

The New Anti-Semitism

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The sermon warns of the increasing spread of anti-Semitism, which is no longer confined to the margins of society, and cautions against the dangers of unchecked hatred.

Scripture: Genesis 12:3, Deuteronomy 28:10, Psalm 83:4, Isaiah 54:17, Jeremiah 30:7, Ezekiel 37:21-22, Zechariah 2:8, Matthew 24:9, Romans 11:1-2, Revelation 12:17

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Description

Art Katz addresses the alarming rise of anti-Semitism, which he describes as 'the new anti-Semitism,' highlighting its resurgence in mainstream society, including universities and social movements. He notes that this form of anti-Semitism is not only more widespread but also more accepted, with individuals openly expressing hostility towards Israel and the Jewish people. Katz draws parallels to historical events, warning that societal attitudes can shift dramatically and rapidly, as seen in Nazi Germany. He emphasizes the need for vigilance and preparedness as these sentiments become more commonplace, suggesting that we are approaching a critical time for the Jewish people, referred to as the Time of Jacob's Trouble.

Transcript

We all know that anti-Semitism is increasing in remarkable leaps and bounds. The Jews call it the new anti-Semitism. What makes it new, ironically, is that there is a reviving of the allusions to Jews requiring Gentile children's blood in order to mix in with their matzo and other ceremonial things. This is an unbelievable, medieval, old wives' tale being resurrected. What makes the anti-Semitism new is that it is no longer confined to the gutter elements of society, but finds expression at university level, trade union movements, peace groups, and even ecological, green groups.

These are all in agreement that Israel is the enemy of mankind. It is new both in who are the proponents of it and the great numbers that are voicing it.

The spread of this new anti-Semitism is like a blight covering the earth. Nations and groups who have normally been sympathetic to Israel are becoming openly hostile, bitter and defiant. They are speaking in ways we would not have thought possible five or ten years ago. It shows how radically the whole social climate can be changed.

As students of recent modern history, we should not be shocked. We know what came over the land of the great giants of Western liberal civilization-Germany. That nation went down like the proverbial deck of cards with the advent of the phenomenon of Nazism. In other words, the world's mood and disposition can change overnight. I am beginning to sense that it is in the process of that change.

Therefore, we need to brace ourselves, as it were, and expect to find expression of anti-Semitism in places that would seem unlikely.

Take, for example, the episode of Mel Gibson (the producer of the film *The Passion of Christ*) being stopped for speeding/drinking in California. He accosted the cop and asked him if he were a Jew, and, in fact, he was. Gibson is quoted as saying to him that the Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world. Gibson then went on to be publicly humiliated over his outburst. He was not expressing something new; anti-Semitism was always latent in his soul. It only found expression through the release of alcohol.

More and more we should be expecting such outbursts, and people will soon find that they are no longer embarrassed to hear anti-Semitic remarks being made. It will become more frequent in conversation. At university levels, at places in society where we would have thought they were beyond any propensity toward anti-Semitism, it is becoming prevalent. In other words, the atmosphere is being set for the soon-coming Time of Jacob's Trouble.

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