Doctrine of Anti-Semitism

- 1. The concept of Anti-Semitism is first found in Genesis 12:1-3.
 - Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
- 2. The principle of Anti-Semitism is discussed in Zechariah 2:8. Simply stated, any entity that is hostile to the Jew and seeks to hurt the Jew will be punished for it.
 - Zechariah 2:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.
- 3. Nations and empires have been destroyed for being anti-Semitic, and nations have been blessed for being kind to the Jews.

Nations and Empires Disciplined or Destroyed for Anti-Semitism

Assyrians

• Babylonians

Syrians Under the SeleucidsRomans Under Herod and others

• Spain Under Ferdinand, Isabella and the Inquisition

France

• England After the Alfred Dreyfus Affair

Special Note.

In 1894, Captain Alfred Dreyfus—the only Jewish member of the French general staff—was accused and convicted of spying for Germany. He was sent to Devil's Island. Dreyfus was eventually exonerated of all charges, a decade later, but only after strenuous protests on his behalf. The case was widely followed in the US due in large part by the writings of Emile Zola who championed the cause of freeing Dreyfus.

Nations Blessed for Not Being Anti-Semitic

•	Blessed.	Persia	During the days of Cyrus the Great and Darius
•	Blessed.	Greece	During the days of Alexander
•	Blessed	Rome	During the days of Julius Caesar
•	Blessed.	France	During the days of Napoleon

Blessed. England During the days of William the Conqueror in 1055, later under Cromwell, and then during the reign of Queen Victoria to the Balfour Declaration of 1917
Blessed. America From 1609 to the Constitution to the present

4. In order for Anti-Semitism to be present, there must be an understanding of the true Israel of God, and hostility to the same. The Scriptures set forth three facets of Israel.

Three Concepts of Israel

- Racial Israel refers to anyone who has the genes of Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob.
- Religious Israel refers to all those, Jews and Gentiles, that honored the Law of Moses and kept the Law. In Matthew 23 Jesus condemned religious Israel for being self-righteous.

Matthew 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

• Regenerate Israel refers to those Jews and Gentiles that have the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Not all Israel is Israel in the sight of God.

Romans 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. 10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; 11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) 12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. 13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

- 5. Anti-Semitism shows contempt for the racial Jew, the religious Jew, and the regenerate Jew. There are many prominent individuals who are anti-Semitic.
 - H. L. Mencken (1880-1956). An American journalist wrote, "The Jews could be put down very plausibly as the most unpleasant race ever heard of."
 - George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950). An Irish playwright and co-founder of the London School of Economics said, "Stop being Jews and start being human beings."
 - Henry Adams (1838-1918). An American historian declared, "The whole rotten carcass is rotten with Jew worms."

- H.G. Wells (1866-1946), an English writer and historian wrote, "A careful study of anti-Semitism, prejudice and accusations might be of great value to many Jews, who do not adequately realize the irritation they inflict."
- Denis Diderot (1713-1784), a French philosopher and writer, declared that the Jews are a "brutish people, vile and vulgar men."
- Theodore Dreiser (1871-1945), an American novelist and journalist, dismissed the Jews by saying that, "New York is a 'kike's dream of a ghetto. Jews are not pure Americans for they lack integrity."
- T. S. Eliot (1888-1965). An English essayist, publisher, playwright, literary and social critic. His literary works were still anti-Semite, even after the Holocaust of World War II.
- Immanuel Kant (1724-1804). An ordained clergyman, a philosopher, and one of the foremost thinkers of the Enlightenment. Commenting on the Jews, Kant said, "The Jews still cannot claim any true genius, any truly great man. All their talents and skills revolve around stratagems and low cunning ... They are a nation of swindlers."

Special Note.

The list of famous anti-Semites is found in many nations, over many centuries, to the present hour. Those who are interested can pursue the following individuals: Tacitus; Cicero; William Shakespeare; Voltaire; Adolf Hitler; Edward VIII (the Duke of Windsor); Alexander Pushkin, the Russian author of the Romantic era; Pierre Renoir, a gifted French artist; Thomas Edison, an American inventor; Henry Ford, the American automobile maker distributed half a million copies of a four volume set titled "The International Jew". He also published a very disturbing anti-Semitic document titled, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" published in 1903; Richard Wagner, German composer whose music inspired Adolf Hitler, and played in the death camps during World War II.

- 6. As tragic as Anti-Semitism is, there is good news. When a Jew accepts Christ as Savior, he ceases to be a Jew, and is placed in the body of Christ. When a Gentile accepts Christ as Savior, he ceases to be a Gentile, and is placed in the body of Christ.
 - Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 7. A Jew must be evaluated or judged in several ways.
 - A Jew must be evaluated with fairness as an individual member of the human race.
 - A Jew must be evaluated within the context of the Jewish nation. A study of Zionism is proper as well as the beliefs and politics of the nation of Israel which was stabled in 1948.
 - A Jew must be evaluated by their loyalty to the country in which they reside.
 - A Jew must be evaluated as an internationalist. The works of Karl Marx and Frederick Engles, who were Jews, and gave the world communism.

- A Jew must be evaluated as a Christian.
- 8. The future of the Jews is not addressed in the New Testament apart from the gospel. If a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ they shall be saved. Those who reject Christ shall be lost.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- 9. Anti-Semitism will be judged like any other sin at the judgment seat of Christ.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.