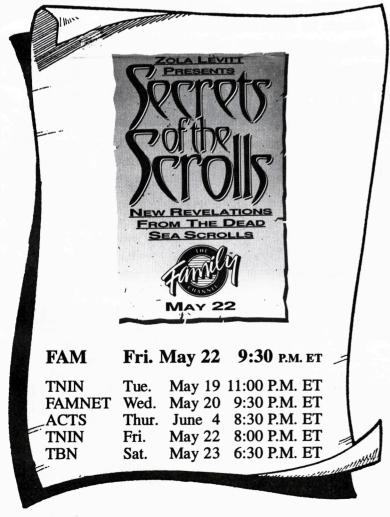


# **Jew-haters Flourish On Many Fronts**

## by Cal Thomas

Seldom do we quote at any length from secular sources, but a viewer sent in the following article by syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, and we felt it is relevant to our ministry. Thomas is known as a spokesman sympathetic to Christianity, and an individual who deals skillfully with spiritual matters of all sorts on TV talk shows and elsewhere in the media. His article chronicles the first three months of what has so far been a very bad year for the Jewish people. In the ensuing two months we have witnessed a new flourishing of the sin of anti-Semitism among those we supposed were biblical Christian believers. The importance of this topic is stressed in the "Note From Zola" in this issue.



#### Here is what Thomas reported:

This has not been a good year for Jewish people, and the year is only three months old.

In politics, this has been the year of the David Duke presidential candidacy. The Bush administration, which has taken a hard line against Israeli settlements and clearly favors the political positions of the Arab states, has removed America's protective hand from the Jewish people, allowing lifelong anti-Semites to emerge from their underground caves and gain a certain acceptance, if not respectability.

When Chicago Congressman Gus Savage lost his Democratic primary re-election bid this month, he

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said that the "racist reactionary Jewish misleaders" were among those responsible for his defeat.

In entertainment, the rock-music industry increasingly serves up anti-Semitic material. In 1989, "Professor Griff" of the group Public Enemy told an interviewer that "the majority of wickedness that goes on across the globe [is caused by] the Jews." Griff was subsequently dismissed from the group, but critics claim that Public Enemy continues to promote anti-Semitism in its music.

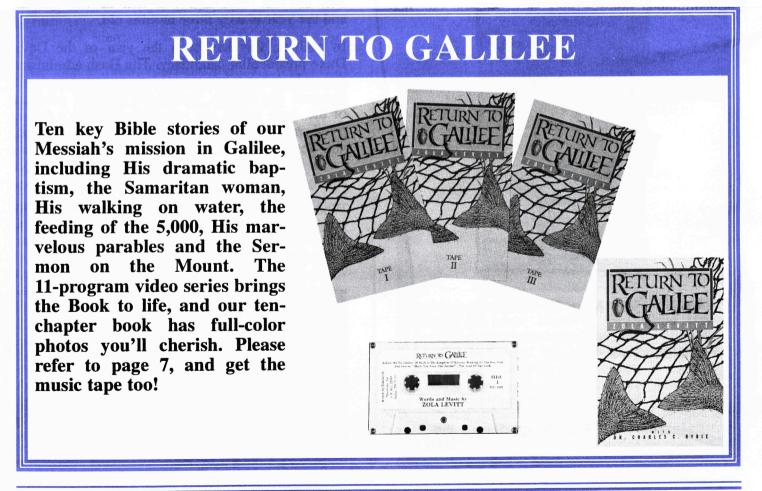
In a song, rapper Ice Cube advises his former group, N.W.A., to put a bullet in the temple of its Jewish manager because you just can't achieve your goals "with a white Jew telling you what to do." Of greater concern than the thoughts of one rapper is to know that producing popular music requires several layers of management, arrangers and promoters. Did no one along the way raise an objection to anti-Semitism?

The greatest long-term threat for perpetuating anti-Semitism comes in academia. The new generation, that did not live through the period of the Holocaust or the formation of the modern Israeli state as a haven for the Jewish people against future attempts at extermination, is being exposed on some campuses to such ideas as "Holocaust studies." These are nothing more than regurgitated myths that the Holocaust never happened and was simply made up by Jews to gain sympathy so that they might continue the business of ruining the world.

Certainly the hatred of Jews is nothing new. The Roman historian Tacitus found them a convenient scapegoat for the fire that the Emperor Nero was thought to have started. Persecution of the Jews goes back to the Old Testament times.

What is it about the Jewish people that has made them the object of so much scorn and hatred? It begins with their being a "chosen people." Jews, in their religion, culture, history, and traditions, have probably contributed more to humankind per capita than any other ethnic or religious group in history. Some people, who are deficient in these and other gifts, are jealous. To pacify their own feelings of inferiority, they must attack someone smaller than themselves. With only 14 million Jews in the

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## **Steve's** Shtick

Actually this title was Zola's idea. Can you help us out with a better title for Steve Ger's monthly Bible column? Send your suggestions to Steve and he'll pick a winner!

In the midst of the latest outbreak of theological anti-Semitism (as Zola exposes elsewhere in this issue) and the continued intransigence of our current administration on the issue of aid to our only trustworthy and reliable Mideast ally, I think it would be worthwhile to diligently examine what Scripture has to say about the people of Israel. The following is the first of a two-part series exploring Jeremiah 30-33, the most detailed Old Testament prophecy of the New Covenant between God and man. In this passage we read of God's everlasting love and eternal commitment to His covenant people. Please take a few minutes to open your Bible to these chapters for our study.

The book of Jeremiah is considered to be a prophetic book of harshest judgement and warning, of punishment and wrath. Yet, it is significant that in the midst of the fiercest of condemnatory passages concerning the nation of Israel's disobedience to the Mosaic Law (the Old Covenant), there appears an oasis of consolation and hope so signifitheological proclamations cant in its and eschatological ramifications as to overshadow the remainder of the book. Within the context of Jeremiah's writings, amidst the stern and numerous warnings of coming captivity and deportation to the pagan nation of Babylon, chapters 30-33 act as a centerpiece of future hope for the humbled nation of Israel. The majestic theme of this centerpiece is the New Covenant and the coming millennial kingdom.

That this great promise of restoration appeared at a point in history when the nations of Israel and Judah had reached the depths of apostasy and the height of Divine chastisement is a testimony to the eternal faithfulness and loving kindness of God. This portion of Scripture is a parenthesis attesting to the everlasting love of the Lord for His Chosen people as well as the world. The Northern Kingdom of Israel had already been conquered by the Assyrians well over a hundred years before Jeremiah's prophecy, and at the final hour, as the rampaging hordes of King Nebuchadnezzer's Babylon are about to thunder down upon the remaining Southern Kingdom of Judah, Jeremiah offers the consolation of the Lord. (Both the nations of Israel and Judah are addressed together in the prophecy, and henceforth the name Israel will be used by this

author to refer to the Jewish people as a whole.) There are five major elements to the New Covenant, each with several provisions and implications.

This month we will examine the first element, which is that *the Covenantal ideal will be realized*. "At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel and they will be my people" (31:1). From the time of Abraham, through Moses' lifetime and through the period that the New Covenant was prophesied by Jeremiah, the Hebrew people had been God's chosen. This was not due to any spiritual or numerical superiority on their part as a people (Deut. 7:7), but rather because of God's love for them and for their forefathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) with whom the Lord made an unconditional covenant.

The word for covenant in Hebrew is brit and means a contract or agreement binding two parties to each other. God made a conditional covenant with the Israelites at Sinai when He gave them the Law, at which time the Covenantal ideal was expressed, "I will be your God and you will be my people," which permeates the books of Exodus through Deuteronomy. The Mosaic covenant was conditional on the faith and obedience of the people to God's law. Obedience would result in prosperity; disobedience would result in punishment. The Israelites' responsibility was to be a kingdom of priests - the people of God in the midst of an idolatrous world. Yet the inhabitants of Israel and Judah had consistently failed to exhibit obedient lifestyles worthy of God's people. Indeed, through the Mosaic Covenant it was not even truly possible to do so, as Paul teaches in Galatians. Yet, through the New Covenant, which was not to be like the old Mosaic Covenant which neither Israel nor Judah could keep (31:32), the Covenantal ideal - "I will be your God and you will be My people" - can and will be realized (30:22; 31:1, 32-33; 32:38). This covenant will be unconditional, unbreakable and everlasting (32:40; 33:25-26), and is motivated solely by God's loving kindness and everlasting love (31:3).

Next month we will explore other elements of the New Covenant as conveyed by Jeremiah — the preservation of Israel as a nation, the promised regeneration of the Jewish nation, acknowledgement *<b>ŻOLA'S BULLETIN BOARD* Ŷ

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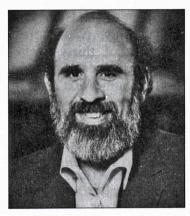
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Why am I making such a big deal out of the new "Christian" anti-Semitism? Am I really spending my energies on worthwhile issues? Or am I just a spokesman for Israel and its people?

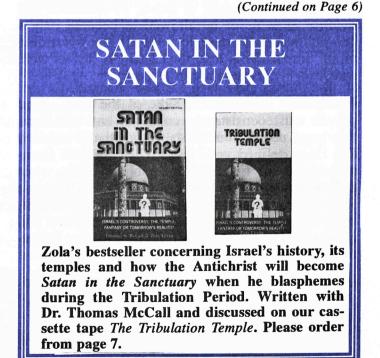
A friend of mine told me that a liberal minister in Connecticut referred to me as "an agent of the Israeli government." There's a lot of truth to that, since for twenty years I have been in the service of the King of the Jews. But aren't we all? Are not believers who are Israel-bound for a one-thousandyear kingdom headquartered in Jerusalem, "agents" of the *true* Israeli government — the heavenly one — which is well on its way to taking over down here on earth?

Where anti-Semitism is concerned, I've seen it all my life. Dallas' most famous country club doesn't admit Jews. And I was never able to get a job in my own field, despite graduate degrees, excellent grades and very good training. But as a believer in Christ what I am seeing now is something that I could never have anticipated. I am seeing people who style themselves as Christians, readers of the Gospels set in Israel and worshippers of the Jewish Messiah, the only begotten Son of the God of Israel, cursing and defaming the Chosen People of the Bible!

In my last letter I detailed the radio talk show in Dallas which developed from an article in the March 9<sup>th</sup> issue of *Christianity Today*. The theme of both of these anti-Semitic exercises was to sow doubt about the legitimacy of modern Israel in prophecy and the status of its people as the true Chosen People. This is impossible theology, and, in reality, simple Jew-hating. And of course these two instances represent many more. It's just that in both of these cases spokesmen of some Christian integrity were called upon and a periodical trusted over decades by Christian readers was utilized.

I want to say this loud and clear: there are two great groups of people who call themselves Christians in America, and they invariably take opposite views of Israel. Liberal denominational "Christians" tend to not read the Bible and not support Israel. On the other hand, I don't believe I've ever met a Bible-reading, born-again believer who ever cursed Israel in any manner. One's position toward Israel seems to depend on how much Bible one reads. True believers love Israel, and fakers view Israel as just another political entity in this world (or worse, they try to disenfranchise it altogether by saying the Church — whatever they mean by that — is now Israel, and the real Israel doesn't exist anymore!) Real believers take Israel at face value - obviously the fulfillment of end times prophecy and the answer to God's voluminous promises to restore His people to their land. Mere "professors" rather than confessors of the faith invariably defame Israel and its people.

What's new these days — and the reason I bring up this whole subject — is that there are wolves in sheep's clothing, as Scripture predicts, hovering all around this crucial issue. Full professors at distinguished seminaries are teaching a new generation of future ministers that Israel is "politically incorrect" and "disobedient." This unscriptural philosophy plays right into the program of the Antichrist, who will need to use global defamation of Israel to



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world, and with so many gifted in the arts, finance and intellectual pursuits, they make an inviting target for small-minded bigots.

George Bush is the first president in more than 40 years to publicly and regularly criticize Israel, while saying little in its defense. It is no longer "politically correct" to speak up for Israel on college campuses.

The growing incidents of anti-Semitism in America parallel a general disdain in government, the media and academia for anything not of this world. Some consider it acceptable to use federal dollars for "art" that is viewed as blasphemous by Christians, but not permissible for federal money to go to anything that speaks well of God. Such discriminatory and anti-religious attitudes contribute to a spiritual vacuum which hate groups are all too ready to fill.

Some liberal Jewish groups, which have fought courageously against anti-Semitism, have also aligned themselves with organizations that have been at the forefront of the cultural secularization process. Without a higher moral authority to which they might appeal for fair and just treatment, Jewish people become only one of many groups competing for public attention, acceptance and protection, and their claims carry no more moral weight than those of the animal-rights activists or environmentalists.

This is why the matter of Israel, its existence and security must never be allowed to become only a geo-political and strategic issue. If the overriding moral dimension is lost, then Israel is lost as well, and Jews everywhere are in jeopardy.

For Israel's sake, for the sake of the Jews, good people must consistently condemn anti-Semitism. But good people must also restore the foundation that once defined goodness. When the Ten Commandments are banned from public schools, when the concept of accountability to a God who made Jews and the rest of us is removed, then anti-Semitism can flourish. Only a return to that standard will again provide Jews, and all of us, with the protection we deserve.

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justify his ravaging of that small democracy. Well, my view as a student of the Bible with an honorary Doctorate of Theology, twenty-one years in the ministry and leader of thirty-seven tours of the Holy Land hasn't changed since the day I wrote this stanza on my album, *Next Year In Jerusalem*:

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Father, you've chosen your people. Father, you've chosen your land. When all of the souls to the kingdom come, Father, with Israel I'll stand!

I don't want to debate this issue, write friendly letters back and forth, or cultivate well-meaning friendships with bigots. I want to give them what Moses gave Pharaoh, David gave Goliath, Gideon gave the Midianites, and on and on through what General Sharon gave the PLO. Jewish people do not have to take defamation lying down, and Jewish believers in Jesus Christ need to correct misguided brethren and real wolves in sheep's clothing with what Scripture calls "the sword of the Lord" (Judges 7:18-20).

Come with me and see for yourself what God is doing for His people and equip yourself to argue with the new anti-Semites. Call now to join me June 2-11 in the Promised Land and see first-hand how Abraham's seed has turned the desert into a garden. In addition to many important sites in Jerusalem, you'll explore the countryside and villages you've envisioned while studying the Scriptures. You may extend your journey until June 17 on our Grand Tour as we leisurely cruise the Greek islands and tour Ephesus, Corinth and other Greek sites. Call Cheryl today at (214) 690-1876 to join this special group.

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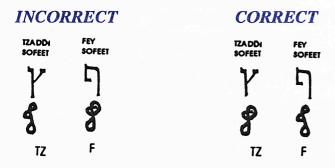
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We have very alert readers. Several of you wrote to tell us about an error in the Hebrew alphabet in the March <u>Levitt Letter</u>. We transposed two letters — a mistake overlooked by two staff members who read Hebrew! Thank you for correcting us and we apologize for any problems this may have caused you.





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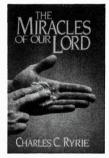
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