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Our Support for Israel is Crucial

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I want you to know how delighted I am to be here with you today. I have known Aglow for many years. We have worked together in different ways. Aglow was one of the founding members of our network of Christian leaders that we founded in 2015. Sandy, you were at that founding meeting where we came up with the name American Christian Leaders for Israel, and we began collaborating together with joint events, joint letters to the President, whatever was needed to speak up on behalf of Israel in our nation.

We have so appreciated Aglow and appreciated Sandy. We have been together so many times and work together and now Nancy. It is great to be with you. I want to say this is a room full of my kind of people - I love this and I need to be around you more. I need more of this. All those troubles and cares that came with me on my shoulders last night. They are all gone. You got rid of them.

I am here to talk to you about a very serious moment that we are facing in the world today.

I am going to speak to you a word of warning, but also, I want to talk about mobilization because this room is full of power and let me tell you, God has a job for you. This is not just to listen and learn facts. This is for you to hear from the Holy Spirit what you can be doing and doing more of, because we are in a very, very serious time.

Increasing Anti-Semitism

Anti-Semitism was already surging around the world, but it exploded after October 7th, 2023, and the horrific attack by Hamas on Israel. After me, you are going to be hearing my colleague E.J. Kimball here with Combat Anti-Semitism movement.

They just released a survey in which they found that the equivalent of 3.3 million Jewish adults, and an estimated 250,000 Jewish children have all experienced anti-Semitism in the last year. That is 57% of the Jewish community in America. It is so bad that they are starting to change their behavior - hide things that identify them as Jewish because of their fear or not going to events because it is Israel oriented or something where they may be targeted.



Anti-Semitism is no longer in the fringes in America. It is moving into the mainstream. Recent elections of the progressive liberals in New York and Michigan

prove that. But let me tell you, on the right, we have significant voices even claiming to be Christian who are propagating anti-Semitic lies.

So how is this happening? I do not have time to go into it in detail, **but it is happening through foreign funding and social media.**

Qatar, a Muslim Brotherhood country, has spent unknown amounts in the billions on our **college campuses** over the last 40 years and on our **K through 12 curricula**. By now, they have been indoctrinating an entire generation of students. **The two largest teachers' unions in the United States, the NEA, the National Education Association and the AFT, the American Federation of Teachers** have become so toxic with anti-Semitism that over 60% of Jewish educators in the public space have encountered anti-Semitism. Can you imagine what these teachers are teaching and what is in the curriculum?

Coming up in the ranks of America is a young generation who have been schooled in socialism, Marxism, and Islamist jihadist theology. They are skeptical of Christianity, of America, of Israel and all of Western civilization. Now, I may be looking at the glass half empty, and you might prefer to look at the positive and see the glass half full, but I must sound the alarm about the dangers we are facing today.

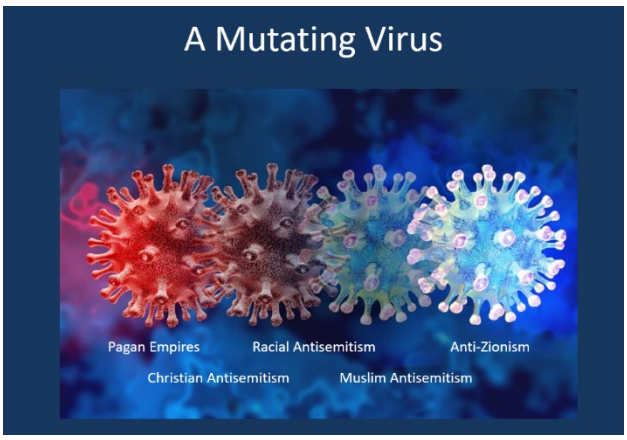
You know, the people who committed the worst crime in history - the Holocaust, the murder of 6 million men, women, children, babies, elderly. They were not alien beings. They were not monsters from outer space. They were often highly educated and cultured people, but they had been brainwashed to think that what they were doing was right. If they lived today, they would probably tell you they are doing this because of the Israeli genocide of Gaza, or they are doing this for the Palestinian cause, or some other trumped-up charge just to justify their cruelty.

Nazi soldiers had their minds poisoned by anti-Semitism and chose to commit the most heinous of crimes in human history in the name of a greater good. Do not think it cannot happen again. It can. And I believe unless we do something to stop current trends, it will.

So now what is **anti-Semitism**? In very simple terms, it **is bigotry and hatred towards Jews**.

Christian Anti-Semitism

There is a Christian version of anti-Semitism. I know it sounds like an oxymoron. How can you be a Christian and be anti-Semitic? We see it more and more all around us that it is possible. **Christian anti-Semitism is when a professing Christian uses the Christian scriptures to denigrate Jewish people and support anti-Semitic tropes and conspiracy theories.** We have a rise in Christian anti-Semitism I am sad to say.



Now, **anti-Semitism has often been described as a mutating virus**.

There is a reason why the historian Robert Wistrich calls anti-Semitism the longest hatred. This evil

pursuit of the Jewish people has continued for thousands of years, and every time it seems to be dying out, it reinvents itself and comes out with a different face, maybe a different look, and a different language for a new generation, but we recognize it by its **goal**, which **is always the same - to rid the world of the Jewish people**.

Now I am here. I want to share with you. I do not have time to go through this history, but this is a historical diagram here beginning with the pagan empires. You think that once paganism is over and the empires became Christian, that that would be the end. But no, there was Christian antisemitism for centuries under these Christian empires. Then we had the racial anti-Semitism of the Nazis. Then we had the Muslim anti-Semitism, which was fed by the Nazi anti-Semitism, but also by the Koran. And today, the face of anti-Semitism that we are up against the most is anti-Zionism. It is a political form. This is just a picture here to show you that anti-Semitism, you cannot get rid of it. It comes back in a new generation with a new face and a new ideology that is feeding it.

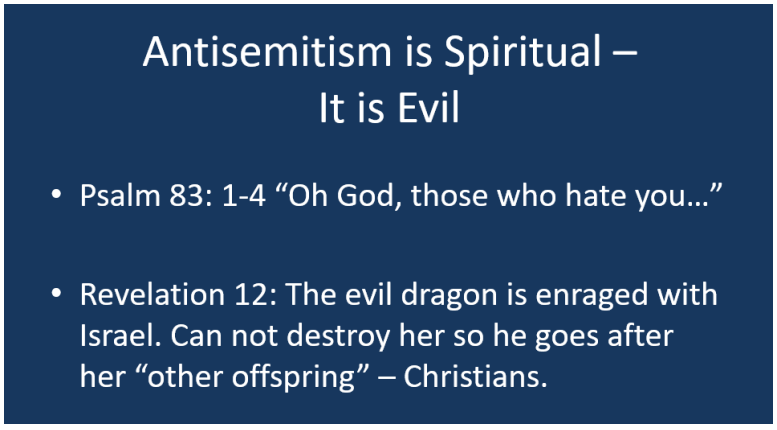
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Now, I am not here to promote my books. I am here to give you resources. This little bitty booklet, which is very easy to read, goes through that history that I just showed you on the last diagram and it talks about Christian anti-Semitism, and it talks about where we are finding it today. I want to help you with that information.

Now, what I want this audience to know is that **anti-Semitism is spiritual. It is evil.**

Psalm 83:1-4 I am going to paraphrase, but it says*, Oh God, those who hate You have declared, 'let us wipe them off as a nation, that the name of Israel would be remembered no more'.* It is the enemies of God. The Jewish people are just caught in the middle here of a grand spiritual battle from evil against God Himself.



Revelation 12

In Revelation 12, the whole chapter, I really encourage you to go read it quietly tonight or tomorrow when you have the chance. This chapter is so phenomenal. The imagery really portrays what is going

on and what we are up against. It describes a woman and she is adorned by the 12 stars and the sun and the moon, which is a sign of the Jewish people, the 12 tribes, the 12 stars. And she is pregnant. And you know the role**, the calling of the Jewish people has always been a birthing call that they would birth into real time, in real space, the plan of redemption that God had set from eternity for the world.**

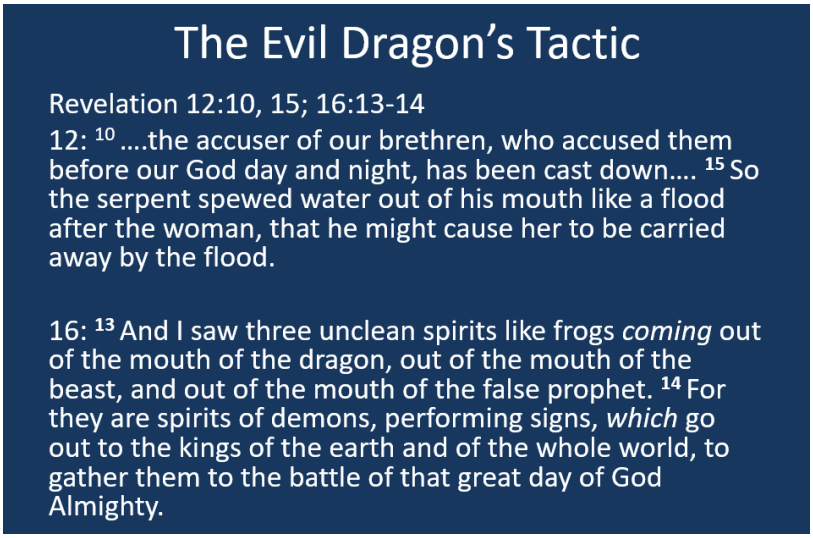
So, here is this pregnant woman, and she is going to give birth to the male child. Sitting at her feet is the evil dragon waiting to devour the male child, but he is not able to. It says the male child is whisked to Heaven. So, he then turns against the woman and she is whisked into the earth. Then there is this great war in Heaven, and the dragon is cast down to earth, and he goes after that woman, and it says specifically he is in raged with the woman.

This is the spiritual hatred of evil against the woman. Why? Because **she birthed the male child.** She is the conduit for God's plan of redemption. And we know that when that redemption comes fully on earth and the Kingdom of God is on earth, that is the end of evil. It is all over for the devil. And so, he is fighting it tooth and nail. If he can get rid of the woman, he has gotten rid of God's promises to bring the fullness of redemption to the earth.

Then it goes on and it says because he could not get to the woman, that he then goes after her other offspring, those with the testimony of Jesus. That is you and me. **We are also the offspring of the Jewish people.** Their faith - we are grafted into their faith. We are a part of the story. And it is the same spiritual battle against the Jewish people, that is against the Christians around the world.

The Evil Dragon's Tactic - Accusation

Now, **the evil dragon's tactic** - there is a line in Revelation 12:10 where it is telling the story, and it says that he is the accuser of the brethren who accuses them before our God day and night. It says he has been cast down. This is the evil dragon. And we always read this verse and we think of his accusations against the Church of Jesus Christ.



Now we see this verse is in the context of a much bigger battle. It is also his tactic against the Jewish people. He is an accuser. He is a liar. That is why we are up against a torrent of lies. That is his tactic. And it says the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman.

What comes out of the mouth? Words. And that is what we have happening in the earth today. It is a torrent. It is a flood of lies, of false accusations against Israel and the Jewish people and we know it is also against those of us that are grafted in through Christ and are standing with Israel.

In Revelation 16, there is another very, very interesting verse that I also think is just perfect imagery of what we are up against. It says that "and I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon and of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, for they are spirits of demons performing signs." Now what goes out of the mouth? Words. So, these frogs go out of the mouths.

What are frogs doing all night long? (Croak, Croak, Croak) the same thing over and over and over. "Israel is killing babies. Israel is committing genocide. Israel is evil. Israel needs to be gotten rid of" - those frogs - going out there just repeating these same slogans and lies over and over and over. Do you understand now how spiritual **anti-Semitism** is?

It **is pure evil**. And it says here at the end, **the purpose of it all is to lead these kings and the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty. Two verses later it says to bring them to the valley of Armageddon. This is the spiritual battle we are up against.**

9/11 Attack – Both Physical and Spiritual

You know, I lived in D.C. for 30 years, and I lived here on 911. We had an office and I was on my way to the office, listening on the radio that the planes are hitting and then the rumors here in D.C. The fear. But what I noticed was that here on 9/11, we were attacked by, was it 12 Muslims? I forget if it was 11, 12, 13, but I think it was 12 Muslims in the name of Islam and what was the lie that went out all across America? Like a spirit, like a flood. "Islam is a peace-loving religion." Remember how often we heard that? Every other line it was like, "but we know Islam is a peace-loving religion", and **it was a spirit of deception that went out. That attack was a physical attack, but it was also spiritual.** It was followed by a wave of deception that went all across this country and around the world.

Oct 7,2023 Attack – Both Physical and Spiritual

I saw the same thing happen after October 7th, 2023. Israel is attacked by Hamas and the next day the whole world is turning against Israel and all of these lies against her. It is a spirit of deception, and it is coming out of the mouth of the dragon and the beast, and that is what we are up against.

Know and Stand on God's Word

"Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world." We have the Word of God and it is far more powerful than those lies. We are called to a time where we must stand on the Word of God. We must know the Word of God, and we must stand on it. We must proclaim it. We must pray it into being, and we must stand with the Jewish people.

Ruling Ideologies of Today: Secularism, Globalism, Moral Relativism.

Now, the modern face of anti-Semitism, as I said today, is a political face. It is called anti-Zionism. Why is that? Because **the ruling ideologies of our world today are secularism and globalism.** Israel is a Jewish state. It is not secular and it is a nation state. It is not the global village. The ruling ideologies of this world hate Israel and everything Israel stands for.

Another ruling ideology is that of **moral relativism**. There is really no right or wrong. It is just whatever is right for you. That is your right. That is your truth. You know, there are just competing narratives. But

whatever is your truth, that is your truth. Israel gave us the Ten Commandments: what is right and what is wrong. And the devil hates them for it. So, they are up against what looks to be political, but as we have very clearly said, we know that it is spiritual at the roots.

Now, not all criticism of Israel is anti-Semitic. Criticism of Israel becomes anti-Semitic when:

- it delegitimizes the state,
- it actually questions Israel's right to exist,
- it uses anti-Jewish rhetoric and stereotypes,
- it judges Israel by a different standard than any other nation,
- it becomes an excuse to attack local Jewish people because of some military action that Israel has taken.

I want to be very clear about this**. You cannot demonize a state without it being a demonization of the people that make up that state.** So, demonizing Israel is a demonization of the people of Israel, who are a subset of the global Jewish community.

From the River to the Sea

I just read an interesting article this week. It said how the new 'heil Hitler', you know, the slogan 'Hail Hitler'? The new slogan is "from the river to the sea." It is a call for genocide. In this slide I have the picture from the river to the sea and it has got the red hand that EJ is going to share with us later.



The Red Hand – A Call for Genocide

I think about the red hand and what it means. This is a call for genocide. Our students on campuses are actually repeating this and carrying signs for this. It is a call for the genocide of the Jewish people and that Israel would be no more as we read in Psalm 83. After October 7th, there was just an explosion of this and it was rife (widespread) on social media.

Social Media Bots Spread Misinformation to Gain Our Young People

If we did not have social media, it could not have spread the way it has. But because of social media, it has spread far and wide. Through social media particularly, it is bombarding our Christian young people. Our churches are struggling to confront it. Our young people do not know the difference. They see when 50,000 bots go repeating some anti-Israel stuff. They think that that is people, and that this shows that the majority is against Israel and they are in the right to be against Israel. We cannot tell what a real person is and what is just a bot.

I am on a group, actually. E.J., I spoke at the Cam conference for influencers in Miami. They were mostly Jewish influencers, and they created a WhatsApp group, and I am still on it. I see their comments to each other. One of them just commented that he linked to an article in a podcast where he exposed an Iranian based propaganda campaign on social media using bots and this kind of thing had 250 million

views. It is state funded with lots of money, lots of technology, and they are going after our young people.

The Church's Vulnerability to Anti-Semitism

Now my concern for us today is about the Christian world. And like I said, I do not have time to go through the history, but this little booklet does. There are 4 or 5 key trends taking place in the church in America that is making it vulnerable to this anti-Semitism. I am quickly going to go through this. Once again, we have resources that will tell you more.

The Lie of Replacement Theology

First is **the rise of replacement theology**. I really thought replacement theology was on its way out 30 to 40 years ago, but it is on its way in. It is increasing everywhere, and **this is the teaching that the church has replaced the Jewish people in the covenants and the plans and the promises of God**.

If someone believes that, my first question is always, well, what is the calling on the church and what is the calling on the Jewish people because they are very different. We, the Church, do not replace anything. We have our own calling. Yes. **They are called to bring God's plan of redemption into the earth and we are called to go tell the world about it.** We are to go preach the Gospel of what Israel has won for us, what Jesus through them, the Jewish Messiah won for us. It is two different things.

Replacement theology was the theological seed bed, the foundation from which centuries of Christian anti-Semitism sprouted. Scholars and historians say that had it not been for the centuries of Christian anti-Semitism, the Holocaust could have never happened. Now, I know that is a shocking thing if you have never heard that before, but it is true, because centuries of Jew hatred paved the way. Then Hitler just reproduced anti-Semitic writings by Martin Luther, and it succeeded in silencing the Lutheran Church in Germany.

We also have a little booklet out on the table on *Replacement Theology*. I encourage you to get it. I think we are selling this one, but I encourage you to get it, share it with your pastor, share it with your Bible study group, and confront this head on.

Biblical Illiteracy Aids Anti-Semitism

The other trend that we have in the church today is a growing biblical illiteracy. I have another book out on the table, *Encounter the 3D Bible How to Read the Bible So It Comes to Life*. I wrote this book as an introductory primer for the beginner so that they would understand. The Bible is the most exciting book on the planet, if you just know how to approach it, how to read it, how to understand the basic storyline, and how to understand that it is all connected from Genesis to Revelation.

Christian Dominion/Christian Nationalism

The third trend is we have a new movement in Christianity of Christian dominion or Christian nationalism that is going under the slogan *Christ is King*. Now we all believe Christ is King, right? **It is taking an innocent slogan, but using it to say Christ is King over those dirty Jews.** That is what they are saying. This movement is very anti-Semitic, and **it comes out of the belief that Jesus is not going to return until the church has taken over the earth and put into place a Christian nation, a Christian**

kingdom, a Christian nationalism and they blame the Jews because the church has not been able to do this yet. **They blame the Jews for the birth of socialism, communism, feminism, all these movements that have gotten in the way of the church taking over.** I see it on social media all the time. We post these things on social media, and I see it over and over and over. It is going under the slogan – "Christ is King". I know what they are really saying. You need to know.

Another Lie: Jews Persecute Christians in Israel

Fourth trend is accusations that Jews are persecuting Christians in Israel. So why are you supporting them? Don't you know they hate Christians? Don't you know they are going to spit on you when you go to Israel? Don't you know that they are going to persecute you? All this is based on lies.

If you have heard of the controversy that some Christians have been spit on in the Old City of Jerusalem, you are talking about a very, very small sect of ultra-orthodox Jewish young men that have been taught in a certain little school, and they are very anti-Christian. It is not reflective of all of Israel. It is not reflective of the majority of Israel. In fact, it is an Israeli group that is exposing what that group is doing because they are saying that is not Judaism. That is not what we stand for. So, do not fall for it. I am going to keep moving here.

Another Lie: Jews Alive Today are Responsible for Jesus' Death

The last accusation is one that we have all heard, and that **is that the Jews are Christ's killers**. This is saying that Jews today are responsible for killing Christ 2000 years ago. This is not talking about the historical narrative that you read in the New Testament of how Jesus' crucifixion came about. No, this is an anti-Semitic trope accusing Jews alive today of being guilty of the death of Christ 2000 years ago.

I see it all the time on social media. They will start with something about Israel, the genocide, or whatever. Next thing you know is, "don't you know that we replaced them and they are Christ's killers?" It is always there at the end.

The Effect of anti-Semitism on the church.



This is why it is such a danger. It is not just a danger to the Jewish people. It is not just a danger to Israel. It is a danger to the Christian church. **Anti-Semitism's goal in the Christian world is to rob Christians of the very root that sustains our faith and separate us from the very people who demonstrate the truth of the Bible and the faithfulness of our God to His Word.** As the Apostle Paul said**, it is the Jewish faith that is the very root that supports us, to be cut off or separated from that root means spiritual death.**

So, **this is a spiritual battle**, and it is our battle because it is after our church. It is after our pastors, our young people, and it is after the Jewish people and the people of Israel.

What can you do?



Sandy is going to share with you later some of the things that you can do through Aglow. I want to say **"educate yourself"**. Get as many of our resources as you can, pass them out. Use them. We write them for you.

Secondly, pray. I know Aglow has a lot of opportunities for prayer. We have a daily global prayer gathering. Some of you have already told me you are on there every morning - 9:30 to 10:30 out of our Jerusalem headquarters. This is how you can sign it to be a part of that.

And **lastly, speak up**. We have a Christian declaration against anti-Semitism that is online. You can go in and sign it. Declaration - ACLI - American Christian Leaders for Israel We encourage you. It is a way that you can speak up, that you can add your voice to the movement and let others in your circles, on your email list know about the opportunity to speak up.



We must speak up. We must pray, but we must prepare ourselves for the battle of the day. It is an information battle, and by standing on the Word of God, we can defeat it. I want to thank you for your time and attention.