

“THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE”

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From the time He was a mere infant until His death, our Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus the Christ, was hated by the Jews. Herod, the Edomite king of Judea, attempted to kill Him by ordering all children to be killed who were up to two years of age who lived in Bethlehem and the surrounding country Matt. 2:16. On different occasions the Jews attempted to trap Him by their questioning, hoping He would violate some point of Law. They demanded His execution before Pilate. The New Testament bears witness to their undeniable hatred.

Once the Christ began preaching of the Kingdom of God, most of the people who heard Him were indifferent. A mere handful believed Him. In Acts 1:15, we find only 120 people were gathered together when Peter addressed them. Even today, while millions gather in His name, most are indifferent. Few there are who are willing to meet the requirements He set forth in order to qualify as being His brothers and sisters. Matt. 12:50; John 15:14

Yet in spite of their indifference and lukewarm condition, these people don't hate Jesus enough to want Him killed; they just don't love Him enough to follow His instructions. John 14:15

During the Christ's ministry, His most ardent and vehement opposition came from the Pharisees and their companions, the lawyers (Scribes)! These people were known as JEWS, or more correctly JUDEANS. It was these JUDEAN Pharisees and scribes who sought to kill the Christ Luke 22:2; John 5:18. It is recorded that the conspiracy became so intense that Jesus would not walk in JEWRY (JUDEA) because the Jews sought to kill Him John 7:1.

The people we know today as JEWS are descendants of those ancient enemies of Christ, the JUDEANS. Whether or not they are racial descendants of those Pharisees is irrelevant, just as whether they are racial descendants of Abraham is irrelevant. The point is these modern-day lawyers and Pharisees, who say they are JEWS, are the SPIRITUAL descendants of the ancient Jews who sought to kill Jesus.

The purpose for my penning this is not to downgrade the Jewish people, or stir up resentment against them. Its purpose is to explain, often in their own words, how they feel about you, the "goyim" (a Yiddish word meaning "non-Jew animal"), and about your religion, Christianity. It is written as a means of protecting ourselves from the greatest threat to ever face Christianity in our two thousand years of history. We cannot, we dare not, over look this threat if we are to survive as a free people.

Read! John 15:18-27

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 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. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law. They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:1-4

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.