

Victims Of The Holocaust

God said to Abraham, "I will bless you greatly and I will multiply your seed greatly like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore ... In your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed because you have obeyed My voice" (Genesis 22:17 & 18).

'By faith, Sarah received power to conceive and she bore a child when she was past the age of fertility, since she counted God faithful Who had promised her a son (Isaac), therefore as many as the stars of the sky in multitude and as innumerable as the sand by the seashore, were all fathered by one man, Abraham' (Hebrews 11:11 & 12). 'The number of the children of Israel are as numerous as the sand of the sea but it is a remnant who will be saved' (Romans 9:27).

Initially, the tribe from where Abram/Abraham came were called Hebrews (Genesis 14:13). They were later called Jews, named after the tribe of Judah but not until after Israel and Judah (later Judea) were divided and ruled by different kings (2 Kings 16:6). From the millions of descendants from Abraham and Sarah, only a remnant will be in Jerusalem when Jesus comes. Why only a remnant? Anti-Semitism has cruelly murdered millions of Hebrew and Jewish people since the days of Moses. The 20th century holocaust is one of many 'genocidal holocausts' that have killed so many Jewish people over the centuries their numbers are greatly diminished. The word 'Holocaust' means the 'annihilation, carnage, conflagration, destruction, genocide, massacre and mass murder of human life on a massive scale'. The first attempted Hebrew holocaust happened before Moses was born then continued when he was a baby. The wicked Pharaoh attempted to destroy every Hebrew male baby because he was afraid of the strength of the Hebrew nation living within Egypt. A nation without males would die out but the Lord did not allow that to happen. By faith, the midwives refused to murder the babies and the Hebrew tribe thrived, albeit under great pressure until the Lord delivered them from Egypt (Exodus 1:9 to 22; 2:1 to 10; Hebrews 11:23 to 28).

The first Jewish holocaust happened in 586 BC when Nebuchadnezzar forced thousands of Jewish people from Israel into Babylon where some of the young men were castrated so they could not have children (2 Kings 20:18). The attempted Jewish holocaust happened during the days of Queen Esther (circa 485 BC), when there was an attempt to annihilate all Jewish people (Book of Esther) but the Lord did not allow that to happen. There were many wars involving the Jewish people in Israel when they were attacked by neighbouring nations and many of them were killed. Another Jewish holocaust happened when Herod attempted to murder all male babies in Israel when Jesus was born (circa 4 BC). The wicked Romans instigated another Jewish holocaust when they murdered hundreds of thousands of Jewish people (70 to 90 AD). Around the year 1,000 AD a Jewish holocaust was initiated by Arab leaders who wanted all Jewish people out of Jerusalem and Israel. So many Jewish people were slaughtered their blood flowed down the streets of Jerusalem. Another Jewish holocaust happened when millions of Jewish people were killed during the three murderous religious Crusades. The Jewish holocaust in Spain was instigated by King Ferdinand and the pogroms in Russia and other countries killed millions, then the recent holocaust in Europe killed a further six million more Jews. They are all victims of murderous injustice solely because they were Jews. If these Jewish people had been able live and have children, imagine how many millions more Jewish people we would have with us to bless us with their presence, abilities, generosity, wisdom, intelligence and other blessings the Jewish people bring to us. They have been a blessing to the entire earth, just like the Lord promised Abraham (Genesis 12:2 & 3).

Most of the countries that have killed the Jewish people have not learned anything. None of the countries have experienced any moral or spiritual healing. Germany was divided for about forty years and racism still thrives there. What was the point of the holocaust? It was just a hideous, diabolical event made possible by the Germans allowing themselves to be the devil's henchmen. The perpetrators of the Nazi holocaust were pure evil people who committed unspeakable atrocities against innocent individuals, including helpless young children without showing any regret or remorse. Before them, the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Romans, the Arabs, the Spanish and other nations, all agreed to be wicked henchmen of the devil. Demented, depraved, debased and utterly wicked people allowed themselves to be used by evil. Their actions were the maximisation of utter wickedness. Holocausts against Jewish people reflect a spiritual battle of cosmic proportions – God against His enemies being played out on earth with the Jewish people bearing the brunt. One day God will destroy all of the nations who have tried to destroy the Jews. The Lord said, "I am with you, says Yahweh, to save you. I will destroy all the nations where I have scattered you but I will not destroy you" (Jeremiah 30:11).

'The secret things belong to God' (Deuteronomy 29:29). The reasons why God allows such catastrophes, lie beyond the grasp of mortal, finite humans. The recent holocaust did help to re-establish Israel as a nation overseen by their own government, just as the Bible said would happen, and it accelerated the return of Jewish people from their exile to their rightful homeland of Israel, which had begun decades before through

the Zionists. The terrible holocaust seems to have been a satanic attack on the Jewish people, an attempt to wipe them out on the eve of their divine national regathering. The devil used wicked people to carry out his plans which has always been to destroy the Jewish people, and if he could have, he would have stopped the long-prophesied re-establishment of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. Absolutely no evil entity or person can ever thwart God's plans to re-establish His covenant people to their promised homeland. Just like the devil enticed Pharaoh to kill all male Hebrew babies just before Moses was born to deliver and save the Children of Israel, and just like Herod was enticed to kill all male babies in Bethlehem just after Yeshua our Messiah was born to deliver and save millions of Jews and Gentiles, so the devil enticed wicked people to destroy Jewish people just before the State of Israel was born to usher in the Second coming of our Messiah. How could highly civilised, cultured and educated people commit such evil acts against a minority group? Nazism is one extreme example of the fallen human state. Godless people are deeply wicked and the only righteousness humanity can ever have comes from God and God alone. Of ourselves, we are worthless and hopelessly debased. There is no hope of atonement without the saving blood of Jesus, Who Himself was cruelly tortured then crucified by a so-called civilised band of Roman soldiers.

'He (the Messiah) was despised and rejected by men ... and we did not respect Him' (Isaiah 53:3). The Jewish people have been despised and rejected by many people and they are not upheld and respected as they should be. We as Christians need to hold Jewish people in high esteem. They were trusted by God to bring us the Bible (Romans 3:2). No other nation was ever called on by God to give Him a voice to humanity. The Jewish people gave us our Messiah (John 4:22). No other nation was ever called on to give humanity a Messiah. When we know Jewish people are despised and rejected we need to recall the words of Jesus. "When you did good things for one of the least of these My brothers, you did it for Me ... When you did not do good things for one of the least of these, you did not do it for Me," (Matthew 25:40 & 45) and we need to help the Jewish people whenever possible, wherever they are in the world, including Israel. Jesus/Yeshua takes how we treat and regard the Jewish people very personally. For our own sakes, we must love the Jewish people as our forerunners and teachers. We need to embrace our spiritual roots embedded in Judaism, the religious expression of love instigated by God the Father. Christianity is an extension of Judaism. There is a spiritual connection between Jesus and His family, the Jewish people. Just like Jesus, the Jewish people have been left alone in this world, abandoned by people who should have stood up for them and they have been handed over to die terrible deaths at the hands of wicked people.

We all have the image of the agonising death of the Messiah, the Son of God, dying as a Jewish Man then being resurrected to bring eternal life to millions. When Jesus comes back He will no longer be the slain Lamb of God but He will be the victorious Saviour, our Messianic King of Glory. We also have the shocking images of innocent Jewish people, suffering and dying at the hands of wicked people, and from those images we now have the resurrected State of Israel giving life and prosperity to millions of modern Israeli's, which was always God's plan and purpose. When Jesus comes back He will rule the entire earth from Jerusalem with the remnant of His resurrected nation alongside Him. Jesus died an innocent Man and completely without sin (1 Peter 2:21 & 22). The Jewish people died innocent, without any blame that can be attributed to them. They died solely because they were Jewish. They are victims who were viciously murdered, abused and sinned against, over and over again down through the ages.

On Judgement Day God will have His say and every person throughout history who has attacked God's chosen covenant people, will have to stand before God and receive their eternal judgement and for most of them, it will be an absolutely terrifying and eternal experience. God will surely avenge His people. He never forgets what has been done to them and maintains His anger against those who have attacked the Hebrews and Jewish people over the centuries. 'Yahweh is a jealous God and He avenges. He avenges and is full of wrath. Yahweh takes vengeance on His adversaries and He maintains wrath against His enemies' (Nahum 1:2), 'God will avenge His chosen ones who are crying out to Him day and night' (Luke 18:7). 'They cried with a loud voice saying, "How long Master, the Holy and True, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" A long white robe was given to each of them. They were told they should rest yet for a while until their fellow servants and their brothers, who would also be killed as they were, should complete their course' (Revelation 6:10 & 11). In spite of the horrific holocausts throughout history, we must remain assured of the goodness and perfection of God in the face of overwhelming spiritual darkness. 'We know God Who said, "Vengeance is Mine. I will repay." ... It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God' (Hebrews 10:30 & 31). The sufferings of the Jewish people will bring terrible judgement on the nations that persecuted and cruelly afflicted them (Isaiah 33:1). As those nations and individuals have mistreated the Jewish people, so God will judge and afflict them in return. Judgement Day has not come yet. When these people are judged, God will repay them for every wicked thing they ever did, but especially what they did to the Jewish people over the centuries (Romans 2:6).

After the most recent European holocaust, there was a lull in anti-Semitism but in recent years, anti-Semitism has increased around the world, especially in some Islamic countries. The overall tide of some Gentiles,

some so-called 'Christian' cults and most Arabs hating Jewish people is once again rising its ugly head. This is a spiritual hatred and people who are not walking with God as they should be are the ones who are open to anti-Semitism which is actually, anti-Messiah-ism. The rebellion in the hearts of some Gentiles, some so-called 'Christian' cults and most Arabs comes from demonic influences in the soul of the people who do not want to have a true Messiah. They want to believe they can do whatever they want without ever having to answer to Almighty God, our Creator and the One Who loved mankind so much He gave His only Son to die for us (John 3:16). Their hatred stems from the knowledge, Jewish people worship and obey the One true God. When the rebellious ones reject Jewish people via anti-Semitism, they are in reality rejecting God and sadly, the Jewish people are caught up in the middle of this unseen spiritual warfare, but Yahweh encourages them. "Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look on the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish away like smoke and the earth will wax old like a garment. Those who dwell therein will die in like manner but My salvation will be forever and My righteousness will not be abolished. Listen to Me you who know righteousness, the (Jewish) people in whose heart is My law, do not fear the reproach of men neither be dismayed at their insults, for the moth will eat them up like a garment and the worm will eat them like wool but My righteousness will be forever and My salvation to all generations" (Isaiah 51:6 to 8).

The nations that participated in the holocaust are no more humane than they were before and some people from those nations perpetuate historical revisionism, seeking to deny the holocaust ever occurred. After the war, German children were not taught about the holocaust and were shocked to find out when they were old enough to travel around Europe. The holocaust revealed the depravity of humanity. It also revealed goodness, kindness and extreme bravery of many righteous Gentiles who refused to submit to the Nazis and cause harm to Jewish people. Many righteous Gentiles hid Jewish people, smuggled Jewish people out of harms way, some tried to rescue as many as they could. Following these holocausts, all people on earth should turn themselves towards our Jewish Messiah and believe. Jesus gave Himself willingly to save the souls and change the lives of anyone who is willing to turn to Him. Believers will be met with mercy and grace. The closest humanity can come to being face-to-face with God is through Jesus, Who was God Himself in the Person of the Messiah Who took upon Himself the full penalty for human sin and displayed openly the depth of our sin by shedding His blood on the cross just outside of Jerusalem. We as created beings cannot save ourselves and only a drastic, radical form of divine atonement can pay for our sins – the death of the Son of God, giving His holy blood on the cross as the Saviour of the world. 'Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him since He lives forever to make intercession for them' (Hebrews 7:25).

These holocausts are a process, a difficult process to bring spiritual salvation of those Jewish people who have died as a result of the many genocidal holocausts throughout history. The only way to inherit eternal life is for this body to die because flesh and blood cannot go to heaven (1 Corinthians 15:50). The flesh and blood bodies of the victims are deceased but the souls are alive. There was a loss of human life but there is no loss of spiritual life because all of them are alive to God. 'They cannot die any more for they are like the holy angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection ... God is not the God of the dead but of the living for all people are alive to him' (Luke 20:36 & 38). They would have suffered on earth but in heaven there is no suffering. They are at peace. The Jewish apostle named John, the cousin of Jesus saw this vision. "I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away (been burned up, Isaiah 51:6; 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13) and the sea is no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready like a Bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more, neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more. The first things have passed away.' God who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' He said (to John), 'Write this down for these Words of God are faithful and true'" (Revelation 21:1 to 5).

Amen and God bless you.

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