

Who Killed Christ?

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A Typical Newspaper Article

(See Appendix 1)

The AP news release reproduced in the Appendix 1 of this booklet, was the featured article in the religious section of, the Phoenix Gazette of September 27, 1969. Although the argument that the so-called "Jews" were really attempting to save the life of Jesus is **entirely false**, the Jew, Haim Cohn, makes two very, very, revealing admissions.

1. Cohn says that *their* (Jewish officials') motives were *realistic* and *politically aimed at regaining some of the their lost influence among the people! In other words, **the Jews wanted to regain the power over the people!** 1 John verifies this motive when he quotes the chief priests and Pharisees who were fearful *lest all men believe on Him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.* Then John states, *Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death (John 11:47-53).* Haim Cohn says they tried to **save him** in order to remain in power over the people; God's Holy Words says **they tried to kill him** in order to remain in power over the people!*

2. After more lies about the Sanhedrin trying to discredit the witnesses against Jesus, **Cohn admits they tried to get Jesus to deny that he was Christ, the son of the Blessed,** and to **bow to their (Jews) authority** (emphasis added).

When Jesus would not bow to the Jews' authority nor deny He was the Son of God, Haim Cohn then says they (the Jews) could do nothing more than let the Roman trial run its course. We shall have much more to say about the Roman trial later, but it is very significant that this high Jew authority of that day tried to make Jesus deny His divinity

and bow to their authority. That is what satan asked the Lord to do, fall down and worship me. That is what Communist leaders require all over the world, that people deny the divinity of Jesus Christ and bow to their authority. And here we see the admission that Judaism in its ancient form was so opposed to Jesus Christ that its leaders admit it was necessary that He be killed in order to establish Jewish authority!

But even so, many Christian ministers, not seeing the significance of these admissions, will be deceived by Haim Cohn's lie that **Jewish officials sought to save Jesus from Roman execution** and will be parroting that the Jews didn't really kill Jesus but tried to save Jesus!

At the same time they will join in the increasing effort to convince Christians to accept the idea that Judaism is equal to, and even perhaps superior to, Christianity, including the idea that Jews should be brought into the Christian churches to teach us about the *Bible*.

Before you are deceived by such Jewish propaganda, why not search the Scriptures with me to see what God's Holy Word has to say about **who killed Christ?**

Who Killed Jesus Christ?

In any murder investigation, the authorities usually seek answers to the following questions:

1. Were there any previous attempts to kill the deceased, and if so, by whom?
2. Had anyone shown enough hatred of the deceased that it might bring about a desire to kill him?

3. Had the deceased, prior to his death, named any who might kill him?

4. Who was last seen with the victim? Or who might have had him under his physical control?

5. What is the testimony of those who witnessed the murder?

In the case of a murder committed many centuries ago, such as the death of the Christ, we must avail ourselves of the historical records of events of that time. In this case we have a complete written account of the first years of our Christian era. We shall take each of the above questions in the order asked.

Who Attempted To Kill Jesus?

We read but a short way into the Gospels before we find the first attempt to kill Jesus. In **Chapter 2 of Matthew** we find that King Herod of Jerusalem attempted to trick the Wise Men into revealing the location of the child Jesus. When God prevented that, we find that Herod was exceeding *wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under* in a vain attempt to kill the infant Jesus.

Mark tells of the healing of a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath day, following which the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against Him; how they might destroy Him (**Mark 3:1-6**). So here we see the Pharisees-planning, with others, to kill Jesus. The Herodians are identified in secular history as Edomites.

After another healing, we read in **John 5**, *“And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay Him.... (and)sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was His Father (16-18). John 8:59* says, *“Then took they*

(scribes, and Pharisees) up stones to cast at Him...”

Many other instances of thwarted attempts by the religious leaders to kill Jesus in Jerusalem are described in all four Gospels. The situation became so bad that **John** says in **Chapter 7:1**, *“After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for He would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill Him.”*

Who Hated Jesus?

Besides actual attempts to murder Jesus, we find the Gospels tell of open ridicule, trickery, and hatred of Jesus by the chief priests, scribes, and Pharisees. In **Matthew 15:12** the Disciples told Jesus the Pharisees were offended by what Jesus had said. **Luke** tells us that after one miracle *“...they (scribes and Pharisees) were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus. (Luke 6:11).*

Yet we find that all four Gospels tell of the multitudes of the people who came to praise Jesus for His miracles' at the very same time when the religious authorities hated Him. No antagonism was evidenced from the people, although not all believed, of course.

After Jesus overthrew the tables of the moneychangers in the temple, **Mark** says, *“And the scribes and the chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy Him: for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished (impressed) at his doctrine” (Mark 11:18).* Fear of the loss of their wealth and power made these greedy men desire the end of Jesus' miracles.

After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead we find that then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, *“What do we? for this man doeth many mira-*

cles. if we let him thus alone, all men will believe on Him, and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation” (John 11:47-48). Verse 53 says, “Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put Him (Jesus) to death.”

This hatred for Jesus became so well known in Judea that we read that no man spake openly of Him [Jesus] **for fear of the Jews.** (John 7:13).

Who Did Jesus Say Would Kill Him?

Sometimes a murder case is solved when authorities find that the victim knew, or suspected, that certain persons might attempt to take his life. Using that as a lead, they can then investigate further.

Jesus told the twelve disciples of His coming death, **and He named the men who would cause it.** *From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day* (Matthew 16:21). There are 9 places telling of His prophecy of His own death and 5 times He names the chief priests, scribes, elders, and Pharisees as those who would kill Him!

In the Gospel of **John** we find an account of Jesus personally accusing these same men of seeking to kill Him. In **John 7**, speaking to the Jews (vs. 15), He asked, *“Why go ye about to kill Me?”* (vs. 19) These Jews are identified in the next chapter as the scribes and Pharisees (vs. 3), and Jesus delivered to them a scathing rebuke, including these words, *“...ye seek to kill Me, because My Word hath no place in you”* (vs. 37). His rebuke so angered them that *Then took they up stones to cast at Him:....* (vs. 59). (In this same chapter we find that Christ identified these religious rulers as **not of** Israel! (We'll show that a little later.)

Jesus, also, taught, a parable in which he identified His murderers, after which they again attempted to kill Him. We know it as the parable of the vineyard in **Matthew 21:33-46** and **Luke 20:9-19**. This parable is the story of planting a vineyard and is similar to **Isaiah 5:1-7**, in which we read *“For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,...”* This verse in **Isaiah** identifies the vineyard as the house of Israel, and the planter is identified as God Almighty, In the parable, the vineyard (Israel) is under the charge of husbandmen, to whom the planter sends servants that they. (the husbandmen) should give Him the fruit of the vineyard. But, instead, the husbandmen beat and kill the servants.

But last of all He sent unto them His Son, saying, They will reverence My Son. (Matthew 21:37). But what did Christ teach they would do? *“But when the husbandmen saw the Son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him and let us seize on his inheritance.”* (emphasis added).

Verses 45 and 46 read, *And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that He spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on Him they feared the multitude; because they took Him for a prophet.*

In **Luke's** account he says, *“And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought” to lay hands on Him and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them”* (Luke 20:19, emphasis added). They understood that Jesus knew it was they who would attempt to kill Him!

In this parable and its aftermath; again we see that those who Christ said would kill Him are the same who then attempted to do so. (This story also identifies these "religious"

men as **non-Israelites** as we'll see a little further on).

Who Planned, And Then Captured Him?

So far the evidence we have seen would bring these men only under suspicion. It would be considered "circumstantial evidence" in a modern court of law and would **not** be enough to convict the scribes, the chief priests, the elders, and the Pharisees of the murder itself. They could have been found guilty of attempted murder; but we are seeking the answer to **Who killed the Christ?** not just who threatened Him.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke each tell of the final plans that were made to kill Jesus, identifying the men who made the plans **and then proceeded to carry them out.**

Matthew 26:3-4 reads, *“Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.”* That is a pretty plain testimony, is it not? Describing the actual capture, he writes, *“And while He yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.”*(vs. 47).

Mark 14, verses 1 and 43 tell the same story, as does **Luke 22, verses 2 and 52**, in which Luke mentions the chief priests, and **captains of the temple**, and the elders, which were come to him (Jesus). All three, in the same chapters, relate that Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus to His captors, and Mark and Luke state that it was the **chief priests** who had agreed to pay Judas money for the betrayal.

That the high priest, Caiaphas, was privy to all these events is proven again when Jesus was taken directly to his palace.

John tells of the people's belief in Jesus' miracles, and then writes, *“The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things (said He was the Christ) concerning Him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him”* (**John 7:32**). He later identifies Jesus' captors as *“a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees and the band and the captain and officers of the Jews”* (**John 18:3, 12**).

Some foolish ministers try to make it appear that all the people in Jerusalem were the culprits in this betrayal and murder, but the same chapters above tell that. His followers were willing to fight for Him but were prevented from doing so by the Christ Himself.

When Peter attempted to defend Jesus, He said, *“Put up again thy sword into his place... Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”* Christ gave the Disciples to understand that He **must** be allowed to be taken captive. *“Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled”* (**Matthew 26:52-56**).

Nowhere in all the New Testament Scriptures is anyone accused of being a part of Jesus' betrayal and capture except those who were directly connected with, or paid by, **the religious rulers of Jerusalem!**

Now that we know who captured Jesus, let us continue with the rest of the account of this ancient drama.

Jesus Taken To Pilate

Many attempt to blame the Romans, through Pilate, for the murder of Christ. However, from the time of His being taken by physical force until His death on the Cross, Jesus came into the presence, and under the

control, of civil authorities both of Judea and of Rome.

It is true that Rome was in full military control of Judea at that time. It is also true that Rome had ordered that no one was to be put to death by the local authorities. The chief priests were allowed to judge and punish for minor crimes; but the death sentence could be imposed **only** by the Roman governor, who was, of course, Pilate at that time.

It was for that reason that the Jewish priests, though they had pronounced the death sentence on Him (*He is guilty of death—Matthew 26:66; All the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death—Matthew 27:1*), dared not carry out their sentence. They had to have Pilate's approval of it to make it official!

This mandate is mentioned in **John 18:31**, *“Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye Him, and judge Him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him (Pilate), It is not lawful for us to put any man to death.”* They could have whipped Him, but their desire was His **death!**

“So when they bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor” (Matthew 27:2) and set about to **force** Pilate to give his consent for them to put Jesus Christ to death.

Pilate Attempted To Release Jesus

At first Pilate refused to comply with their demands, and the details of his several attempts to release Jesus are told by all four Gospel writers.

“Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered Him... and the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done?” (Matthew 27, Mark 15)

Pilate went to great lengths to convince the priests and Pharisees that they should not put Jesus to death. *“And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them... behold, I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse Him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him and lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto Him” (Luke 23:13-15).* In his attempts to save Jesus, Pilate had sent Him to Herod because Herod had authority in Galilee where Jesus began His ministry (see vs. 5-7); but Herod only *“mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate” (vs. 11).*

Pilate then went on, *“I will therefore chastise Him, and release Him” (vs. 16).* And in **John 18:38-39** Pilate's desire to release Jesus is verified, *“I find in Him no fault at all....will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?”*

Much more could be quoted of the almost desperate attempts by Pilate to save Jesus from death and of the reaction of the mob with threats of violence and insurrection. A tumult was made (**Matthew 27:24**). *“And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that He might be crucified. And the voices of them (the rulers) and the chief priests prevailed.” (Luke 23:23)*

The final threat to Pilate was an accusation of treason to Caesar if he were to release Jesus Christ — *“Pilate sought to release Him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar” (John 19:12).*

Some diehard, pro-Jew ministers, in spite of all this evidence, will still insist that — Well, it is true that the Jews urged the death of Jesus; but what really happened was that

when Pilate gave up, he turned Jesus over to the Roman soldiers, and the Romans then proceeded to crucify Him. But, again we ask, *“What saith the Scripture?”*

Pilate Returned Jesus To The Jews And The Jews Crucified Him

“When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, his blood be on us, and on our children.” (Matthew 27:24-25) It was not the Roman soldiers who answered, but the Jewish priests and elders.

Verse 27 says the soldiers of Pilate *“took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered into Him the whole band of soldiers.”* Then the next verses recount how they crucified Him. But—and this is very important—the words *of soldiers* is in italics and was added by the translators! Mark's account is almost identical with Matthew's, except Mark stops with the words *the whole band*. The only band referred to in all these accounts is the band of the chief priests and pharisees! (See Matthew 27:27, John 18:3, 12.)

Leaving out the words of *soldiers*, inserted by the translators, it becomes obvious that both accounts say the same thing, i.e., that Jesus Christ was taken from Pilate's presence by the soldiers and then turned over to the band of the chief priests and pharisees! Nowhere in the four Gospels are the Roman soldiers referred to as a band.

Also, Luke tells us, *“And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they (the chief priests) required... (and)... he delivered Jesus to THEIR will... THEY led Him away... THEY crucified Him...”* (Luke 23:24-33). Luke does not say the soldiers crucified Jesus.

John also says, *“And he (Pilate) saith unto the Jews, Behold your king! But they cried out, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The Chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he Him therefore unto THEM to be crucified and THEY took Jesus, and led Him away.”* (John 19:14-16) Verse 18 says, *“THEY crucified Him.”*

In verse 6, John quotes Pilate as saying to the chief priests and officers, *“Take ye Him, and crucify Him: for I find no fault in Him,”* making it plain, as did Matthew and Luke, that Pilate meant that if Jesus was to be killed, it would have to be the Jewish rulers who did it.

Ministers Deceive Christians

Most ministers ignore these points, usually quoting only from verses 23 and 24, of John 19 to try to prove that the Roman soldiers were the ones who actually nailed Jesus to the Cross. Verse 23 begins, *“Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took, His garments, and made four parts...”* and then follows the story of the soldiers casting lots for Jesus' garments. The ministers say, “See, it says the Roman soldiers crucified Jesus!” But—it should be obvious, from what we have just read in the previous verses 16 and 18, that those referred to as they in verse 23, are not the Roman soldiers, but the chief priests, scribes, pharisees and rulers of the synagogue! It would be absolutely logical to read verse 23 as follows: *“Then the soldiers when they (the chief priests, etc.) had crucified Jesus, took His garments...”* This reading would be in agreement with what we have already read from the unimpeachable witnesses, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The story of the parting of the garments of Jesus reveals another important truth. **John 19:23** says the soldiers *“...made four parts, to every soldier a part”* at least implying **there were only four soldiers present at the crucifixion!** — hardly possible if it had been an official Roman execution.

Jesus Died As High Priest

The information in this paragraph has no direct bearing on who crucified the Lord, but it is important information nevertheless and should be mentioned. The coat referred to in **John 19:23**, and in other Gospels called: *a robe*, was not divided by the soldiers. It was left in one piece, and the soldiers cast lots for it, as they did with the garments. In **verse 23** it is described as *“made without seam, woven from the top throughout.”* Christians should receive a blessing from realizing the robe placed on Jesus by Herod prior to His death was **not** torn by the soldiers (**verse 24**) **and was made in the manner prescribed for the robe of the high priest of Israel.** (See **Exodus 28:31-32.**) Christ walked to the place of His sacrificial death wearing the vesture identifying Him as our **HIGH PRIEST!** Praise ye the lord!

Why Did Pilate Wash His Hands?

The conclusion that the Jewish priests and their **band** were the actual murderers of Jesus, rather than the Romans being responsible for His death, would also explain the strange ritual that Pilate and the Jewish mob took part in when Pilate washed his hands *“... saying I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it (you do it); and the Jewish mob answered and said, His blood be on us, and our children.”* (**Matthew 27:24-25**)

This same action is mentioned in Moses' Law in **Deuteronomy 21** and was performed by the elders when a murder was committed by unidentified persons. The whole explana-

tion of the law is too long to quote here, but you should read it. Briefly, it required the civil authorities to go through the ritual of washing their hands in water and declaring, *“Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it”* (**Deuteronomy 21:7**). This action absolved the officials of guilt.

Pilate would not have performed this ancient ritual had he been planning to have his soldiers kill Jesus! The Jewish priests, because they knew the Law understood the significance of Pilate's actions and the fact that **Pilate would not put Jesus to death.** Moreover, **Pilate told them to do so** (see ye to it), and they answered Pilate's proclamation of his innocence by saying **they would do it** (His blood be on us, and on our children). They knew Pilate's act and words also declared, in advance, that Jesus was the innocent victim of **MURDER!** (**Matthew 27:24**)

The Apostles and Disciples who wrote the New Testament would have known the truth of these matters concerning Jesus' death, **and nowhere in the Gospels or in the Epistles, are either Pilate or the Roman soldiers accused of putting Jesus to death!** That Jesus considered the Jews the greater culprits is proven in His Words to Pilate in **John 19:11**, *“he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin.”*

In spite of all this evidence, most of today's ministers attempt to absolve the Jews of this crime by telling Christians that it was Pilate and the Romans who put to death the Lord of Glory. One example of this deliberate deception by Billy Graham, is reproduced in the Appendix 2 found in the back of this booklet.

Unlike Paul's evangelism, Billy Graham's evangelism never has brought on him the enmity of the Jews. Perhaps it is because Graham accuses the Christians of **prejudice**

or **envy** of the Jews but never accuses the Jews of **prejudice** against Christians! Graham writes that the *Romans actually killed* Jesus Christ. But the Apostle Paul **never** accused the Romans of killing Jesus, nor did he teach that Christians and many races had a part in Christ's crucifixion. Instead Paul wrote of the **Jews**: *“who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and and persecuted us;...”* (1 Thessalonians 2:15).

Billy Graham quotes Scripture out of context to imply that there is no difference between Jews and other people (*“...for there is no difference: — Romans 3:22*). But Paul knew that there was a difference; and he made it quite plain when he said in **verse 15 of 1 Thessalonians 2** that the **Jews** *“...please not God, and are contrary to all men:”*

While accusing the Christians of *prejudice* and *envy* against the Jews, modern evangelist Billy Graham praises the Jewish people by saying they are very intelligent, and... usually eminently successful in anything they undertake. This, of course, is a very, very subtle insult to Christians, implying that Christians must be **less** intelligent and **less** successful otherwise why the **envy**? But Graham (or whoever it is who writes his column and books) is a master at confusing and downgrading the Christians and Christianity right to their faces, yet they never seem to catch on!

Graham does not tell his insulted readers where the Jews get this intelligence, he says they have, although it cannot come from God as long as they deny Christ; nor does he indicate what it is that the Jews **undertake** with such eminent success.

And so, my gentle Christian, inasmuch as your minister has probably never discussed these matters with you, we shall consider, in the conclusion of this article, **where** the

Jews' intelligence comes from, and, **What** it is that is being undertaken by these children of those who killed the prophets, these descendants of the scribes and Pharisees **WHO KILLED CHRIST**.

Conclusion and Warning

With so much evidence in the Bible, any person who believes the Word of God should know who killed Jesus Christ. And since the Holy Scriptures tell of .the further death and persecutions of believers at the hands of these same people, and since the history of the last 1900 years gives ample evidence of their continuing hatred of all things of Christ and His Christian people, perhaps it would be to Christendom's advantage to study just a little further in the hopes of foreseeing the future relationship between Christians and those *...which say they are Jews,....* (Revelation 2:9).

Firstly, it must be understood that the people who occupied the seats of religious power in old Jerusalem at the time of Christ **WERE NOT ISRAELITES!** They were descendants of Ishmael and Esau, who had intermarried with Canaanites and thereby produced a race of people eternally hostile to true Israel, which we shall see.

Those others who were beholding afar off, *...which followed Jesus from Galilee,...* were **TRUE ISRAELITES!** (Matthew 27:55; Mark 15:40-41; Luke 23:27; John 19:25-26) *They had believed, as Jesus had said the people of Israel would, and the sheep (Israel) “follow Him: for they know His voice, and My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”* (John 10:4,27) **Only Israelites**, of all the world's people, are called sheep in the Holy Scripture.

Prior to His crucifixion, Jesus had plainly identified His murderers as a **non-Israel** people. Speaking to them in **John 8**, He said

they were *Abraham's seed* (vs. 37) but denied they were *Abraham's children* (vs. 37). The descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's son by Hagar, are called Abraham's *seed* in **Genesis 21:13**, but, nowhere are they or the descendants of Esau called children. In **Genesis 22:16**, God Almighty calls Abraham's other son Isaac *thine only son*, indicating that only through Isaac would they be called sons, or children.

This same pattern was followed in the rejection of Esau and his descendants and the choosing of Jacob (Israel) and his descendants.

Jesus Christ, who knows the end from the beginning, knew that the scribes and Pharisees and the chief priests to whom He was talking were Not Israelites, but were the descendants of Ishmael or Esau. That they were aware that He knew of their ancestry is admitted by their cry, false though it be, *We be not born of fornication: we have one Father, even God* (**John 8:41**). Esau is called a fornicator in **Hebrews 12:16**. He had not married of his own race but married wives of the Hittites, Canaanites, and Ishmaelites (Ishmael's granddaughter), *which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah* (**Genesis 26:34; 36:2-3**). **Genesis 36** makes it plain that Esau's offspring were to be known as Edomites, which means "Reds." Ishmael's mother was not Abraham's legitimate wife so that her offspring were never called children either.

These "Jews" Are Of the Devil

Jesus Christ denied the Jews' claim to be sons of God, for He answered, *"If God were your Father ye would love Me."* (**John 8:42**). He then proceeded to leave a prophecy and a warning of what that mixed-blood race would do in the future. *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts (desires) of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in*

him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (Verse 44)

"Jews" Will Not Become Christians

To be sure that we would understand that these Edomites would never heed God's Word i.e., would never become Christians-Jesus went on to say to them, *He that is of God (Jacob-Israel's descendants) heareth God's Words: ye therefore hear them not, BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF GOD* (vs. 47). Christians who have always wondered why the Jews refuse to hear (believe) God's Word in Christ need wonder no longer.

Israelites' Name Changed

The book of **Acts** tells the story of the beginning of the calling out of the *true sons of God*, the Israelites (**John 1:12**), and the changing of their name to Christian (**Acts 11:26**). That Israel was to have a change in name, and that the new name was to be the Name of their Lord, is prophesied in **Isaiah 62:2**, *Thou shalt be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name*. In **Isaiah 65** God speaks to the enemies of Israel, *"And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto My chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call His servants by another name."*

Even as far back as Moses, we find that God told Aaron and his sons (his descendants, who were the priestly line) *that they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them* (**Numbers 6:22-27**). What race is now called Christian, actually having the God of Israel's New Name placed on them? What race has been blessed by God above all other people? Well, true Israel, the Caucasian race, the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic, Scandinavian, and kindred peoples, the descendants of the scattered tribes of Israel!

Within a few hundred years after the Resurrection of Jesus, as the story of Christ came to our race, the *other gods* (Greek, Roman, Scandinavian) were cast aside, and Christianity came to be accepted as the one true religion by our European ancestors. These European nations soon became known, even in the eyes of the heathen, as "Christian nations," or collectively as "Christendom," which means "Christ's dominion." Surely, if the heathen can see that the White race is named after Christ, and that God has blessed us, it is time for the White race itself to begin to recognize its own Israel Identity!

(For a dramatic account of the carrying of the gospel to our ancestors in Europe, read my book, **“Paul and Joseph of Arimathea, Missionaries to the Gentiles.”**)

Edomites Remain “Jews”

There was no name change of the Ishmael-Esau-Edomite Jews, or Judeans, who were the religious rulers in Jerusalem and who, we have seen, were the murderers of Jesus Christ. They refused to hear the Words of our Lord, as Christ has said they would, and they retained the name of "Jew." Their descendants down through the last 1900 years continued to carry the name "Jew," in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah we just quoted, that the enemies of true Israel would: leave their name for a curse unto My chosen. And their own curse, that His Blood be on us, and our children, remains with them today. It cannot be taken off unless or until they be converted and become Christians in truth and in righteousness. But if our Lord's Words are true in speaking to them, they will not turn, for He told them; ***“But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you”*** (John 10:26, emphasis added). .

For those who still remain somewhat confused over the use of the term "Jew" in the New Testament, just remember that it is

translated from a Greek word meaning "Judean," or "a resident of Judea." It was not a religious term, nor a racial term as such at that time, but was named on all who lived in Judea, except for the Romans. That is why the woman at the well in **John 4:9** called Jesus a Jew, or Judean. That is also why Peter was called a Galilean in **Mark 14:70** and in **Luke 22:59**. In fact, Pilate even asked Jesus if He were a Galilean when he heard that Jesus came from Galilee. Both words were geographic in meaning until after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Then, and this is most important to understand, the only people who retained the name "Jew" were those who rejected Jesus Christ, and whose descendants still do! They were the non-Israelites, as we have seen in this study, while the true descendants of Israel accepted Christ and became known as Christians.

It is probably true that. most of the residents of Jerusalem and Judea were Edomites, for Jesus chose His disciples, from Galilee, except for Judas; and in **Acts 2**, at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; the onlookers said, ***“Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?”***

Jesus went back to the headquarters of the Canaanite Jews to fulfill the prophecy that His enemies would crucify Him.

(For a more complete study of the identity of our 20th-Century Jews, you "should read my article, **“An Open Letter To Any Minister Who Teaches “The Jews Are Israel.”** (Available at the Sheldon Emry Memorial Library)

Today In Christendom

Now that millions of these Ishmael-Esau-Canaanite people which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of satan, inhabit all nations of Christendom, where they are active in all phases of society, government, and religion, it might serve us well to realize they have always insinuated them-

selves into true Israel's society **for their own purposes**, and Christ described this characteristic when He said to them, *"...the lusts (desires and ambitions) of your father (the devil) ye will do."*

In America and other Israel nations, they have worked their way into powerful positions in government and in the professions. Many are in semi-religious organizations, claiming to seek "civil rights," "better conditions for the poor," and "improvement of race or personal relations among people." Others control "peace" or "anti-war" groups, all of which, in some way, have a destructive effect on our Christian society .

Their most effective method is described by **Luke** in his story of their attempt to destroy Christ. *"And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on Him; and they feared the people....And they watched Him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of His Words, that so they might deliver Him unto the power and authority of the governor"* (Luke 20:19,20).

Today we find "humanitarians," "philanthropists" with their multi-million-dollar Foundations, "human-rights" workers, "liberals" in politics and religion, and others which feign themselves just men, crying for "equality," "justice for the poor," "love," "no discrimination," etc. Most attempt to quote something of Jesus, taking hold of His Words, as it were, for deceit.

Collectively they are all working toward one purpose—to pass numerous laws and regulations so that they might deliver (Christians) unto the power and authority of the governor (government).

“Converted” Jews And False Ministers

The so-called "converted Jew" is well known in Christian circles, always pleading

the Name of Christ, **while promoting Jewish interests!** One wonders how many "converted" seminary professors, preachers, Sunday-school teachers, writers of books and tracts, and editors of so-called "Christian" publications today **are actually spies sent forth by the modern scribes and pharisees** to *"feign themselves just men..."* in order to entrap unwary Christendom.

Paul prophesies of them and says of satan's ministers, *"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.... as ministers of righteousness"* (Christian ministers) (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). By the middle of the 20th century, they have filled Christendom with *Jewish fables* (Titus 1:14).

Jewish Subversion and Revolution

That those who do the work of the Jews are not always of their race is told in Acts 17, *"But the Jews which believed not, (the non-Israelites) moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company (mob), and set all the city in an uproar..."* (vs. 5).

The same technique is being used today in America. The Jews and their agents cry out, demanding something antichristian, and then raise up mobs of lewd fellows of the baser sort to set the city (or the nation) in an uproar. These "demonstrators," who are mostly criminal degenerates or drug addicts, are then given wide publicity in the Jewish-controlled news media. The demonstrations, and the threat of more violent ones, are then used by these anti-Christians to force local or national authorities to accede to their demands. If any violence occurs during the demonstrations, the police are blamed (as were the Roman soldiers of Christ's time) or the mob itself; and the Jews successfully conceal their part from the public and non-

Jewish authorities. This concealment is made easier by phony "patriots" who direct the anger of the people of the nation against the mobs **instead of against the Jews who manipulate the mob!**

In this manner, laws and customs are changed; and the public hardly realizes how it has come about! Then comes a breakdown of civil authority, in which Jewish judges (and "Civil Liberties" Unions) force the police to release the basest criminals (like Barabbas) upon society under the pretext of following the law.

America is suffering from this same revolutionary technique, perfected during 1900 years of practice. Other nations have already fallen under anti-Christ control through the same methods. If our Christian people were familiar with God's Word, they would take a look at the **lewd fellows** being gathered against our nation and recognize them, and other events of the day, as part of the end-of-the-age battle against Israel, prophesied throughout God's Holy Word. But most are almost totally ignorant of the Bible—to the point they do not even know our identity as Israelites, nor the Jews' identity as Canaanites. They have been beguiled by spies that have feigned themselves just men, taking over our political system, news media, and churches.

"Demon-Stratos"

The use by the anti-Christian element of the word "demonstrators" to describe their mobs has great significance. It does **not** come from our use of the word to mean to show by example, or to teach by doing, but rather from two Greek words. The first is "demon," which means "devil," and the second is "stratos," meaning "army." So literally it means a "devil army." It is probable that they chose the word deliberately. Remember, our Lord said to them, Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father ye will do.

The next time you see one of their demonstrations and are amazed at their utter depravity, remember that you are watching a "devil army" marching against Christ and America!

Jesus prophesied Their Enmity To Us

Just before His crucifixion, our Lord told His followers of the future persecution of Christians to come from these Edomite Jews. He said, ***“Remember the Word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me. they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also.”*** If they hated the sayings of Jesus, they will hate the sayings (teachings) of His followers.

He went on, ***“But all these things will they do unto you for My Name's sake, because they know not Him that sent me.”*** They'll persecute Christians, because they do **not** know God! Yet many Christians have been deluded into thinking the Jews worship God. Christ says they do not know Him.

Then He explains why He came to Jerusalem and Judea to testify to these Edomites. ***“If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke (or excuse) for their sin: but now have they both seen and hated Me and My Father.”*** Any minister who teaches that the Jews may not like Jesus, but that they love God, the Father, is a liar.

And then Jesus quotes the Old Scriptures to identify of whom He has been speaking. ***“But this cometh to pass, that the Word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated Me without cause.”***

All the quotes in the four preceding paragraphs are taken from **John 15:20-25**. They should warn Christians plainly enough of the hatred of the Jews for all Christians. The last

phrase that Jesus quoted was from **Psalm 35**, in which they are identified by God as mine enemies.

That these same enemies. would be. the ones who would crucify Him is foretold in **Psalm 69**. In verse 4, He says, *“They...hate Me without a cause and calls them mine enemies.* In verse 21, He says, *“They gave Me also gall for My meat, and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.”* It was on the Cross that Jesus' crucifiers gave Him gall and vinegar to drink! In **Psalm 69**, they are identified as His enemies, **not** as Israelites.

To forestall the argument that **Luke 23:36** says the soldiers gave Him the vinegar, I would insist that you read **all** accounts in the four Gospels. Only in **Luke** are soldiers mentioned in relation to the vinegar, and there it says they came offering it to Him. **It does not say He took it! But**, in the other three Gospels, each writer states that His crucifiers gave Him vinegar and gall, **and He tool it!** So **Psalm 69:21** would be fulfilled **not** in the Roman soldiers, whom Jesus never called His enemies, but in the Jews who actually nailed Him on the cross!

They Were Not To Become Christians!

Psalm 69. even, goes on to prophesy that those who gave Him, vinegar and gall would never, become what we would call Christians. *For they persecute Him whom thou has smitten and they talk to the grief of those whom thou has wounded (margin says of thy wounded, which would mean Jesus).* *Add iniquity unto their iniquity: AND LET THEM NOT COME INTO THY RIGHTEOUSNESS. LET THEM BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF THE LIVING, AND NOT BE WRITTEN WITH THE RIGHTEOUS.* (verses 26-28), Again, how foolish it is to think we can preach to the enemies of Christ and convert them. If God's Holy Word says it won't be done; then it won't

be done. **Psalm 69** verifies what Jesus said to the Edomite Jews that they would not hear, His words.

What Is Our Hope?

We of true Israel must recognize that our deliverance is in the hands of an Almighty God. We must know, as Christ knew, when He told Pilate that *“Thou couldst have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above”* (**John 19:11**)

Moses told our forefathers that disobedience would bring certain punishments to Israel. One punishment was that *“the stranger (non-Israelite) that is within thee shall get up above thee very high and thou shalt come down very low”* (**Deuteronomy 28:43**). American government at all levels is being transferred into the hands of Jews, Negroes, and other non-Israelites. Prophecy is being fulfilled.

But deliverance is also promised to Israel in the same Book, from which we have been reading, in a thousand verses too numerous to quote in this short tract. But let us end with one of the promises that eloquently shows that our redemption and deliverance comes from the same Christ that the enemies of Israel **thought** they had killed. Zachariah gave it when he *was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David; as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us: to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant; the oath which He sware to our father Abraham, that He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him*

without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life.” (Luke 1:67, 75) And since that life is to be everlasting, we shall not only be delivered from the hand of Israel's enemies, but we shall, also, be delivered **into the Kingdom of God**. Jesus Christ SHALL rule and reign in righteousness and *hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:10).*

It is probable that these Edomite (Red) Jews will continue victorious over the true Israelites for some time. As they are being used of God to chastise us for our disobedience, their power over us will continue **only** until we repent of our sins and turn to God for deliverance **as a people**. Because of our special Blood Covenant relationship with Jesus Christ, their power over us will then be broken.

That our deliverance will come at our turning to God and to His Word is made clear in hundreds of prophecies. **2 Chronicles 7:14** not only promises deliverance upon obedience but identifies the Israel People as *My people which are called by My Name*. **Joel 2:17** is a special prayer we will pray to be delivered from alien or heathen rule. *Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God.* The next verses promise immediate release, and **Chapter 3** describes the great, world battle that will destroy all heathen rule over Israel. (For a more complete description of this battle and war in which

our enemy's power will be destroyed, read my “**The Bible Says Russia Will Invade America, and be defeated**”) This can be found in the Sheldon Emry Memorial Library.

The future destruction of the Edomite enemies of Jesus Christ, and our part in their destruction, is also foretold in the Bible, *“And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau (Edom) for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them, and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau. for the LORD hath spoken....and saviours shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S (Obadiah 18-21)*

“And in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts” (Zechariah 14:21).

“But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither; and slay them before Me.” (Luke 19:27)—and others.

Both **rewards** and **vengeance** are in the Hands of the living God. The unrepentant murderers of Jesus shall fail in their attempt to destroy Christian-Israel, as they failed in their attempt to destroy Jesus Christ, because His Blood, shed on the cross at Calvary, has redeemed us from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us Praise His Holy Name of Jesus.

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HIS FAILURE TO COOPERATE CITED

Jewish Effort To Save Jesus From Execution Told

By **GEORGE W. CORNELL**

NEW YORK (AP)—Jewish officials sought to save Jesus from Roman execution, but he wouldn't cooperate, says a noted authority on First Century Jewish and Roman law.

That's the latest conclusion about an old but still pondered judicial proceeding that has echoed through history.

The new and probing analysis of the case comes from Justice Haim Cohn of Israel's Supreme Court. His findings, presented in the Israel Law Review, were republished recently in Hadassah magazine in his country.

HE MAINTAINS that the questioning of Jesus by the Jewish council, the Sanhedrin, on the night before his trial and condemnation by the Roman occupation government, was an unsuccessful effort to find grounds for saving his life.

HOWEVER, under Roman law, he adds, the accused could be convicted on his own plea of guilty, even without witnesses; and to avoid this, Jesus had to be "dissuaded from pleading guilty" and "induced to cooperate."

Justice Cohn says it was for this purpose, after the Sanhedrin had discredited the witnesses, that its president, the high priest, questioned Jesus directly, asking if he was "Christ, the Son of the Blessed." Jesus replied affirmatively.

That reply "caused the high priest and the Sanhedrin to give up in despair," the Israeli justice, writes, since Jesus would not "bow to their authority" or give the assurances they needed to intervene in his behalf.

They could do nothing more," he says, other than let the Roman trial run its course.

Rather than being prompted by purely ethico-religious considerations, however, "their motives were realistic and political," he says, aimed at regaining some of their lost influence among the people.

"Nothing could have been further from their intentions, or more harmful to their purpose, than to arouse the discontent and disaffection of the people by lending a hand in the execution by the Romans of one in their midst."

On the other hand, "any action on their part to prevent such execution

would, if successful, have been likely to arouse popular applause and to reinstate them in the eyes of the people as their natural and legitimate leaders."

HE SAYS this is the only objective that could have caused the unusual night meeting of the Sanhedrin, in view of conditions, laws and customs of that day, and it also fits basically the Gospel accounts.

The meeting started with numerous witnesses being questioned and branded as "false witnesses," he notes, adding that they obviously would have been accepted as truthful if incriminating testimony had been desired.

However, he adds, the Sanhedrin "was interested in satisfying itself that any evidence that might be available against Jesus was false and inadmissible" so it could safely intercede in his behalf. "Hence it so found and so declared."

That point would have been sufficient under Jewish law for clearing Jesus of the Roman charges, the justice notes, since Jewish law prohibited any conviction except by testimony of at least two reliable witnesses.

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MY ANSWER—BY BILLY GRAHAM

PREJUDICE AGAINST JEWS UNCHRISTIAN

QUESTION—Why is it that so many Christians (so-called) still carry prejudice against anyone who is Jewish? As I understand it, the Christian faith grew out of Judaism, and its first adherents were Jews. Why, then, do so many Protestants have this antipathy toward the Jews?
J.D.

ANSWER—I'm glad you said, "so-called" Christians, because I don't believe that a true Christian should have antipathy toward anyone.

True, there are professing Christians who harbor prejudices against various ethnic groups. It is natural for a person to be partial toward people who speak, look and act like himself. But, one of the marks of the early Christians was their unfeigned love, not only for the "brethren," but for all men. At Pentecost there were people from

all over the then civilized world, and the Spirit of Good fell equally upon them all.

What are the reasons why some people are prejudiced against the Jews? Perhaps one reason is envy, for, as we know, the Jewish people are very intelligent, and are usually eminently successful in anything they undertake. Another reason may be the mistaken impression that it was the Jews who crucified Christ. This is not true. The Romans actually killed him. But in a sense we all had a part in it. The Bible says, "All we like sheep have gone astray, but the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

People of many races had a part in Christ's crucifixion. Whatever prejudice there may be against the Jews, justification for it's not found in the Bible. The Bible says, "For there is no difference."

**Who
Killed
Christ?**

by Pastor Sheldon Emry