

THE HOLOCAUST : DID GOD MAKE A MISTAKE? : PART 1

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Before I begin this discussion, I would like to make a very important point regarding my personal feelings concerning the Holocaust. Like many of you, while I am in fact what is commonly referred to as a "Baby Boomer", I had not yet been born at the time the Holocaust occurred. Nevertheless, I have taken the time as an adult to look at some of the pictures which are available online regarding that tragic event. Quite frankly, in looking at them, and then thinking back to those events which occurred so many years ago, I find myself very disturbed, sickened, sad and disgusted. The pictures are to say the least, heart-wrenching. I can't imagine how any one person -- meaning Hitler -- or any group of persons -- the Nazis as a whole -- could stoop so low, as to commit such despicable atrocities. They are indefensible and inexcusable. What happened at Auschwitz, Auschwitz II-Birkenau, Auschwitz III-Monowitz, and the dozens of other satellite camps is unnerving, and an open wound on humanity.

Now, the reason why I am sharing these thoughts with you at the very beginning of this series, is because I am going to say a few things in this series, which may be difficult for some of my readers to accept. So, I just wanted you to know beforehand, my overall feelings regarding the unimaginable suffering which occurred during the Holocaust.

Recently, while discussing the authenticity -- or the lack thereof -- of the "Protocols of the Wise Elders of Zion", one of my readers brought up the subject of the Holocaust in WWII Germany in order to point out some of the evil fruit which had resulted from the belief in said documents. Like many people who have blindly accepted the words of certain historians and the propaganda of the Zionist-controlled mass media, this person referred to the "six million innocents" who had died at the hand of Adolf Hitler during World War II. As I have made very clear in a number of my politically oriented articles, due to my personal understanding of God's Word, I do not believe that it is the responsibility of the modern Christian to become entangled in worldly affairs. There are many verses to support this view. Please consider the following examples:

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."
Matthew 6:24, KJV

"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."
Luke 16:13, KJV

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."
John 15:19, KJV

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."
John 17:14-15, KJV

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."
John 18:36, KJV

"And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the

fashion of this world passeth away."

1 Corinthians 7:31, KJV

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

2 Corinthians 4:18, KJV

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

2 Corinthians 6:17, KJV

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Philippians 2:15, KJV

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:1-2, KJV

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:"

1 Timothy 6:6-14, KJV

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of

this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

2 Timothy 2:4, KJV

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Hebrews 11:13-16, KJV

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."
James 4:4, KJV

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

2 Peter 3:14, KJV

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 John 2:15-16, KJV

However, while I do not actively participate in politics, I do have my views; and I will discuss an issue -- such as the Holocaust -- when it is in some way related to our Christian faith and heritage. While this may shock and possibly even offend some of my readers, for the record, I'm not personally convinced that six million Jewish people were slaughtered in cold blood during the second World War. Before you arrive at erroneous conclusions, allow me to continue by clarifying that I am not suggesting that no Jews were killed during that sad time. Such an absurd statement would not stand up by any means to historical scrutiny or to the currently available evidence. However, what I am suggesting is that the number of

victims has been greatly exaggerated by the Jews, and/or by their puppets, in order to use this piece of information to their own advantage.

Allow me to explain. It is my belief that the number "six million" has been carefully and intentionally etched into our minds as a sort of buzz word which, when read, heard or spoken, will create a desired response within us. It is very similar to the experiments which were carried out by noted Russian physiologist and Nobel Prize winner Ivan Petrovich Pavlov. It is from his work that we derive the term "Pavlov dog". An example of the "Pavlov dog" response is teaching a rat that it will be rewarded with a piece of cheese if it finds the correct path through the maze. By being repeatedly subjected to a certain set of stimuli, such as an electrical shock, or the sound of a bell, or a flashing light, the correct path is eventually burned into the mind of the animal.

As I point out in the series entitled "The International Jew and the Protocols of Zion", this is precisely how we non-Jews -- that is, Gentiles -- are viewed by the Jewish controllers of this present world. We are non-human. We are cattle. We are animals meant to be trained for the use of our "Jewish masters". If you find my statement in any way offensive, or hard to believe, then I urge you to conduct some personal research in order to discover the truth regarding this rather disgusting matter. To begin your study, you will find some very thought-provoking information in the "Non-BBB Articles" section of the Bill's Bible Basics website.

In the case of the Holocaust, it is my opinion that the term "six million" is intentionally used as a powerful stimuli to create a desired response within us, which is usually a combination of horror, guilt and sympathy. Horror for what Adolf Hitler did during World War II. Guilt for allowing it to happen -- that is, if you were a live adult at the time -- or guilt simply because we are a part of the white race. Sympathy for the Jewish victims and survivors of Hitler's treacherous acts. In short, the term "six million" is used to shape world opinion in favor of the Jew in order to bring about a certain result which will be advantageous to the Zionist cause.

I believe that this is the very same purpose of such things

as the various Holocaust museums which are located around the world. While the world at large would just rather forget the entire incident and place it in the past -- just like the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Viet Nam war, etc. -- the Jews obviously want to make sure that this never happens. They want to use Adolf Hitler's atrocities for as long as they possibly can, in order to reap maximum benefits from the rest of humanity and the world community. Not only that, but they are a very unforgiving people.

As I mention in a number of other articles, in a sense, the Catholic Church and certain other religions do the very same thing. Through instilling a strong sense of guilt in their members through such things as crucifixes, pictures of the crucifixion, repetitive prayers of repentance, and the gloom which accompanies some of their other rituals, these people are made to feel a certain dependence upon their particular church or organization. In the case of Roman Catholics, they are erroneously led to believe that Salvation is only to be found in the so-called "holy mother church". Thus, the cycle remains unbroken, and the Catholic faithful, regardless of their own impoverished state, continue to attend their church, and fill the coffers of their spiritual overlords.

In thinking about this idea of "six million" Jews being slaughtered by Hitler and his cronies, I was reminded of a few verses from the Old Testament. As we know from Biblical history, once ancient Israel had grown into a great nation in the lush lowland of Goshen in northern Egypt, the Lord put on the pressure in order to drive them out, so that they would obey Him and migrate northeastward to the land He had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Two years after their miraculous deliverance, when Moses performed a census of the people, excluding the Levites, the women, the young children and the old men, we are told that there were over six hundred and three thousand fighting men of twenty years of age or older. Consider the following verses:

"So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel; Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them."

Numbers 1:45-47, KJV

I think it is a fair estimate to suggest then, that after several hundred years of bondage, when the Children of Israel finally left Egypt, they were at the very least a good one million strong, and possibly more, if we include all of the women, children and old people. To continue, as I point out in "The Fruits of Disobedience", because of their sins of rebellion and unbelief, the Lord caused the children of Israel to wander in the wilderness of the deserts of Sinai for forty years until the complaining older generation had died off. This number was based on the number of days that the Tribal Elders had spied out the land of Canaan. According to the Lord's command, the only two people of that older generation who survived the ordeal of the desert, were Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jehunneh, as we can determine by the following verses:

"And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die. And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land,

died by the plague before the LORD. But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still."

Numbers 14:26-38, KJV

As the previous Scriptures reveal, all of the six hundred thousand men of war died of old age, or else they died of other causes, without having ever reached the Promised Land of Canaan. Everyone twenty years of age and older perished in the wilderness. So it seems that God may have set that age as the age of accountability in the Old Testament. It is for this reason that the Lord instructed Joshua to perform a second circumcision, as we see by the following verses:

"And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised. For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey."

Joshua 5:4-6, KJV

So basically, what we see here, is that during that forty year period of wandering in the wilderness, due to their disobedience and unbelief, the Lord slew about the same number of men who had initially come out of Egypt; that is, around six hundred thousand people. If you take the time to read articles such as "The Fruits of Disobedience", "The Children of God and Politics" and "The Seven Heads", you will discover that every time the Children of Israel went astray, the Lord severely dealt with them by permitting their foreign enemies to come in and chastise them. In some instances -- such as with the Babylonian invasions -- this chastisement included many years of slavery. Following the Seventy Years of Captivity, we are told in the Book of Ezra that some fifty thousand people returned to rebuild the city of Jerusalem, as we can determine by these verses:

"Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city . . . The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, Beside their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women."
Ezra 2:1, 64-65, KJV

Moving up several hundred years in history to the First Century, we discover that in 70 A.D., General Titus -- who was the son of Emperor Vespasian, and a future Emperor of the Roman Empire himself -- invaded Jerusalem with his Roman legions, along with the assistance of his local allies, such as King Herod Agrippa II. This development, of course, was in direct fulfillment of Jesus' own words, which we find in Matthew chapter twenty-four -- and elsewhere -- as we see by the following group of verses:

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."
Matthew 23:37-24:2, KJV

"And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."
Mark 13:1-2, KJV

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her

brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Luke 13:34-35, KJV

"And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down . . . And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh."

Luke 21:5-6, 20, KJV

"Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, THE HOUR COMETH, WHEN YE SHALL NEITHER IN THIS MOUNTAIN, NOR YET AT JERUSALEM, WORSHIP THE FATHER. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

John 4:20-24, KJV

As I explain in some of the aforementioned articles, as well as in "Abomination of Desolation: Explained!", this Roman invasion was clearly yet another chastisement from the Lord, due to the sins of rebellion and unbelief of the Jewish people; and specifically because the self-righteous Jews had murdered the very Son of God. In fact, in this case, they asked to be judged for their own sins when they foolishly and hatefully cried out during Jesus' trial before the judgment seat of Pontius Pilate:

". . . His blood be on us, and on our children."

Matthew 27:25, KJV

As a result of this vicious attack by the ruthless Imperial Roman forces, in accordance with Jesus' own prophecy, the Second Temple -- or Herod's Temple, as it is also known -- was totally destroyed, and the population of Jerusalem was slaughtered. Different sources I have read state that during an approximate three and a half year period -- or half of

the First Jewish-Roman War -- somewhere between six hundred thousand and one million Jews may have been killed by Rome's armies, or else they succumbed to such things as starvation, disease, treachery and other causes. I suppose we will never know the true number as it is lost to history. For the sake of argument, let us assume that it was one million.

Keeping in mind the previous figures, let us move up now to our current day. As I explain in "The Seven Heads" series, as late as the early nineteenth century, the population of Jerusalem was under ten thousand inhabitants. This was due primarily to the various invasions and occupations by the Muslims and the so-called "Christian" Crusaders, which had reduced the Jewish population to only a few souls. If we consider the reasons for all of the previous invasions, as they are found in the Bible, then I think that it is only fair to conclude once again that these too must have been due to the Lord's hand of chastisement against a rebellious and unbelieving people who repeatedly rejected their very own Messiah.

According to online sources, by the middle of the nineteenth century, the Jewish population of Jerusalem had risen to some five thousand souls. As I update this series today at the beginning of 2017, the total population of the state of Israel is estimated at 8,600,000 inhabitants. According to those same sources, the global population of full-blooded Jews is estimated at around fourteen to fifteen million.

Now, let me ask you a very simple, honest question for your consideration. Based on all of the previous examples of God's chastisements against the Jews, and the numbers involved, doesn't it seem rather odd to you that in a matter of a few years, Adolf Hitler was successfully able to massacre six million of these people? In other words, we are being asked to not only believe that he killed what amounts to what was the entire population of Israel just a few years ago, but we are also being asked to believe that the world was not privy to it, or else that it simply turned a blind eye to this hideous act and allowed Hitler to get away with it for a time. In fact, the Wikipedia website states the following regarding what was going on at the Auschwitz concentration camp:

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"The Allied Powers refused to believe early reports of the atrocities at the camp, and their failure to bomb the camp or its railways remains controversial."

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So again, doesn't the number six million seem to defy logic? Doesn't it seem to be exaggerated for the very same purposes I described earlier? I will leave it up to you the reader to come to your own conclusions. However, before you decide to cling to that erroneous belief, be advised that I have yet to reveal my strongest reason for doubting the six million figure, and it is a Bible-based reason.

The next point I wish to address is the fact that this particular reader referred to the slaughtered Jews as "innocents". I have several reasons for having a difficult time accepting his perspective. First among them, of course, is the fact that we are all sinners before the eyes of God, as can easily be proven by verses such as the following:

". . . The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

Psalms 14:1, KJV

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

Psalms 51:5, KJV

"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."

Ecclesiastes 7:20, KJV

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

Romans 3:10, 23, KJV

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us . . . Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Romans 5:8, 12, KJV

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:11, KJV

"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

Romans 8:10, KJV

"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"

Ephesians 2:5, KJV

"Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come . . . I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

John 8:21, 24, KJV

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

1 John 1:8-10, KJV

As can be clearly seen by the previous set of verses, we are all, without exception, born in sin. We all start out on equal footing before God. He alone is the one Who determines innocence and guilt, and not we mere humans.

Please go to part two for the continuation of this series.

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THE HOLOCAUST : DID GOD MAKE A MISTAKE? : PART 2

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God's Wrath Upon Rebellious Unbelievers, Jewish Guilt And Level Of Rebellion, The 1977 Anti-Missionary Bill, Look Beyond Human Reasoning, God's Often Unseen Divine Purposes, Divine Chastisement And Self-Delusion, Wicked Human Heart, Self-Deception Of Ancient Israelites, I Tell It Like It Is, God's Ways Are Past Finding Out, God's Absolute Power And Control Over His Creation, God's Divine Protection, When God Chastises With His Wrath, God's Servant King Nebuchadnezzar, The Greater Sin, No Sugar-Coated Politically Correct Spin In My Work, Ages-Old War Of Words, A Fierce Battle Of The Mind

Continuing our discussion from part one, the only innocence, and the only righteousness that we can possibly ever claim, is through faith in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. If we reject Jesus' loving Sacrifice -- as millions of Jews have repeatedly done since thousands of years ago -- then we have nothing to look forward to but wrath, and death, as is born out by the following group of verses:

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John 3:36, KJV

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God . . . For our God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 10:31, 12:29, KJV

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat:"

Matthew 7:13, KJV

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23, KJV

"The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in

the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Psalms 1:4-6, KJV

"How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger. They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away."

Job 21:17-18, KJV

". . . he that cometh after me . . . will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:11-12, KJV

". . . He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 13:37-42, KJV

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;"

Romans 1:18, KJV

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

Ephesians 5:6, KJV

Exactly how bad is the Wrath of God? The following group of verses which are found in the Book of Revelation make it rather clear for everyone. As I explain in other articles, it is my personal belief that many -- if not all -- of the verses below pertain to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple compound in 70 AD, in the middle of the First

Jewish-Roman War. This is the destruction that was in fact prophesied to fall upon Jerusalem, by Jesus himself:

"And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

Revelation 6:16-17, KJV

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb . . . And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."

Revelation 14:10, 19, KJV

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God . . . And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever."

Revelation 15:1, 7, KJV

"And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth . . . And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

Revelation 16:1, 19, KJV

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

Revelation 19:15, KJV

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Revelation 20:15, KJV

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and

murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:8, KJV

As I mention in the "The International Jew and the Protocols of Zion" series, while I cannot prove this equivocally, I entertain the possibility that the Lord may hold the Jews more responsible than any other nation or people upon the face of this Earth, if they choose not to repent of their unbelief. This is because they have had the Truth longer than anyone else. They had Moses and the Prophets, they had Jesus Christ, and they had His Disciples. They had the very Oracles of God. The Lord even went so far as to make them the guardians of His Word.

Despite all of these things, despite being so exposed to God's Word, God's Prophets, and even the very Son of God himself, the Jews have turned out to be the most antichrist people upon the face of the Earth. They have hardened their hearts against faith in Jesus Christ for two thousand years now. For many of them, it has become a natural reaction, because they are so inbred with that negative attitude.

For those pro-Israel Christians who may not even be aware of this fact, currently, the Israelis even have one particular law on the books -- which was passed by the Israeli Knesset, or Parliament, during the Christmas week of 1977 -- which makes it illegal for Christians to proselytize in the nation of Israel. This law is referred to by some people as the Anti-Missionary Bill. So let there be no mistake regarding how ungodly the Israelis really are, despite their outward appearances, and their claims to be America's best friend in the Middle East. Don't be tricked by their deception. This is not conspiracy theory, my friends. This is both legal and historical fact, which you can very easily verify for yourself.

But that issue aside, let me be very clear about this. What happened over seventy years ago in Nazi Germany was tragic. From a human point of view, it was wrong, and unforgivable. However, what we all need to learn to do is to look beyond the physical and what is seen on the surface, and seek out their spiritual root cause. Why does God allow certain terrible things to happen? Why doesn't He just stop them?

Asking these kinds of questions can be a very difficult thing to do; particularly when it comes to extremely hard situations such as the Holocaust.

On a more personal level, most people are too proud and unwilling to analyze things when they find themselves in a particularly stressful situation. They don't want to have to admit that perhaps God is dealing with them about something. It makes them very uncomfortable. It destroys their public reputation, or else it bursts the false inflated image they have of themselves. Due to the hardness of their own hearts, they prefer to attribute God's chastisements to natural scientific causes such as meteorological patterns, tectonic plate movement, "el niño", and other things. They in fact prefer to be deceived by their own wicked hearts. If you doubt that the human heart is wicked, then please consider the following set of verses:

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Genesis 6:5, KJV

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

Jeremiah 17:9, KJV

"And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

Mark 7:20-23, KJV

This issue of self-deception, and refusing to see the hand of God in certain world events, is a subject which I discuss more at length in articles such as "Hurricane Katrina and Other Natural Disasters". But as I was saying, because folks don't want to see some ugly truth about themselves, as the Apostle Paul writes in the following verse, they heap unto themselves teachers with itching ears who will tell them exactly what they want to hear:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound

doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"

2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

It is interesting to note that this practice is nothing new. In fact, the Prophet Jeremiah informs us that the Jews have been practicing self-deception since thousands of years ago. Their very own priests lied to their faces, but the people just loved to have it so, as we see by these verses:

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

Jeremiah 5:31, KJV

"Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed."

Jeremiah 14:14-15, KJV

"Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD."

Jeremiah 23:32, KJV

"For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD."

Jeremiah 29:9, KJV

Now, if my readers expect me to be like that, then they have come to the wrong place. I have no interest in, or need for, political correctness. I constantly keep myself on guard against it in my articles, in my graphics and in my poetry. I tend to tell it like it is. I am interested only in the Truth, regardless of how many people it may offend. I am not in this ministry to gain popularity; I am in it to tell the Truth, to expose many of the lies and deceptions which now exist in the world insofar as our faith is concerned, and to

win as many to Jesus Christ as I possibly can. This has always been the primary emphasis of this ministry.

While my opinions regarding the possible reasons behind the Holocaust may be unpopular, they are nevertheless sound, Scriptural reasons, which are likewise backed by historical data. As heartbreaking as those events of the past may be, if God chose to chastise the Jews of that era, then it must be for reasons which He alone knows. It is not for us to question His ways, for as we are clearly told in the Holy Scriptures:

"As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all."
Ecclesiastes 11:5, KJV

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding."
Isaiah 40:28, KJV

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."
Isaiah 55:8-9, KJV

"Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number."
Job 9:10, KJV

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"
Romans 11:33, KJV

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."
Psalms 145:3, KJV

I also believe in the absolute Power of God. I believe that He is in control of His creation. I believe that He could have prevented the Holocaust if He had so desired. The fact

that He did not should tell us something. Do you honestly think that the Lord allowed the slaughter of an undetermined number of Jews just so one man -- Hitler -- could fill up his cup of iniquity? I seriously doubt it. I don't think the Lord is going to allow any man to kill "six million" people just so He can righteously judge that man. I think there is more here than what some people are willing to admit. Allow me to ask you the reader a question: Does God take care of His own or doesn't He? Do you believe the following verses with all your heart?:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28, KJV

"The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence . . . As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him."

2 Samuel 22:3, 31, KJV

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Psalms 18:2, KJV

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."

Psalms 20:7, KJV

"The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Psalms 34:7, KJV

"Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Psalms 55:22, KJV

"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust . . . A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

Psalms 91:2, 7, KJV

"Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield."

Psalms 115:11, KJV

"The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

Psalms 118:6, KJV

"[A Song of degrees.] I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

Psalms 121:1-8, KJV

"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe."

Proverbs 29:25, KJV

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him."

Proverbs 30:5, KJV

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Isaiah 41:10, KJV

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:31, KJV

As I said a moment ago, I believe that God is in absolute control of everything that happens on Planet Earth. He is constantly working behind the scenes, either directly, or else through His Angelic Agents, who take their orders from Him. When God releases Satan's wrath upon a people, it must

be for a very good reason. For example, when He removed His Aura of Protection, and permitted Satan to afflict Job, it was for a very specific reason: Job had some very important lessons to learn regarding humility and self-righteousness.

I have spoken about this issue in many of my articles. As I pointed out earlier, when God punished the Children of Israel throughout the Old Testament, it was because He was dealing with them regarding their sins, such as their worship of the false gods, political and religious corruption, sacrificing of their own children, etc. In like manner, I am forced to conclude that if God allowed Hitler to do what he did, even if the death toll is exaggerated, it is also for a very good reason, even if I personally do not know it or understand it.

If you are a Bible-believing Christian, then consider these points: You accept that, just as the Bible informs us, God used the Philistines multiple times to punish the Israelites when they went astray; do you not? You likewise accept that God used the Assyrians for the exact same purpose; correct? You also accept that the invasions and conquest of Israel by King Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian armies -- which in fact resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem and Solomon's Temple -- was also a Divine Act of God's Will; right?

I have mentioned before that God even referred to Babylonian Nebuchadnezzar as "my servant", simply because the king was performing God's Will. This does not mean that Nebuchadnezzar was good, and I don't believe that he was by any means. After all, he destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple, plucked the eyes out of King Zedekiah, enslaved many thousands of Jews, and on top of it all, he stole the two pillars and all of the holy vessels from the Temple. Nevertheless, he did serve as one of God's agents of wrath. Consider this verse:

"And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him."
Jeremiah 27:6, KJV

Of course, as I have also explained before, in the Old Testament, God did use certain nations to chastise Israel, but then He would turn around and chastise that warring nation as well. Then, of course, we have the Romans during the First Century. It is plain to see how spiritually off

the marker the Jews were by that time. Just reading their exchanges with Jesus makes that point very clear. So once again, God used the Romans as His vessels of wrath against the rebellious, defiant Jews who murdered their very own Savior, even though Pontius Pilate himself appears to have made some attempt to stop them. Not only that, but as you may recall, during the trial, Jesus very directly told Pilate that the Jews who had turned Him over to Pilate had "the greater sin", as we see here:

"Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar."

John 19:10-12, KJV

So much for those misguided people who try to transfer the blame from those devilish Jews to the Romans. I will believe Jesus' word any day before I will believe the words of the deceptive pro-Israel historical revisionists. How about you?

It should be clear to you by now that the things I'm sharing here are Biblical truth which absolutely no Bible-believing Christian should question; that is, unless they want to deny the Scriptures themselves. I have provided you with verse after verse in order to plainly impress upon you the Biblical validity of the various points I have been making, regardless of how difficult they may be for some of you to accept. As I said, I do not entertain political correctness in my work. I do not sugar-coat the truth. If the controllers of this world will go in one direction to deceive people, then I will go to the opposite extreme in order to tell you the truth. You will have to decide for yourself what you want to do with it.

As some of my long-time readers will know, for many years now I have been telling my readers that, whether they realize it or not, we have all been the direct targets of a very serious war of words. It is an ongoing war, the primary objective of which is to control our very thoughts and emotions, and to shape our world view. This war began in Heaven, and then was

transferred to the Earth, to the Garden of Eden. It began on Earth with the words "Hath God said". The first doubt. It is a war between Satan -- which means the adversary of God -- and God himself.

It is a war between the Devil's spiritual and human seed, and God's Heavenly Forces and the Children of Light who dwell on the Earth. Caught in between these groups are the ignorant masses who are swayed from one side to the other from day to day, as they listen to the radio, watch the television set, surf the Internet, read newspapers and magazines, listen to music, watch movies, etc. They are all tools of deception and manipulation. They are all subtle brainwashing tools which slowly poison, condition and control one's mind. Regardless of what you personally think of the Holocaust, I can assure you that your views regarding it were shaped by one of these two sides.

That is why over and over again in the New Testament, we find one war of words after another between Jesus -- who is the very Word of God -- and His vicious, vile, hate-filled enemies. In fact, this war of words continued through the Book of Acts, all the way to the end of the Bible. I have mentioned before that the Apostles Peter and Paul were very much aware of this ongoing war which sought to control men's thoughts. That is precisely why they wrote verses such as the following ones. They understood exactly where the true battle occurs, just as it occurred some six thousand years ago in the Garden of Eden when Eve first opened her mind to a doubt. Just look at how much Peter and Paul emphasize the importance of renewing, rewiring and disciplining our minds to think like Christ:

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and BRINGING INTO CAPTIVITY EVERY THOUGHT to the obedience of Christ;"
2 Corinthians 10:5, KJV

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."
Romans 12:2, KJV

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST."

1 Corinthians 2:16, KJV

"In whom the god of this world hath BLINDED THE MINDS of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so YOUR MINDS SHOULD BE CORRUPTED from the simplicity that is in Christ."

2 Corinthians 11:3, KJV

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;"

Ephesians 4:23, KJV

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS."

Philippians 4:8, KJV

"And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled"

Colossians 1:21, KJV

"For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and FAINT IN YOUR MINDS."

Hebrews 12:3, KJV

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"

1 Peter 1:13, KJV

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

1 Peter 5:8, KJV

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Foolishness Of Questioning God's Motivations Or Judging His Actions, God's Patience And Mercy, Hitler's "Final Solution" And Mass Murder Of Innocent Children, Age Of Accountability, Generational Curses, God Orders The Murder Of Both Women And Children, Jews Slay Both Women And Children In Ahasuerus Vast Empire After Haman's Plot Is Exposed, Cannibalism In Israel Following Final Babylonian Invasion, Children Who Suffer As A Result Of Sins Of Their Parents, False Claim Of Being Chosen People, Unbelieving Jews Are Antichrist, Running Afoul Of God, Jews' Poor Track Record, Christian Persecution And Martyrdom

To reiterate one of my key points, as tragic as the Holocaust may have been, to deny that God allowed those horrible events to occur, just because we personally do not understand His motivations, is to also deny His Sovereignty, and His power and control over human affairs. Are you, as a Bible-believing Christian, prepared to do that? Perhaps those Jews may have been innocent in the eyes of the people of the world who have been so often duped by Zionist propaganda and the controlled mass media; but apparently, God viewed them differently. To suggest that those people were innocent, is to indirectly say that God made a very serious mistake in allowing those events to happen.

If you really stop and think about it for a moment, it is really to criticize and judge God; and that is precisely what Satan did. Through his actions of trying to usurp God's Throne, he was basically saying "Well, if I were God, that isn't how I would do things. If it were up to me, I would run things differently." As you know, and as I explain in articles such as "Satan: His Origin, Purpose and Future",

his vile plan did not work out to well. To judge God is a very serious matter, as we can determine by such verses as the following:

"How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?"

Job 25:4-6, KJV

"Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said, Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it. Then Job answered the LORD, and said, Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?"

Job 40:1-8, KJV

"Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."

Ecclesiastes 5:2, KJV

"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"

Romans 9:20, KJV

But regarding this issue of the persecution of "six million innocents", as one of readers phrased it so many years ago, this is a very troublesome, delicate, sensitive issue. Why? Because of the people, and the age groups, who were targeted by Hitler's madness. Many of you will already know that with his "Final Solution" -- that is, Hitler's outrageous policy of the extermination/genocide of all Jews found within the areas controlled by Germany -- he did not discriminate. What he deemed a "good" solution for one, was "good" for all the rest too. I am referring to the sad fact that so many young children were mercilessly slaughtered by the Germans during that horrible time. Gassed with pesticide. Those children

posed absolutely no threat to Hitler or his vile plans. It was simply that they were Jewish, and thus not "pure" in his view.

Ironically, as we have already seen, none of us are really pure in God's sight; yet He is ever so patient and merciful with us all, time and time again. Rather than just murder us -- Satan actually did that when he tempted Eve -- God in fact did the exact opposite when He sent His Son to die for us all, so that our relationship with Him could be restored through faith and repentance. Concerning God's Mercy, I am reminded of verses such as the following:

"But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth."
Psalms 86:15, KJV

"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23, KJV

"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."
Matthew 5:45, KJV

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."
Luke 9:51-56, KJV

"Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"
Romans 2:4, KJV

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance . . . Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;"

2 Peter 3:9, 14-15, KJV

But regarding the children who were murdered by Hitler's men, as I mentioned in part one of this series, the impression I receive from the Scriptures is that God has set a certain age where He begins to hold people morally responsible for their actions and sins. In the case of the murmuring Israelites who were forced to wander in the wilderness for forty long years, the cut-off age was twenty. So in that regard, yes, I believe all of those murdered children may very well indeed be viewed as "innocents". While they were obviously born with a sinful nature, just like the rest of us, unlike their parents, many of them had not yet reached an age of accountability where they could really make an informed, mature decision regarding Jesus Christ. We also know that Jesus dearly love children, as we see by verses such as the following:

"And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3, KJV

"Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence."

Matthew 19:13-15, KJV

Yet at the same time, there is another side to the coin; and it is a very hard Biblical truth which some of you may find rather difficult to accept. We discover this truth in a verse that is found in the Book of Numbers. Consider the following:

"The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation."

Numbers 14:18, KJV

I have read and contemplated this verse a number of times over the years, including looking up some of the original Hebrew words which are used in it. My current understanding of the verse is that it is saying two contrasting things. On the one hand -- and similar to the previous verses I shared with you -- it is saying that God is very patient -- that is, longsuffering -- and merciful. Yet on the other hand, this verse also appears to be saying that not only will He find the guilty parties guilty, and not just overlook their guilt, but He will in fact punish the children of the guilty party for up to three or four generations after that, if the sin that was committed is serious enough.

I believe that this is what some people have referred to as "generational curses". Now, if there is any truth to this, and if I have understood the previous verse correctly, then it might possibly explain why God may have turned away, even though young children were being victimized by Adolf Hitler and his devilish cohorts until the Allied Powers put a stop to it. As I said, this is a very sensitive issue, even for me, and I am likewise trying to understand why God allowed this to happen to those little ones. It is not as if they personally had committed some grievous sin against God.

If you have read my controversial article entitled "God of Peace, God of War", then you will know that the wholesale murder and genocide of young children is one of the most difficult Biblical issues for me to grasp and accept. I am referring to the fact that, according to the Scriptures, God ordered the invading Israelites to murder both the women and children of their enemies on some occasions. Likewise, God on occasion ordered the destruction of both Israelite women and children when the Israelites were extremely backslidden from the Lord. I won't hide the fact that this Old Testament harsh version of God is hard for me to accept, even as a long-time Christian. Consider the following sample verses:

"Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. And the LORD our God delivered him before us;

and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people. And we took all his cities at that time, and UTTERLY DESTROYED THE MEN, AND THE WOMEN, AND THE LITTLE ONES, of every city, we left none to remain: Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took."

Deuteronomy 2:32-35, KJV

"So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many. And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, UTTERLY DESTROYING THE MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN, of every city. But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves."

Deuteronomy 3:3-7, KJV

"And the children of Israel took all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire. And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts . . . Now therefore KILL EVERY MALE AMONG THE LITTLE ONES, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves."

Numbers 31:9-11, 17-18, KJV

"Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife. And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore; And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel? And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death. And the

children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives? And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabeshgilead to the assembly. For the people were numbered, and, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead there. And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead with the edge of the sword, WITH THE WOMEN AND THE CHILDREN. And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man."

Judges 21:1-11, KJV

"He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: LET NOT YOUR EYE SPARE, NEITHER HAVE YE PITY: SLAY UTTERLY OLD AND YOUNG, BOTH MAIDS, AND LITTLE CHILDREN, AND WOMEN: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city."

Ezekiel 9:1-7, KJV

In the story of Queen Esther, we are informed that after evil Haman's murderous plot against the Jews had been exposed, Esther convinced King Ahasuerus to give the Jews permission

to kill those people within the king's vast empire who posed a serious threat to the Jews. The king acquiesced to Esther's petition, and his permission included killing both women and young children, as we see by the following verses:

"And he [Mordecai] wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries: Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace. And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour. And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them."

Esther 8:10-17, KJV

If you are a Bible-knowledgeable Christian yourself, then you will probably also know that following God's extremely harsh judgment against Jerusalem and the rest of Israel by the forces of Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, the situation became so dire for those Jews who remained in Israel, that the Prophet Jeremiah informs us in the Book of Lamentations that Jewish women were even eating their own children, as we see by the following set of verses:

"Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. They that be slain with

the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field. The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people."

Lamentations 4:8-10, KJV

Isn't that absolutely pitiful and rather sickening? We all know what a person looks like when they have not slept in a while, or after they have been seriously sick for a while. We get these dark, black rings and bags under both eyes. Perhaps this is what Jeremiah means when he says that "their visage is blacker than a coal." The word "visage" is translated from a Hebrew word which means shape, form, outline, figure or appearance. These people were so skinny, that they looked like sticks with their skin tightly clinging to their bones; and their skin was probably dry and scaly, just like the bark on a branch.

Notice that Jeremiah says that they were suffering so much from a slow death by starvation -- or pining away -- that those Jews who had died by the Babylonian sword were more blessed, because at least their suffering had ended in a moment. Finally, we come to the last part of the verses. Just as the rebellious Jews had sacrificed their very own children in the Valley of Hinnom to the false god Molech, now they were being forced to kill, cook and eat them, in order to survive the famine. While the Hebrew word that is used in that verse is translated as "sodden", the Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew Aramaic English Lexicon states that what it actually means is to boil, cook, bake or roast. Truly, the rebellious Jews had reaped exactly what they had sown to the full.

As I said, all of this can be extremely difficult to accept; particularly the part regarding God ordering the murder of women and young children. Not only does it reveal how stern, harsh and unforgiving of a Father our God can be when we are extremely backslidden and rebellious in His sight, but it likewise sheds some light on why He may have allowed some of the Jewish children to perish -- along with their parents -- during the Holocaust and Hitler's "Final Solution". In short, as we learned in an earlier verse, sometimes the children are forced to suffer the same punishment as their rebellious parents.

Now, concerning the unbelieving Jews in general, they may claim that they are still God's chosen people, but in my view, and as I have clearly explained in a number of other articles, according to the Scriptures, until they repent of their rebellion and unbelief, they are ungodly, and they are antichrist. They cannot possibly make the ridiculous claim of being God's chosen, when they outright reject, mock, and take in vain the name of Jesus Christ. Contrary to what some popular -- but seriously misguided -- pro-Israel preachers like John Hagee and CUFI may claim, if anything, I suspect that God has now turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to their cries. How can He possibly bless their staunch rebellion and disobedience? That is why they must now depend upon the arm of the flesh and their military might to defend themselves against their enemies in the Middle East.

As cruel and as heartless as my remarks may sound to some people -- particularly to some of my pro-Israel Christian friends -- what I have stated is nevertheless a Scriptural truth which any openminded person can discover, if they are willing to seriously study the Bible. To give you an idea of what I am referring to, consider the following verse group. Jesus and the Apostles had nothing good to say about their unbelieving brethren:

"Ye [speaking to the Jewish leadership] are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
John 8:44, KJV

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."
Matthew 23:15, KJV

"In whom the god of this world [Satan] hath blinded the minds of them [the Jews] which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

". . . Did ye [speaking to the unbelieving Jews] never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected [meaning the Jews rejecting Jesus], the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, [from the Jews] and given to a nation [God's new born-again Christian nation] bringing forth the fruits thereof. [meaning the fruits of true repentance]"

Matthew 21:42b-43, KJV

"For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost."

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16, KJV

"And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom [the Jews who falsely claim to be God's "Chosen People"] shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 8:11-12, KJV

"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."

Revelation 2:9, KJV

"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."

Revelation 3:9, KJV

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

1 John 2:22, KJV

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is

come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

1 John 4:3, KJV

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."

2 John 1:7, KJV

As I have already made quite clear to you since part one of this series, when a person, or a nation, rejects God's love and Salvation through His Son; when a person or a country blatantly defies God's Laws, and His prescribed manner of behavior, and creates their own laws, and follows their own rules of conduct, sooner or later, they are going to run into serious trouble with the Lord. When that happens, and unless they repent, sooner or later, His Wrath is going to fall upon them. For some people, it seems that this may happen in this current life, if they are evil enough.

In the case of the Jews, the Bible is quite clear that they have had a very bad track record with the Lord for literally thousands of years now. As we have already seen, God has been dealing with them non-stop since the Old Testament. You can count them yourself. At least three Diasporas, and the city of Jerusalem and the Temple destroyed twice. What more does it take to get the message behind this? Do you honestly think that all of a sudden God has just stopped dealing with the Jews for some mysterious reason because we are now living in the Twenty-First Century? Do you think that He has stopped working in the world because the pages of the Bible ended almost two thousand years ago?

In light of everything I have shared here thus far, I have considered that some people might argue, "Well, what about the Prophets who died during the Old Testament era? What about all of the Christians who died as a result of harsh Roman persecution during the First Century, and in the first few centuries after that time as well? What about all those Christians who were tortured and died due to the Catholic Inquisitions? What about all the Christians who have died in foreign countries since then? Was God dealing with them as well? Did He remove His Protection from them due to their sins against Him?"

Quite frankly, I think that such questions are totally unrelated to our current discussion regarding the Holocaust. In my view, to lump Christians and non-believers together in one pile is not only grabbing at straws, but it is also an error in judgment. I discuss the topic of persecution against Christians in articles such as the four-part series entitled "Civil Disobedience and Christian Persecution". As the Apostle Paul and others clearly point out, when those early Prophets and then the Christians died at the hands of their enemies, they were martyrs for the Faith. They died for the testimony of Jesus Christ, as we can easily determine by these sample verses:

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another."

Matthew 24:9-10, KJV

"But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls."

Luke 21:12-19, KJV

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me."

John 15:18-21, KJV

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:"

2 Timothy 2:12, KJV

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

2 Timothy 3:12, KJV

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth . . . And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

Hebrews 11:13, 39-40, KJV

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:"

Revelation 6:9, KJV

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

Psalms 116:15, KJV

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Continuing our discussion from part three, just as we look back two thousand years in faith to Jesus Christ, Believers in the Old Testament looked forward in faith to the same. They knew who Jesus was. In fact, the Prophet Daniel saw our Heavenly Father and Jesus together in a Celestial Vision, as we can easily determine by the following two verses:

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire . . . I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him."

Daniel 7:9, 13, KJV

The point then is this: All of God's holy children from the Prophets of the Old Testament era to the Christians of today who have lost their lives to the sword of persecution in one form or another, have done so due to their faith in Jesus Christ and God's Word.

Now let us honestly ask ourselves a question. Did the Jews who died during the Holocaust die for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ? In most cases, the answer is probably not. We

can attribute their tragic deaths to Adolf Hitler's insanity. We can attribute their deaths to the racial prejudice of the times. We can attribute their deaths to the fear surrounding the "Protocols of the Wise Elders of Zion". We can attribute their deaths to other socio-political motivations. However, we most certainly cannot attribute their deaths to faith in Jesus Christ. As such, to even compare Christian persecution and martyrdom to Jewish persecution during World War II is wrong and misguided, in my view.

In light of this fact, and the many other points I have presented in this series, this leads me to an interesting Scriptural conclusion. If all previous persecutions against the Jews were the result of God's scourge upon a wicked and unbelieving people, a people who still falsely claim to be His "Chosen People", even though they reject their very own Messiah, then it is reasonable to assume that regardless of how vile and despicable the Holocaust may appear in the eyes of the world, what Adolf Hitler did was simply more of the same.

In other words, as hard as it may be for some of you to grasp or swallow, Adolf Hitler may have served God's purposes, just as King Nebuchadnezzar did, just as General Titus did, etc. Where is the difference? In short, God used man's own wicked heart to fulfill His purposes. Not only that, but just as all of the previous persecutors of the Jews eventually reached their doom after God had used them to fulfill His Will, the very same thing happened to Adolf Hitler; unless you believe that he really didn't die in that bunker.

Likewise, it is also reasonable to assume that the Arab and Muslim nations which currently surround tiny Israel serve an important purpose as well. Despite Israel's obvious military superiority, those nations serve as a stern reminder that God's potential chastisements are not that far away. They serve notice that if the rebellious Jews push God too hard or too far, someday He may just let them have it once again. Consider what the Apostle Paul wrote in his Epistle to the brethren at Rome regarding the Lord's special "Vessels of Wrath":

"For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the

earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:"

Romans 9:17-22, KJV

So you see, some people are doomed to face God's wrath and destruction. But before that happens, He uses them in some way to fulfill His Divine Purposes. They temporarily become His vessels, to be used as He sees fit, and quite often it is to deal with His own children.

What we all need to remember is that whenever God chastises us, whether it is as individuals, or as a nation, it is a token of His Divine Love; even if we don't understand it at the time. A small child doesn't always understand a parent's motivations. He may even hold a grudge against that parent for chastising him. But hopefully, eventually that child will come to realize that the parent punished him for his own good, because he truly loves him and wants to see him turn from the error of his ways. This is precisely what the Apostle Paul tells us in the following set of verses:

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them

which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. "

Hebrews 12:5-13, KJV

Likewise in the Old Testament, we find a number of verses concerning child discipline, such as the following ones. How different the world is today where everything is so twisted around, and in many cases and places, carefully measured and administered child discipline is viewed as child abuse and a serious crime. What I find so ironic about this is the fact that the authorities then wonder why we have so many problems with our youth as they hit their teens and later years. Could it possibly have something to do with the fact that agencies legally tie our hands and intimidate us so that we are afraid to be the parents that God intended for us to be?:

"A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke . . . He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

Proverbs 13:1, 24, KJV

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

Proverbs 19:18, KJV

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6, KJV

"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."

Proverbs 23:13-14, KJV

"A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back."

Proverbs 26:3, KJV

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

Proverbs 29:15, KJV

As we have already discussed, while God's punishments may at

times appear to be overly cruel, harsh and unwarranted from a human perspective, we must always remember that, unlike corrupt Earthly judges and impatient human parents who may at times be excessive in their dealings with their children, the judgments and chastisements of our Heavenly Father are always just, righteous and equal to the crime. I would much prefer to appear in His Courts, than in the courtroom of men.

As I mention in "Are Personal Tragedies Due to Sin?", one danger which we all need to watch out for, is that we do not adopt a self-righteous attitude when we see the Lord dealing with others. After all, we could be next in line. As the old saying goes, "There but for the grace of God go I". Jesus gave an excellent example of this in the following incident that is found in the Gospel of Luke:

"There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Luke 13:1-5, KJV

Clearly then, whether we be Jew or Gentile, unless we repent of our wicked unbelief and sins, and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we will all likewise perish.

It has occurred to me that certain people may accuse me of being insensitive, simply because I dare to question how many Jews were actually slaughtered by the German Nazis under Adolf Hitler, and just don't accept the "established figure". I wouldn't be surprised to learn that some people who are reading this series will have already thrown the anti-Semitic accusation at me in their hearts. If you are such a person, then I encourage you to read my article "Accusations of Antisemitism: My Personal Response".

So let me be very clear about this. Whether it was really six million Jews, or one million Jews, or just a thousand or even ten, it was still tragic. However, what is even more

tragic, from my perspective as a Bible-believing Christian, is that God had to apparently allow it to occur in the first place. The only possible way that I cannot hold to such a statement, is to believe that God is really not in complete control of His creation. However, I am not prepared to adopt that position. The Holocaust happened for a reason. While the people who perpetrated those crimes against the Jews had their reasons -- justified or not -- God must have had His own reasons for allowing it to happen as well. Otherwise, the Holocaust would have never occurred.

I am not God; and as I stated at the very beginning of this series, I was not alive during that time. As such, I cannot provide a solid, bullet-proof answer to explain the Lord's motivations for letting the Holocaust happen, other than to suggest that it was one of many of His chastisements against the Jewish people, down through history. Stated another way, as tragic as it may be, the Holocaust simply fits the rest of the historical pattern regarding God's dealings with the rebellious Jews.

Now, while I believe that God did let the Holocaust happen, it does not mean that it did not break His heart to have to watch those people suffer that way due to their sins. We see the very same thing occurring in the Bible; particularly in the pages of the Old Testament. As I discuss in a number of other articles, such as "The Fruits of Disobedience", time and time again the Lord pleaded with the backslidden Jews to repent of their sins, and to return to their first love for Him. Consider the following verses, for example:

"Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee."

Isaiah 44:21-22, KJV

"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:"

Jeremiah 3:14, KJV

"If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my

sight, then shalt thou not remove."

Jeremiah 4:1, KJV

"Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart."

Jeremiah 24:4-7, KJV

"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

Malachi 3:7-9, KJV

Yet, as I explain in the aforementioned series, despite His pleas, those stubborn people just kept on hardening their hearts, ignoring the warnings of their own Prophets -- many of whom they even killed, as Jesus himself accused them of doing in the Gospels -- until God finally let the axe of His harsh judgments fall on them. Again, this very basic Biblical truth is plain to read in the Scriptures. There's nothing hidden about it. God extended His Patience and His Mercy as far as He possibly could, but quite often it did no good whatsoever. Those stubborn Israelites just did not seem to understand anything, other than harsh judgment. So again, in light of these other historical examples, the Holocaust does not seem so out of place. Tragic? Yes. But out of place? Definitely not.

But concerning the actual number of Jews who lost their lives during the Holocaust, in his 1985 revised, three-volume book called "The Destruction of the European Jews", Raul Hilberg -- who was a political scientist and historian, atheist, and likewise a Polish-Romanian Jew himself who lost twenty-six of

his own family members to the Holocaust -- estimated that as many as 5.1 million Jews were killed as a result of the German's genocidal "Final Solution".

Now some of you may be saying to yourselves "Well, there you go, WordWeaver. There's all the proof that you need." Well, I am sorry too, but not exactly. Mr. Hilberg -- who is now deceased -- provides me with three good reasons why I should not trust his statement. While you may do so, if you like, I am not about to trust a Jew who wants to convince me of how many fellow Jews died during the Holocaust. To me, that is like asking your cat if he really ate your pet mouse. Do you really think you are going to get the truth out of him?

Second, there is no way that I am going to trust the word of a man who did not even believe in God, and who also publicly declared himself an atheist. Third, as I stated a minute ago, Raul Hilberg lost twenty-six members of his own family to Hitler's ghastly slaughter. For me personally, that provides a very good motive for Hilberg to intentionally inflate the number of those Jews who perished during the Holocaust.

Even if you reject what I just stated, I mentioned to you in part one of this series that I have what I consider to be a very strong Bible-based reason for doubting the six million Jews figure. If you have taken the time to read some of my other articles where I discuss the events surrounding 70 AD, then you will know that Futurist-leaning Christians believe that some of the warnings and prophecies that were given by the Old Testament Prophets, by Jesus, and by the Apostles are yet to occur in our own future.

However, despite what I myself believed for a great portion of my life, in more recent years, I have become convinced by the Scriptures that certain events actually pertain to the distant past -- that is, to the First Century AD -- and that they are actually fulfilled prophecy. In particular, if you have read "Abomination of Desolation: Explained!" and "Jesus Christ's Return: Have We Been Deceived?", then you will know that one such event which I place in the past, and right in the middle of the First Jewish-Roman War, is what a lot of Christians refer to as the Great Tribulation, or Jacob's Trouble.

Now we come to the crux of the matter. Exactly what did Jesus

have to say concerning the Great Tribulation period? How did He describe it? More specifically, how did the Lord describe the severity of the Great Tribulation? Let me just show you. The answer is quite obvious:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Matthew 24:21-22, KJV

So Jesus is saying that during the Great Tribulation, the Jews would suffer more than they have ever suffered before, and that nothing will be comparable to that suffering since the very beginning of the world. But that is not all, is it? Look at those next five words: "no, nor ever shall be." In other words, the persecution, suffering and killing will be so bad, that nothing like it will ever happen again.

So are you seeing where I am leading with this? As I said, I am convinced that the three and a half year Great Tribulation occurred during half of the First Jewish-Roman War, which was a seven-year war which endured from 66 AD to 73 AD. I don't need to tell you what occurred right in the middle of that war in 70 AD, because you already know it, or at least you should know it. It fits Bible prophecy to the letter. Now, to tie this all together, let me remind you of what I said in part one regarding the death toll from the aforementioned war:

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Different sources I have read state that during an approximate three and a half year period -- or half of the First Jewish-Roman War -- somewhere between six hundred thousand and one million Jews may have been killed by Rome's armies, or else they succumbed to such things as starvation, disease, treachery and other causes.

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Are you seeing it now? Six hundred thousand to one million Jews died during the Great Tribulation period of the First Jewish-Roman War, and Jesus clearly stated that this would be -- being as the war hadn't occurred yet when He said this

-- the severest persecution that the Jews would ever face on this Earth, past or future.

So we have a very serious problem on our hands, because Raul Hilberg -- as well as many other Holocaust propagandists -- claim that 5.1 to 6 million Jews died during the Holocaust. I am sure you can see the huge contradiction we have here. If we believe what they are claiming regarding the death toll from the Holocaust, then we are basically calling Jesus a liar. We are indirectly accusing Him of being a false prophet. Of course, you know that I don't believe that for a minute.

Stated another way, there is no possible way that 5.1 to 6 million Jews could have been killed during the Holocaust, if Jesus said that the Great Tribulation period of the First Century would be the very worst, when 600,000 to one million Jews perished in different ways. We simply cannot believe both Jesus and the Holocaust propagandists. One of the figures has to be false, and intentionally inflated for reasons which I already explained in part one of this series. To reiterate that point, it is all about the Jews continuing to cast a heavy guilt complex upon the Gentile nations, so that they can continue to manipulate them. It is just that simple.

Please note that I am not saying that the Holocaust never occurred, so please don't accuse me of being one of those Holocaust deniers. There is sufficient evidence to prove it did occur. Where my dispute lies is with the Jews' fatality rate that has been assigned to the overall Holocaust, which, as we have seen, contradicts what Jesus stated in Matthew chapter twenty-four regarding the severity of the Great Tribulation period. Either the Great Tribulation period of the First Century was the very worst persecution that the Jews ever experienced, as Jesus said it would be, or else it was not. We cannot have it both ways, so you must decide what you want to believe, and who you want to believe.

If there is one final lesson I would like to emphasize in this series, it is the following, and it goes right back to what I was telling you in part two regarding the ongoing war of words. As I warned you at the very beginning of this series, while I am appalled by the vile events which were perpetrated during the Holocaust just as much as you are, I realized that there would be some things in this series

which some of you would find very difficult to accept as truth. Why is this? It is because whether you realize it or not, you have been conditioned to view the Holocaust a certain way. You have been given a distorted version of the truth.

Some of you need to stop seeing things the way that man sees them, and start seeing them the way in which God truly sees them. Sinful man's perspective is totally twisted from truth and reality in many cases. To be more blunt, the Zionist Jews, as well as other pro-Israel people want you to see and understand the Holocaust from their perspective. They are in fact master manipulators, and they are no doubt very proud of this fact. One of their tactics has always been to paint themselves as the eternal victims of everyone else, and never as the aggressors or as the perpetrators. In our more recent times, this is exactly what they have done with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which I discuss in other articles.

But concerning the Holocaust, they have done the very same thing. They have painted themselves as the victims, and blamed the whole world for what befell them over seventy years ago, and they just keep rubbing salt in the wound year after year after year. They won't just let it go. As I said earlier, the Jews are a very unforgiving people. They may smile at you, but they do not easily forget. They may call themselves your ally, but they do not so easily forget.

But returning to my main point, if you are shocked or in any way offended by what you have read in this series, it is simply because you have in fact been deceived by the master manipulators. As I said, their goal insofar as the Holocaust is concerned, is to make you feel sympathy for them, to view them as the victims, and to never ever let the thought enter your mind that perhaps God was dealing with them once again, due to their rebellion and unbelief, just as He has done so many times before down through history.

But here's the thing, my friends. If you are going to fall for that deception and view them as the innocent victims of the Holocaust, and not as the targets of God's Wrath, then in order to not be a hypocrite, you also need to view the Roman conquests, the Babylonian conquests, the Assyrian conquests,

the Philistine conquests, etc., in the very same manner. You need to deny what the Bible says regarding all of those sad situations being God's chastisements against a very wicked and rebellious people, and deceive yourself into believing that the Jews were just "innocent victims" in all of those cases. Have I gotten through to you yet?

But more to the point, the real victim here is God Himself. He gave us His very own Son two thousand years ago for the sake of our own Salvation. Yet just as Jesus cryptically told His audience in one of His many Parables, not only was the Son mistreated, but He was murdered as well. But you see, the problem isn't just that the Jews' ancestors of two millennia ago betrayed and killed their -- and our -- own Messiah. We can't blame modern Jews for what their ancient relatives did. That would be rather ludicrous. It would be like me blaming you for some horrible crime that was committed by one of your great-great-great grandfathers hundreds of years ago. It just wouldn't withstand judicial scrutiny in any court of law.

No. You see, the real problem is that the vast majority of the Jews have continued to reject Christ for the past two thousand years. That is not something they can easily pin on the unbelieving Jews of the First Century who did the same thing. In other words, as I have shared many times before, while God sometimes will judge a nation as a whole, He also views each of us, and judges each of us, as individuals. When it arrives to the point where God does judge a nation as a whole, as we have already seen with ancient Israel, then we know without a doubt that the situation has really gotten bad in a spiritual sense. In fact, perhaps that is where the United States of America is almost at today.

As I have already made clear, maybe that is why God allowed the Holocaust to happen as well. Maybe the Jews' cup of iniquity was filled up in some way. I really don't know for certain, but I do know that nothing in this life happens by mere chance, or by accident. There is a purpose and reason why God does what He does, and allows to happen whatever He allows to happen.

Now, of course, from a historical perspective, the German Nazis claimed that they had their own reasons for doing what they did. One of the big ones was the fact that according to their own speeches, they held the Jews very responsible for

instigating World War I, and they were very fearful that the Jews were at it again trying to start yet another World War, which in fact did happen. You may also want to investigate who was allegedly behind the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia as well. That is also a very interesting study.

But regardless of what we personally choose to believe, we as Christians should never lose sight of the fact that it is God who is control of each and every situation, and as we have already clearly seen, when it suits His purposes, He will use leaders and nations -- whether it is the Philistines, Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans or some other power -- as His vessels of wrath, to execute His Divine Judgments upon the people of the Earth. This is a Biblical and historical fact.

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this series, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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Abomination of Desolation: Explained!

Jesus Christ's Return: Have We Been Deceived?

Are Personal Tragedies Due to Sin?

Hurricane Katrina and Other Natural Disasters

The Fruits of Disobedience

The Children of God and Politics

The Seven Heads

Free Will And Personal Choice

Did the Devil Make You Do It?

Beholding the Evil and the Good

Backsliding, Divine Chastisement and the Divine Agreement

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Not Everyone Is a Child of God

Welcome to Greater Israel, USA!

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