

JESUS CHRIST Continues To Describe The First Half Of The Tribulation

Matthew 24: 6-10

The **WORD OF GOD** is the key to understanding history and interpreting history. Man tries to understand history by studying mankind and trends in history.

But the **WORD OF GOD** goes into the unseen world of angels and of the fundamental fact that Jesus Christ controls history.

As we read through these words of Jesus Christ, *remember* this is not a guess or speculation by Jesus Christ but is historical fact before these events ever occur.

To understand history or to interpret what is going on in history, the believer must have as much of the **WORD OF GOD** as he can in his soul.

In our study of Daniel we saw over and over again that to correctly understand history you must understand the History of Israel, Israel's past, and Israel's prophetic future.

And that is what Jesus Christ is now giving to us.

You must also understand the **ANGELIC CONFLICT**, the first and second advent of Jesus Christ and the Church Age.

If one does not understand **dispensations**, he will be confused about history. Many students of history have well-grounded objectivity but they cannot relate history to the history of Israel and the first and Second Advents of Jesus the Christ.

And without these two factors you will miss the correct understanding of history.

Jesus Christ is now going to skip over the Church Age, already some 2000 years, and goes right to the days of the end of the Gentiles, and the last 7 years of the promised 490 years to Israel.

Matthew 24: 6-10

- 6 “You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but that is not yet the end.
- 7 “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.
- 8 “But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.
- 9 “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.
- 10 “At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.

We closed last week by noting the significance of the Greek **one another** “another of the same kind.”

This can be One Another of the same kind, meaning another believer, or it can be Another of the same kind, that is another Jew. And this should be our understanding here.

These are Jews betraying one another, as the Jewish disciple Judas betraying his Jewish Messiah Jesus.

**But note something interesting:
and hate one another.**

There are several different reasons for betraying one of your own, but here they actually hate one another.

Jew hates Jew while the whole world hates all Jews (verse 9)
John 15:18

18 If the world hates you this is a first-class-condition
“and it does!”

Since the world hates you...

Present Active Indicative of the verb “to hate”. And the Present Active Indicative means this goes on-and-on, day by day, throughout history.

The first thing that jumps out is that this is the very opposite of love

Jesus Christ has just given a discourse on Love, **Loving One Another** and now He moves to one of the reasons we are to love One Another.

John 15:17

17 *This I command you, that you love*

18 *since the world hates you*

We are to love One Another since the world hates us!
In context this is written to Jews but in the Church Age
it applies to all believers of Jesus Christ.

1. Let's examine HATRED:

- you want to understand the basis of hatred so that you can grasp why the world hates Jesus Christ, and therefore hates Christians and Jews, and not be shocked by this hatred.

- When someone hates you – because you are a Christian don't try to understand their hatred.

- So many Jews cannot understand why the world hates them.

- So many Christians cannot understand why the world hates them.

Example:

The world loves the Muslims who believe the Koran which teaches to kill all infidels, that is they fundamentally believe it is right and honorable to kill anyone who does not agree with them, especially, Jews and Christians, yet the world embraces them, loves them.

Jesus Christ teaches to **Love One Another**—so the question arises why does the world hate Jesus Christ (*who teaches love*) and loves Muslims (*who teach hate and murder?*)

Don't try to figure this out !

2. Hate is a personal feeling directed toward the object independent of the qualities of that object. There are two things about this hatred toward Jews and Christians.

- 1) It is a supernatural hatred from Satan and from his cosmic system
- 2) This is an *inveterate* quality of the world, that is, this hatred is so firmly established by long persistence, without their even considering why they hate Jesus Christ and followers of Jesus Christ.

The world, the cosmic system, hates Jesus Christ and the Jews and Christianity independent of qualities or good teaching.

This hatred is so ingrained in the world that it overlooks the good. It refuses to consider the good.

This hatred is chronic—Webster –defining inveterate—firmly established by long persistence, confirmed in a habit...the world has always hated Jesus Christ and even God that –that is the reason why they hate Jesus Christ and God and Christians and Jews—they don't know why, they just do!! “an attitude of long existence as to be practically ineradicable, or unalterable, growing stronger and firmer with time. Persistent, endless.”

John 15:25

25 “But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’

English Synonyms by George Crabb

**Hate is a personal feeling
directed toward the object
independent of it's qualities**

this is about the person, not the object of his hatred;

A good way to grasp this is to compare it with a word like **detest** which is a feeling independent of the person and altogether dependent upon the nature of the thing.

What one **hates**, one commonly **hates** on one's own account;

What one **detests**, one **detests** on account of the object.”

Biblical example: Deuteronomy 7:26.

26 *“and you shall not bring an abomination into your house, and like it come under the ban; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is something banned.*

There are things that are **banned** and completely independent of you, you detest them because they are **banned**.

But in regards to hate—this is centered on **you**, not on **the object** you hate. Therefore, in most cases to detest something is a good thing; eg. we detest traitors, we detest religion, legalism, etc.

This attitude is based upon the object itself,
and you can give sound reasons as to why you detest it.

But, generally, with **hatred**—
as the cosmic world hates Jesus Christ, so it hates the Jews and hates Christianity. The world has no sound reason for this hatred. They hate God and Jesus Christ and Christians and Jews—based solely on themselves; not based on God, Jesus Christ, Christianity or Jews.

Let's take another biblical example:

Gospel of John 3:20

"For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

Again, this hatred is based on the person, not on the object of hate-light.

Man hates things that interfere with their indulgences— it is not the light itself but that it interferes with what they want to do;... so **THIS HATRED IS PERSONAL.**

3. Therefore, we come to a vital point about hatred and the world hating Jews...; but primarily to the point of JEWS HATING JEWS.

Leviticus 19:17

- 17 You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

Hatred on a normal basis is a Mental Attitude Sin.

We are not to hate One Another.

So here is a declaration to all Jews through all history.

Yet Jesus Christ tells us that in The Tribulation
“Jews will hate other Jews and will betray them over to death.”

4. In our study of the Gospel of John 15, the world order (cosmos) hates Jesus Christ and hates God and hates His people (the Jews) and hates Christians.

And often this fits our fundamental understanding of hatred--

**Hate is a personal feeling
directed toward the object independent of its qualities.**

Most of those who would admit to hating God, Jesus Christ and Christians and Jews, could not articulate a rational reason for their hatred. They have hated him all their lives and in most cases their parents and great grandparents hated God and the Jews.

Psalms 83:2

*2 For, behold, Thine enemies make an uproar;
And those who hate Thee have exalted
themselves.*

Note two things here:

- 1) first they hate God and then
- 2) they exalt themselves.

With this in mind, look at Romans 1:21-22.

21 *For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

22 *Professing to be wise, they became fools,*

Another passage that is difficult for many Jews and Christians:
Luke 6: 22

22 *"Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. not because of some wrong you have done; but because you are a Christian.*

So again it is not the Jew nor the Christian that they hate but it is God and Jesus Christ.

5. They know there is judgment waiting on them,
for this is declared in Deuteronomy 32:41

If I sharpen My flashing sword, and My hand takes hold on justice, I will render vengeance on My adversaries, and I will repay those who hate Me.

Psalms 81:15

Those who hate the Lord (Jesus Christ) would pretend obedience to Him; and their time of punishment would be forever.

6. Jesus Christ tells us that the world will hate us, and this is one reason we are to love One Another, **but** what are we to do about this **hatred from the world?**

1st, and don't be shocked!

Many are so upset when policies are passed in America and by the world against Christianity;... why are you shocked?

We are told by Jesus Christ that they hate us. You can give thanks that it took this long in American history for Satan to finally get America to show it's hatred of God and Jews and of Christians.

But what are we to do about it?

Not try to change their minds...

- they do not even know why they hate Jesus Christ or Jews or Christians for that matter
- their hatred is ***inveterate****

*(set, fixed, rooted)

So 1 don't be shocked

- 2 don't return hatred for hatred
- 3 don't retreat from your love of the Lord, of Bible, Bible class, etc.
- 4 on the positive side: pray

Psalms 9:13-16

- 13 *Be gracious to me, O LORD; See my affliction from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death, eternal salvation*
- 14 *That I may tell of all Your praises, That in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in Your deliverance.*
- 15 *The nations have sunk down in the pit which they have made; by their rejection of the Messiah and hatred of God In the net which they hid, their own foot has been caught.*
- 16 *The LORD has made Himself known;*

*He has executed judgment. In the work
of his own hands the wicked is snared.
Higgaion Selah.*

Higgaion = a murmur, hum, a low vibrant sound,
a sound of meditation, deep reflection;
it denotes thinking along any line of startling truth that has just been
presented.

Selah = is used to denote **rest** tranquility, at rest, pause and
think. But our point is in verse 16.

So what should be do when hated by the world?

---Pray not get vengeance or get away, by retracting from our faith.

7. Another thing we should do is to stay away from those who
hate God as much as is possible:

2 Chronicles 19:2

*And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went
out to meet him and said to King
Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked
and love those who hate the LORD and so
bring wrath on yourself from the LORD?"*

Psalms 26:5

I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

Note here that his hatred is based on the character of those he hates.

8. We are to hate evil, due to its inherent abomination;
Psalms 97:10

Hate evil, you who love the Lord, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 119:104

*From Thy precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.*

Amos 5:15

Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the gate!

Perhaps the Lord God of hosts May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Question Here Is

WHAT IS EVIL?

Most fundamentally, evil is defined as any distortion of the gospel!

Adding to it,

Subtracting from it;

If by **your gospel** “one could not be saved”
–YOU ARE IN EVIL–!!