

Doctrinal Studies

Anti-Semitism

- I. Definitions: American College Dictionary: "One hostile to the Jews"; Funk and Wagnall's Dictionary: "Opposition to, prejudice against, or intolerance of the Jewish People".
- II. The term "anti-Semitic" is used to mean intolerance, hatred, prejudice, opposition to, and persecution of the Jews.
- III. God formed the Jewish race for the specific purpose of being the instrument for the dissemination of the Gospel. Therefore, anti-Semitism is Satanic.
- IV. God selected Abram, a believing Gentile of pure Chaldean extraction, and the ninth in the line of Shem, to be the father of the Jewish race.
- V. The term comes from the word "Semitic" which derives the name of one of Noah's sons, Shem. Although anti-Semitism is almost exclusively applied to those specifically hostile to Jews, the term "Semitic" applies to any of the people of the earth descended from Shem. The Jews are but one branch of the Semitic peoples.
- VI. The Semitic peoples include the ancient Assyrians, Midianites, Chaldeans, Moabites, Edomites, and Ammonites. Modern day people with at least some Semitic ancestry include Arabs, Syrians, so-called Palestinians, Jordanians, Lebanese, and even some Ethiopians. The tragedy is that many of these people are, and have historically been, among the most actively poisonous, intensely noxious, anti-Semitic.
- VII. There are racial, religious, and regenerate Jews.
 1. The Jewish race includes anyone who has the genes of one of the 12 sons of Jacob. Abram became a Jew at age 100, and his name was changed to Abraham. Isaac (laughter) was born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age, fulfilling the promise of [Genesis 12:1-3](#). Jacob was the son of Isaac, and the name of Jacob was changed to Israel.
 2. Religious Jews are those who follow a religious system which is actually a distortion of the Mosaic Law, and a counterfeit of Grace. Religion and Regeneration are antithetical. Religious people work to get God's best, whereas people oriented to Grace realize that salvation is "the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." ([Ephesians 2:8, 9](#))
 3. Regenerate Jews are those who have personally accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.
- VIII. God promises blessing to the nations that bless the Jews, and cursing to those who curse the Jews ([Genesis 12:3a](#)). History, as recorded both biblically and by secular historians, has confirmed the fulfillment of this promise of God. Part of the amazing blessings and prosperity of the United States throughout our history have been because of our historic benevolence toward the Jewish people. To the extent that our country becomes infected with the virus of anti-Semitism, we can expect God to turn our country's blessings to cursing.