
- the Jews expelled from Portugal (1497)

There were four major roots of antisemitism in Europe before the Holocaust: the religious root, the racial root, the economic root, and the political root. “Of the four roots of anti-Semitism, religious anti-Semitism has the longest history in Western Christian societies.” (William I. Brustein, *Roots of Hate: Anti-Semitism in Europe Before the Holocaust*)





# The Spanish Inquisition

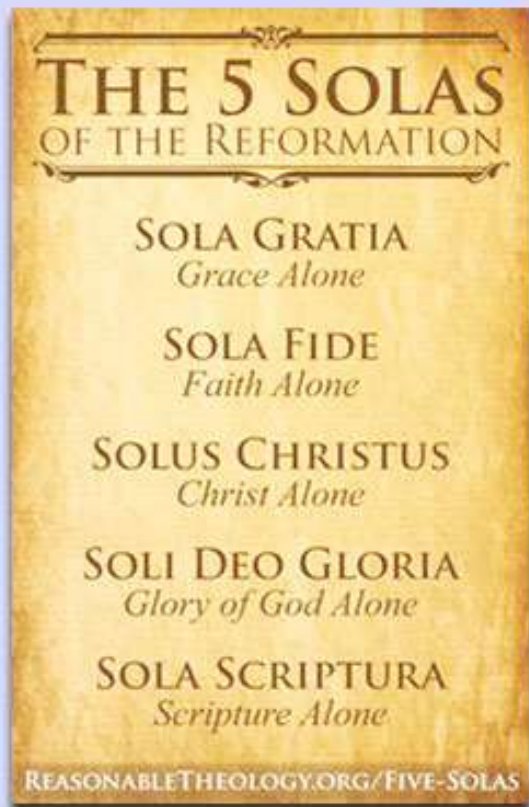
Writes Professor B. Netanyahu in his 1,400-page work, *The Origins of the Inquisition*, quoting an eyewitness account of the time:

"Those of them who refused to accept baptism were immediately slain, and their corpses, stretched in the streets and the squares, offered a horrendous spectacle." (p. 159)

Just how many Jews converted in these forced mass conversions that accompanied the Christian conquest of Spain? Estimates range between tens of thousands to as many as 600,000. (See *The Origins of the Inquisition*, p. 1095.)

The Spanish Inquisition sought to punish Jews who had converted to Christianity but were not really "sincere" in their conversions.

# The Reformation



# Historical Anti-Semitism In The Church

- Martin Luther

*He urged that synagogues should be set on fire, their homes smashed and destroyed. Jews should be banned from the roads and markets, their property seized, and then these poisonous envenomed worms should be drafted into forced labor and made to earn their bread by the sweat of their noses.*

He set in motion 400 years of persecution culminating in the Nazi holocaust.



# The Holocaust

- The Holocaust represents the tragic culmination of anti-Jewish attitudes and practices which had been allowed to manifest themselves – largely unchecked – in or nearby the church for nearly 2000 years. Perhaps the most important reason the Holocaust happened is that the church had forgotten its Jewish roots.
- There were many non-Jews who courageously risked their lives to save Jews.
- It is to the shame of Christians everywhere that the established church did so little to prevent or protest the slaughter.



# Paul's Words

For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost. (1 Thessalonians 2:14-16)

## CHRISTIAN ZIONIST HALL OF FAME

### INTRODUCTIONS

Intro to Moravians

Intro to Puritans

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### NOTABLE FIGURES

Thomas Draxe

Thomas Brightman

Joseph Mede

Henry Finch

Isaac de La Peyrere

Anders Pederson

Kempe

Increase Mather

Ebenezer and Joanna  
Cartwright

Oliver Cromwell

John Tolland

Holeger Paulli

Isaac Newton

Joseph Priestley

Johann Heinrich Jung-Stilling

Nikolaus Zinzendorf

Joseph Eyre

Charles Jerram

John Milton

Thomas Newton

George Gawler

Lord Shaftesbury

Robert Browning

George Eliot

Robert Murray M'  
Cheyne

John Nelson Darby

J.C. Ryle

Charles Henry Church

John Stoddard

William H. Hechler

Jean Henri Dunant

Laurence Oliphant

John Wesley

Charles Wesley

Charles Haddon

Spurgeon

William E. Blackstone

Lord Arthur James Balfour

Prime Minister Lloyd  
George

President Woodrow Wilson

Lt. Col. John Henry  
Patterson

Charles Orde Wingate

Col. Richard Meinertzhagen

John Grauel

William Hull

Pres. Harry S. Truman

## INTRO TO MORAVIANS

**The Moravian Church** - the first Protestant Church - emerged in 15th century Bohemia and Czech Republic as the Hussite movement. While the Moravian Church emphasized evangelism, it was also known for its great respect for and dialogue with the Jewish people. It incorporated many Jewish traditions into its rituals.

## INTRO TO PURITANS

**The Puritan movement** arose in England in the mid-16th century, and later spread to the Netherlands, Ireland, and America. The movement drew heavily on the Hebrew scriptures as a model for Christian life. Many Puritan preachers taught their congregants to appreciate the Hebraic roots of Christianity and the promised restoration of the Jews.

# Our Call To Bless The Jewish People

- I Will Bless Those Who Bless You And Curse Those Who Curse You. (Genesis 12:3)
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. (Psalm 122:6)
- I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isaiah 62:6-7)

# Romans 11:11-12

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, **to provoke them to jealousy**, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles. Now if their fall *is* riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!





# Appendix 1 – Book Recommendations



# The Ruth-less Church

VS.

THE ROLE OF CHRISTIANS IN  
ISRAEL'S REDEMPTION  
AS PROPHESED IN

## The Book of Ruth



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THE JEWISH PEOPLE



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IN TODAY'S CHURCH



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# Appendix 2 – Antisemitism in “Christian” Europe

# Anti-Semitism In “Christian” Europe

Around the first millennium, we see the rise of the Christian trade guilds from which Jews were pointedly excluded. No more Jewish goldsmiths and silversmiths and glass-blowers. Jews were also excluded from owning land, holding office, and from being doctors and lawyers.

Jews were forced to wear a "distinguishing garment" either a badge or a sign or a silly-looking hat which set them apart. This was not only to make them look different but also to humiliate them.

Then, beginning in 1123, when the bishops of the Church undertook a series of meetings called Lateran Councils to decide Church policy, the Jews were assigned a new function in Christian society.

Along with a decree that priests must be celibate, the bishops decided that Christians were not allowed to lend each other money. (This came from a misunderstanding of Biblical commandment that forbids one from charging one's brother interest when making a loan.)

As for the Jews, the bishops promulgated a doctrine decreeing them servants of Christians, and then assigning to them the degrading task of lending money called usury with which the Christians were forbidden to sully their hands.

# Anti-Semitism In “Christian” Europe

## **Blood Libel**

It is next to impossible to explain the accusations that were hurled at the Jews during this time. Jews were persecuted not only for being "Christ-killers" but as "baby-killers."

The first such accusation better known as a "blood libel" was leveled in 1144 in Norwich, England. There, Jews were charged with kidnapping a Christian baby and draining the baby of blood. The charge became so popular it would sweep, in various forms, through Europe and then spread to other parts of the world.



# Anti-Semitism In “Christian” Europe

Why did Jews need blood in “Christian” opinion?

- a. Jews suffered from hemorrhoids as a punishment for killing Jesus and drinking blood was the best cure for hemorrhoids at the time.
- b. All Jewish men menstruate and need a monthly blood transfusion.
- c. Jewish men, when they're circumcised, lose so much blood because of that surgical procedure that they need to drink Christian babies' blood.
- d. It's the chief ingredient in matzah, and therefore prior to every Passover Jews would be requiring a large supply.
- e. All of the above.

What do you think the correct answer is?

This is a very important lesson in anti-Semitism. You can say anything about the Jews and people will believe it.



# Anti-Semitism In “Christian” Europe

## **Jew Taxes**

Throughout this time, the Jews were physically marginalized, beaten, burned, raped. And they were economically marginalized, pillaged, robbed, taxed nearly to death. Indeed, their money was one of the reasons they were tolerated at all. Jews were a good source of income to the crown. They were specially taxed with special punitive "Jew taxes."

# Anti-Semitism In “Christian” Europe

## The Bubonic Plague

The bubonic plague is estimated to have killed up to half the population of Europe — about 25 million people.

Although they didn't know what caused the disease, the Europeans had no trouble figuring it out — it had to be the Jews! The Jews must be getting poison from the devil and pouring it down the wells of Christians (or throwing it into the air) to kill them all off.

To be fair, the Church, specifically Pope Clement VI, said this was not so, but the masses didn't hear it. The Church's message that the Jews killed "god" but meant no harm to the Christian world just didn't add up.

During the time of the bubonic plague (chiefly 1348-1349), you had massacres of Jews in various European communities. For example, Jews of Strasbourg were burned alive.



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# Anti-Semitism In “Christian” Europe

## **Replacement Theology**

To start off, the very existence of the Jews was an irritant to many Christians. And this is why:

Christian theology accepts the Hebrew Bible. It does not quarrel with the statements therein that the Jews were a special people chosen by God to receive the Torah and bring holiness into the world. But Christian theology says that the Jews failed in their mission. This is why God sent His "son" (Jesus) to straighten things out, but the Jews refused to recognize him as "god."

As a result, God abandoned the Jews and replaced them with the "new chosen people" the Christians. (Hence, the Christian segment of the Bible is called the "New Testament" which is Greek for "scripture.")

By this line of reasoning however, there would no longer be any purpose for Jews in the world. They should disappear, like did so many mightier peoples.

# Historical Anti-Semitism In The Church

- *The Crusades*

*The Crusaders came to liberate the Holy Land from the "infidels" - and woe to any Jew who stood in their way.*

- *The Inquisition*

*Spain (a Christian country) expelled all Jews who would not accept Christianity on the orders of Pope Innocent III*

# Poland-Lithuania Empire





# Poland

The Best of times – the worst of times

- Welcomed by King Boleslav in 1264
- Prospered and helped the nation prosper
- Exterminated by Chmielicki in 1640's

The same cycle as in Egypt

- Welcomed by Pharoah in Joseph's time
- Prospered and helped the nation prosper
- Enslaved in Moses time






# Russian Persecution

## **Protocols of the Elders of Zion**

Around the turn of the century (It was first published in 1903), the Russian secret police began to circulate a forgery which became the most famous anti-Semitic "document" in history — The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. These protocols purported to be the minutes of a secret meeting of world Jewish leaders, which supposedly took place once every hundred years for the purpose of plotting how to manipulate and control the world in the next century.

As ridiculous as this might sound to us today, the Protocols were seized upon as "proof" that the world was dominated by Jews who were responsible for all of the world's problems.

## **Pogroms**



# Appendix 3 – Replacement Theology



# Replacement Theology Overview

1. Replacement theology promotes the idea that God is finished with Israel as a nation and all the promises He made to Israel in the Old Testament have been given to the Church who is God's "*new true Israel*" who inherits all the national promises and blessings that God gave to Israel.
2. Replacement theology spiritualizes rather than interprets in a literal, plain sense way the prophetic promises given to Israel. It embraces a non-literal, allegorical interpretation of these promises and/or insists that most of the end-time prophecies about Israel have been fulfilled in history.



# Replacement Theology Overview

3. Replacement theology views the Church as “spiritual Israel” and/or “spiritual Jerusalem.” In the NT the term, *Israel*, is used nearly 70 times, always referring to the physical people of Israel, only once as a substitute term for the Church. The phrases, *New Israel* and *Spiritual Israel*, are not in the Bible.
4. Replacement theology has been taught by the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant churches for the majority of their history. Many Church Fathers—including Justin Martyr (AD 100-165), Augustine of Hippo (354-430), John Calvin, Martin Luther and more, espoused this doctrine.



# Replacement Theology Overview

5. There are 2 main approaches to replacement theology.
  - Israel's role as the people of God was ***completed***. This says that after Jesus came, Israel's mission was completed. The Church took over as the people of God. In other words, in His redemptive plans, God is no longer working through ethnic Israel.
  - Israel's place as the people of God was ***forfeited***. The Church replaced Israel because of God's permanent judgment on the nation for its rejection of Jesus.

# Replacement Theology Overview

6. ***Literal interpretation:*** The best Bible teachers in history embrace the ***historical-grammatical*** method of interpretation. This interpretative grid seeks to understand each passage according to the original meaning that was intended by the one who wrote it. Literal interpretation seeks to understand the “plain meaning”—what the author intended as conveyed by its *grammatical construction* and *historical context*, including the cultural background of the author and its readers.
7. Replacement theology is one of the most serious errors promoted throughout history by many who are reputed to be trustworthy Bible scholars by many over many centuries. There is serious contradiction in their teaching in that they insist on literal interpretation of Scripture ***except when it relates to Israel.***

# Common Scriptures Used to Support Replacement Theology

As many as walk according to this rule, mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. (Galatians 6:16)

“...the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.” (Matthew 21:43)

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...(1 Peter 2:9)

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. (Matthew 27:25)



# Common Scriptures Used to Refute Replacement Theology

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not!...God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew...Have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! (Romans 11:1-2, 11-12)

All Israel will be saved... concerning the election they [Israel and Jewish people] are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (Romans. 11:26,28,29)