

# THE CHURCH: A HISTORY OF UNREMITTING ANTI-SEMITISM

Historically, the Church has had a consistent record of being very anti-Semitic most of the time, if we take its 2,000 years of history. Consider the Inquisition, with hundreds of thousands of Jews tortured and slaughtered simply because of their being Jews. Consider the anti-Semitic statements by the supposed fathers of the Church, such as Chrysostom, Eusebius, Origen, Cyril, Hippolytus, and, yes, Martin Luther, the father of the Reform of whom we have only space for quoting a couple of brief paragraphs of the sermons the latter wrote just four days before he died. *"The Jews deserve the most severe penalties. Their synagogues should be razed to the ground, their homes destroyed. They themselves should be exiled to living in tents, like the gypsies. Their religious writings [the Old Testament and the Talmud] should be taken away from them. The Rabbis should be forbidden to teach the Law (the Torah). They should be forbidden to do any profession. Only the hardest, most strenuous work should be allowed to them. Their fortunes should be confiscated from them..."* "A Jewish heart is as hard as a stick, a stone, as iron, as a devil." [Eric W. Gritsch, Was Luther an Anti-Semite? Christian History Magazine, Vol. 12, No. 3, pp. 38-39. Retranslated from the Spanish by the author.] The famous historian, the late William Schirer, author of *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, in page 294, says **one of the two factors explaining the behavior of the German Church towards the Jews during the Holocaust is Luther's influence.**

Throughout the centuries there has been satanic motion away from anything Jewish. In this spirit, the proclaimed Church was forbidden to celebrate Passover on the "Jewish", i.e., scriptural dates set for it, and had to do it on any other date EXCEPT the Jewish one. Even today the Church celebrates "Easter," (named for the goddess of Ishtar) on the wrong date, not Passover. Those who insisted on celebrating Pessakh (Passover) on the correct date were called "quatorcediman" from the fourteenth day of the first month, where Passover was ordained by Yahveh to be celebrated. The Jewish sages



from where the Rabbi Yeshua drew countless parables and examples, was condemned by all within the Church, including Luther, as I just quoted; not merely condemned, but burned, and their owners with it. A sustained campaign of dejudaization began which continues to this day. We can only offer some brief highlights here:

- \*Statements by almost all of the Fathers of the Church like Chrysostom, Hippolytus, Origen, Cyril, Eusebius ("Abraham was a Christian, he was not a Jew".), Bishop Agobard, Luther.

- \*The Jews were accused for twenty centuries of kidnapping Christian children and drinking their blood for Passover meals.

(The last time this accusation surfaced--would you believe it?-- was in 1992 in the Soviet Union.)

\*Jews were accused of murdering Yahveh. [Can you murder Yahveh!]

\*All sorts of doctrines were made judenrein (free of Jews), as if the Renewed Covenant was never made with "the House of Israel and the House of Judah," but with the Church.

\*The appropriate name for the land of Israel was obliterated for the last 2,000 years at the bidding of Emperor Julius Caesar, who swore to wipe the name of Judea from the face of the earth-- and he succeeded. Even Christian authors TODAY call Israel "Palestine"!

\*The true name of our Lord is Yahveh, and His Son's name was and is Yeshua. What the Sunday churches have today is a very Greek (Gentile-sounding) "Jesus".

\*The name of the Rabbi Yeshua's brother was Jacob--apparently too Jewish for them--although there is a Jacob in every known language--so the anti-semites gentilized it to "James", as in the book of "James" [Where in Greek it says quite clearly EPISTOLE IAKOBUS.] This was done to honor King James.

\*Marcion, a historically recognized heretic within the Church created two Gods: A Jewish god, the god of the "Old" Covenant, "Yahveh", aking to a small deity, severe, for the Jews; and a Gentile God, Jesus, the God of Love. [How many God's are there?] However, the spirit of Marcion lives on the Church to this day.

\*There are several references to Yeshua speaking Hebrew in Scripture, and Paul speaking Hebrew (Acts 21:40 and 22). Westcott and Hort, two New Age jesuit occultists (See "New Age Versions of the Bible by G.Riplinger, A.V. Publications, 1993.) changed the word \*hebraisti\* for Aramaic, besides 5000-8000 other alterations on the Greek text from which versions are made.

The Jews handed down the written Torah from one generation to the next, for centuries. They were the oracles chosen to keep the scriptures accurate throughout the centuries. They have indeed done this, even though many of them don't believe in Messiah's first coming. The Jews were the living Torah (scriptures), as explained in Matt. 22:29 and Mark 12:24. **Matt. 22:29** *But Yeshua answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the **Scriptures** nor the power of Yah."* Many need to be reminded of what Yah told Zechariah to write about the Jewish oracles in **Zech. 8:23** *"Thus says Yahveh of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that Yahveh is with you."'"*

The above shows us the "Aramaic" and "Greek" theories were not isolated mistakes or misconceptions, but very definitely, part of a world-wide, centuries-old dejudaization campaign by the anti-semites within the Church to make it judenrein, despite the fact that they are supposedly adoring a Jewish God of Israel and the promised Messiah of Israel.

Another perfect example of anti-semitism in the world (especially the News Media), is the use of the name "West Bank" when referring to "JUDEA" of Israel. It has never been, and never will be accepted as the West Bank. The media has changed the name because of anti-semitism, plain and simple. Few will admit it, but it is obvious anything Jewish is made fun of or criticized by the masses around the globe. Why you may ask?

Simple because they are jealous of the Jews being the CHOSEN ONES, **THE APPLE OF HIS EYE.**

Anti-Semitism was another of the reasons why the Gentiles changed the Saturday Sabbath to SUNday. In those Biblical times the Jews stood out among the people because of their many traditions. Sabbath was their most obvious tradition, so anyone who was a Jew was associated with keeping the Sabbath day. Those who wanted to keep Saturday the Sabbath, were embarrassed by this day because it was associated with the Jews, and they didn't want to be in any way associated with the Jews. These people were perhaps scared of getting persecuted like the Jews. They didn't want to be identified with the Jews in any way. It was anti-Semitism at its best.

Jews all over the world have always kept the Sabbath as Saturday no matter how far apart they were, this day has never been forgotten or changed since creation, except by the proclaimed New Christian Church. As long as the Church was mainly Jewish, the Hebrew (Biblical) Sabbath was kept; but as it became increasingly Gentile, the first day gradually took the place of the seventh day. Satan maneuvered all of this through Emperor Constantine and the Roman Catholic Church.

The external and internal proofs at the beginning of this article show on the other hand, that there are multiple ways to show that the Renewed Covenant originated in Hebrew, and not in Greek.

Aramaic is not a totally different language from Hebrew, and in fact uses the same alphabet. Most of the words are even very similar. Today's Arabic also stems from Aramaic. In some ways it is easier to explain the difference between Hebrew and Aramaic in terms of English and that of English used in England by well educated people. Hebrew would be like the English used in England by well educated people and Aramaic like that of the common English used all over North America. Hebrew and Aramaic are simply sister tongues.

**The translated Greek in the Re-newed Testament is not actually true Greek in nature, but was Hebrew language, expressions, and terminology using Greek words.**

The Hebrew language is pictorial, while Greek is a synthetic or inflected language. Every letter and word creates a picture in Hebrew.

**English requires many words and letters to equal Hebrew's expressive abilities. There is therefore no possible way for Hebrew, to be translated into English one word for one word. The same applies with Greek and Latin. There was no simple way around this for the Greek translators.**

We need to examine Yahveh's use of Paul. Paul was from Tarsus, a Greek province with one of the best Greek universities, which he attended. He was a Jew by religion and obviously one of the best-educated in Hebrew and Greek studies, as well as in the scriptures and history. He would have full knowledge of Hebrew writings in Greek and how translation was done. Therefore, when he wrote Scripture, it would have been in Hebrew or Greek conformed to retain Hebrew thought, and when he was writing anything other than Scripture, it would have been perfect Greek or Hebrew.

A verse that makes it abundantly clear that Paul wrote and spoke Hebrew is as follows: **Acts 21:37,40** (37) *As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to*

*the commander, "May I say something to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek? (40) When he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the stairs, motioned to the people with his hand; and when there was a great hush, he spoke to them in the Hebrew dialect, saying,*

**In summation, since existing Renewed Testament manuscripts are Greek, written to express Hebraic concepts, why be limited to the Greek or English translations when we have Hebrew, now a living language not very different than it was 2000 years ago.** The Renewed Testament is in the pattern of the Jewish traditional work of Torah, Mishnah, Haggadah, Halakah, Talmud and Midrash, but inspired by Yah Himself for the common people. These Hebraic works as well as the Inspired Scriptures were quoted from by Yeshua and all the writers of the Renewed Testament. But even now, to have full comprehension, we must read the scriptures in the proper Hebraic context.

**Most all of the Judaic writings have been preserved for us and now translated into proper English directly from the Hebrew, as well as explained in true Hebraic manner. Therefore, why not go to this material and study ourselves approved before Yahveh with full context and understanding?**

As I stipulated in the beginning, the main purpose of this section of the book is to show that what is actually in the Renewed Testament is Hebrew and not Greek, or English, in origin, or thought. The Old Testament and other Jewish writings, being pure Hebrew and Aramaic, have stood the tests of time. Once again I would like to stipulate that even today, the Hebrew language is almost exactly the same as it was when it was first penned in paleo (square Hebrew) on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Therefore, should we not approach our studies of the Renewed Testament by returning to the original concepts stemming from Hebrew and Aramaic words, thoughts, and traditions? Unfortunately, the English is not nearly as carefully or prayerfully translated. Until we go back to the benchmark work and restore it as Yah gave it to us, we will remain in divisions and denominations, full of theology and man-made concepts. Yahveh gave Adam the earth in perfect order and Adam allowed it to become a mess.

**Yah gave us the divinely inspired scriptures in perfect order and man has created confusion, thanks to the Roman Catholic Church.**

**Yah is not the author of confusion, He is the author and finisher of our faith. He made us to be free will-agents of whatever He gives us, and it is up to each one of us to study ourselves approved before Him.**

**The entire Bible was written in Hebrew. The Renewed testament was then "recorded in Greek" for the masses.** Most people don't even realize the Bible was written in Hebrew (90%) and Aramaic (10%). To be more accurate, about 90% of the entire Old and Renewed testament was written in Hebrew. Many understand that the Old Testament was written in Hebrew but fail to realize that much of the Renewed testament is "quotes" and "repetition" of things in the Old Testament. For example, in Peters sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:14-40), 10 out of 27 verses are Old Testament quotations. Acts 2:17-21 has in it verses from Joel 2:28-32. Acts 2:25-28 has in it verses from Ps. 16:8-11. Acts 2:34-35 has a verse from Ps. 110:1. In Paul's sermon in Antioch (Acts 13:16-41), 9 of the 26 verses go back to the Old Testament. The Renewed testament contains about 22% of the total Bible; remove the quotes and repetition of the Old and you are left with very little.

Many scholars acknowledge that the Renewed Testament was written in Hebrew and recorded in Greek. Yeshua was no doubt Jewish, and was raised up speaking Hebrew, Aramaic, and some Greek. The Jews at that time spoke Hebrew as their first language, but many others never understood Hebrew. That is why the words of Yeshua and His apostles were often spoken in Hebrew and Greek, along with a little Aramaic. The common language of that day was Koine Greek and that is why the Renewed testament was recorded in Greek. Yeshua, without a doubt, would have only heard His name as “**IEUSUS**”, pronounced “Easus” or “Yasu” in Greek or “**YESHUA**”, in Hebrew. Yeshua never once heard the name “Jesus” in His 33 years on earth! For those who insist on insulting the Almighty by using that name, (once they know better), please consider your actions.

### **WHO CHOSE THE RENEWED TESTAMENT CANON SCRIPTURES?**

The Renewed Testament as we know it today, was first brought forward in 367 AD. (1700 years ago) by Bishop Athanasius. He was the Bishop of Alexandria, the head of the Egyptian Catholic church (the Father Of Orthodoxy”) of the 4th century. He listed the books of the Renewed testament for the first time after more than 300 years of arguments and final disputes over each ones acceptance. It is here we should mention clearly that “**it was not the Renewed testament which produced the Church; it was the Church that produced the Renewed testament**”. “**The Old Testament was the book of the Church**” and we must never ever forget that very important fact. It would also be a good time to point out that the book of Acts commonly attributed to the origin of Christianity is incorrect. The book of Acts was the origin of the “Church”, Believers, had been in existence long before that period in time.

Saint Athanasius (the Bishop Of Alexandria), is the Catholic priest most credit with choosing the letters/scrolls that would become the canon of the Bible, 1,700 years ago.

Although there is no Greek in the original Bible, most seminaries and Bible schools put their focus on the Greek translation rather than Hebrew, thus we end up with clergy that think as the Greeks thought, rather than as the Hebrews did. They study the already translated word rather than the original, because the original of the Renewed testament (other than the Book of Matthew), has never been reported found. With this kind of interpretation of the scriptures it is no wonder most leaders don’t get the full and proper context of this great book. If our teachers, preachers and clergy don’t know how to properly understand the scriptures, how can they possibly help others. This is the reason why church doctrine is followed so closely, so the individuals don’t have to think for themselves. The Bible itself says to avoid **1Tim. 4:1** “*doctrines of demons and man-made teachings.*” Heaven forbid, we wouldn’t want them to seek the leading of the Holy Spirit???

**People need to realize that the original Hebrew was a continuous line of letters. There was no punctuation used in the original text. There were no gaps between letters. There were no written vowels.** The reason is simple, space was very important when writing on a leather sheet. If it took about 50 sheep skins for one scroll (book), imagine how many it would take if these scrolls included, gaps, punctuation, and vowels. Space was very limited so they had to do it in this manner. Things like this need to be kept in account when considering the true text of our Hebrew scrolls.

The original Hebrew word of Yahveh is pure and perfect in every way. We don't have all of that pure word available to us anymore, but we must be careful as to how the word is interpreted. The Holy Spirit is the only true source of the Living Word, and we must ask the Spirit to reveal the word to us as we read it. Important scriptures that explain how important the exact word of Yahveh is are found in the following verses: **Mark 13:31** ***"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away."*** Ps. 12:6-7, Deut. 4:1-2, Prov. 30:5-6, Rev. 22:18-19.

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