Today's Jews and Messiah Christ Jesus

'The Steinberg brothers had the contract for painting the interior of the cathedral. While painting, they saw a ceremony rehearsal in the chancel that they were not familiar with. Father O'Riley explained that it was a rehearsal of the ceremony in which seven young women would become nuns. He said, "First the young women are novices then novitiates; then they are married to Christ and given a wedding ring, and they become full-fledged nuns". The Steinberg brothers asked if they could come and Father O'Riley said, "By all means". When the Steinbergs came to the door of the nave, the ushers were puzzled. The brothers asked to be seated to the right. They explained, "[We're] relatives of [the] groom".' // Well, yes, technically correct. Lord Jesus was a Jewish man, in the lineage of Abraham, and more illustriously, of King David himself, through both his mother Mary's and his adoptive father Joseph's ancestries. He was 100% Jewish. And therefore. He is a "blood" relative of all Jews. But did these Steinberg brothers actually know Him? Doesn't seem like it at all.

Now, of course, this was just a joke. However, the reality is many ways even worse. Many Jews, especially those in orthodox families, may have never heard of Christ Jesus, or worse, know Him as some false God of Christians, the very people who have through the centuries all too often violently persecuted and oppressed the Jews. Numerous pogroms and forced conversions to Christianity occurred throughout Europe long before Adolf Hitler arose in Germany. Vehement anti-semitism was supported even by Martin Luther in his later years. Hitler even quoted Luther's writings to support his evil attempts to exterminate all Jewry during World War II. Thus it should be no wonder that many Jews are wary of Christians, or even downright hostile to us as they hold us at least partially responsible for the Holocaust.

However, many other Jews have experienced the love of their unknown Messiah, Jesus, Yeshua, from His followers, Biblebelieving Christians. Particularly after the October 7th, 2023 invasion by Hamas from the Gaza strip which resulted in the massacre of 1,195, nearly all Jews, and the taking of some 250 hostages, most now dead, while perhaps a couple dozen or so still survive in Hama's underground tunnels. Many Jews are now coming to recognize that the only friends they have in the world are Bible-believing Christians. And they are correct. And this is according to God's plan from the beginning in Christ Jesus. The Jews were always supposed to represent God to all the world, and transmit His Word, His Law, to all peoples. Well, as God marked them with His identity, though they mostly failed to transmit His identity and law to the world, still they remain unmistakably different and unique from all other peoples in the world. Miraculously, they have survived as a distinct group through thousands of years of exile, oppression, and attempts at annihilation. After 1,878 years, the prophecy in Isaiah 66:8 came true. The new, reestablished state of the Jews, Israel, was born, on May 15, 1948. Only people blind to the truth will argue otherwise.

Speaking of people blind to truth. I recorded some local TV news broadcasts to see their coverage of yesterday's events. I was aghast at the numbers of fools, the Biblical term, that had gathered downtown, and in various other places to protest against "straw men", imagined grievances, and "trumped up" injustices. Organized by a supposed grassroots movement called "No Kings", the supporters are afflicted with advanced cases of Trump Derangement Syndrome. What they don't realize is that they are all pawns of the very exploitive billionaires they believe they oppose. But those same financiers of these supposed grassroots protests are themselves pawns of the devil and his angels. Few realize it. It's a spiritual war of good vs evil. For people like to imagine that they themselves control their lives, with full rights to do whatever they want, whenever they want. Most simultaneously supported PRIDE displays, virtue signaling their compassion and solidarity with oppressed sexual minorities in America now apparently being terrorized by the current, evil administration. They claim they are protecting freedom, democracy, and America's founding values, but the reality is they are doing the very opposite. Asserting "socialism is the future" they themselves are the enemies of America's founding values. Exactly as the Bible

warns, many times. They claim they are doing what's needed for the good of all people, when what they do hurts everyone. And most of them are unable to see any different. They think they are not only in the right, but somehow they are an oppressed *majority!* They represent "all" the people. Well, thank God that is not true!

Many claim they're protesting against yesterday's "goose-stepping" military parade spectacle in Washington, D.C. at the behest of the "dictator king" in the White House. They decry the supposed \$45 million it cost. Laughable when considering these same people would support millions and billions spent overseas promoting transgender identities and surgical mutilations. It was high time for America to have a military parade, as many countries do annually, if not more often. They do because such parades promote national unity and encourage public sacrifice for the national good. Which is something America is in dire need. Which made it even more distressing that it was not broadcast on any TV channels except C-SPAN, which few people know even exists. Such a public event, the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, was not seen to be fit for broadcast on any of our major TV networks. On purpose, undoubtedly.

Speaking of military matters, Israel launched, at long last, an attack on Iran's nuclear capabilities. Prime Minister Netanyahu announced that the strikes would continue until all nuclear production was destroyed, with the hope that Iran's tyrannical regime would be overthrown in the process, bringing freedom at last to

the Iranian people. Netanyahu is an effective leader, put in place by God. As inconceivable as the unceasing attacks on President Trump have been, Netanyahu has been suffering even more. The parallels are unmistakable. Why even former President Obama tried unsuccessfully to unseat Netanyahu. Netanyahu's personal religious beliefs are not public, it may in fact be that he is a closet believer that Lord Jesus is the Messiah. Many others in Israeli government today may hold similar thoughts. But the vast majority of Jews are oblivious to Christ Jesus.

Many will claim, as did the Pharisees and other religious leaders that Lord Jesus debated with in John 8, that they are sons of Abraham, their "father". They also claimed that only God is their father. It was a jab toward Lord Jesus having no legitimate, physical father, therefore being a bastard child, Who should be shunned and ostracized, rather than being a rabbi, for goodness sake! And here He is, claiming to have God as His Own Father, to being greater than even Abraham! No mere man can talk that way. They were right in that no mere man could be such. But they were missing the whole point. Lord Jesus was no mere man. He was God and man at the same time. He was God in man.

Nearly all the Pharisees and religious leaders refused to take Lord Jesus at His Word, which, as the Lord openly stated, rendered them children of another father, the devil, devoid of wisdom. Those same Pharisees, in the centuries following the "debacle and heresy" of the "false messiah" named Jesus' followers, began a process of slightly "massaging" the existing Bible texts to deemphasize the prophecies which too pointedly and directly were fulfilled in Christ Jesus, then created what later became the "authoritative" Masoretic text, which all Jewish Bibles today, and nearly all Protestant Bibles are translated from, where the evidences for Lord Jesus messiahship are less obvious. Even so, it's still clear that Lord Jesus is the Messiah, and He has already come once, and is getting ready even now to return, very, very soon.

For all those who have had a hand in steering people, Jews and Gentiles alike, away from the knowledge of Christ Jesus, according to what the Lord said Himself, they are all liars, children of the devil. Harsh words! But true. And not just Jews. All Gentiles who ignore, belittle, or disparage the Lord are also children of the devil. For we all have fathers. Either the devil or the Lord God. While most Jews now are unbelievers, while they still live, they must be introduced to their true Messiah, Who's already come once and is coming again. And the Bible promises, that in the soon-coming tribulation, all Jews will come to know their Messiah, and weep for having denied Him the first time. Wisdom comes solely from the Lord. And is only by Holy Spirit's wisdom that we can be "rescued from the wayward and perverse culture of this world" which unceasingly assaults us with temptations and lures to take us off the straight and narrow path, to make us ineffective in living for our Savior and Lord. Bury your heads and hearts in God's Holy Word, and help make yourself fit to be God's children!