

The Torah Project

Genesis 23

Genesis 23:1

~~Now Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years...~~

Now the lives of Sarah were **one hundred** years...
...and **twenty** years...
...and **seven** years.

Genesis 23:2

Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah **and to weep for her**.

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The Son is offered up

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Sarah's death and burial

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Supersessionism

a.k.a.

Replacement Theology

Two kinds: **A) Historical Supersessionism**

The Jewish people have become obsolete and passed away, and have been replaced by Christianity

B) Punitive Supersessionism

“The Chosen People of Israel have been replaced by the Church because the Jewish nation acted wickedly and has forfeited the right to be the people of God.”

Replacement Theology = Anti-Semitism

The Early Church Fathers

- **The Epistle of Barnabas** (100 AD)
- **Ignatius of Antioch** (c. 50-117)
- **Justin Martyr** (100-165)
- **Melito of Sardis** (died c. 180)
- **Irenaeus** (132-202)
- **Clement of Alexandria** (c. 150 - 215)
- **Hippolytus of Rom** (170-235)
- **Tertullian of Carthage** (155-230)

- **Cyprian of Carthage** (c. 200-258)
 - *“I have endeavored to show that the Jews ...departed from God and lost God’s favor...while the Christians succeeded to their place, deserving well of the Lord by faith, and coming out of all nations and from the whole world. We Christians when we pray, say ‘Our Father’ because He has begun to be ours, and has ceased to be the Father of the Jews, who have forsaken Him.”*
- **Origen of Alexandria** (185-254)
- **The Council of Elvira** (305)

The Turning Point – Constantine (274-337)

- “Converted” to Christianity in 306 AD
- Christianity made the official religion of the Roman Empire in 321 AD
- **Edict of Milan** in 313 AD granted favor to Christianity while synagogues were outlawed.
- **Edict of 315 AD** authorized the burning of Jews if they were convicted of breaking laws
- **Council of Nicea** (325 AD)
- **Eusebius of Caesarea** (c. 265-339)
- **Hilary of Poitiers** (c. 300-368)

Constantine's Ongoing Influence

- **John Chrysostom (349-407)**

- *“The synagogue is not only a brothel and a theater, it is also a den of robbers and a lodging place for wild beasts ... Jews are inveterate murderers possessed by the Devil. Their debauchery and drunkenness gives them the manners of a pig ... This is why I hate the Jews.”*

- **Saint Jerome (347-420)**

- Stated that Jews are “...serpents, wearing the image of Judas. Their psalms and prayers are the braying of donkeys ... They are incapable of understanding Scripture.”

- **Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (c. 340-397)**

- *“The Jews are the most worthless of all men. They are lecherous, greedy, rapacious. They are perfidious murderers of Christ. They worship the Devil. Their religion is a sickness. The Jews are the odious assassins of Christ, and for killing God there is no expiation possible, no indulgence or pardon. Christians may never cease vengeance, and the Jew must live in servitude forever. God always hated the Jews. It is essential that all Christians hate them.”*

- **Saint Augustine (354-430)**

The Middle Ages (5th to 15th Centuries)

- **Thomas Aquinas** (1225-1274)
- **Bernard of Clairvaux** (1090-1153)
- **Peter the Venerable** (c. 1092-1156)
- **Pope Innocent III** (c. 1160-1216)

These concepts were reinforced throughout the Middle Ages by:

- 1. The Crusades** (11th – 13th Centuries)
- 2. Artistic expressions**
 - a. “The Jewish Sow”
 - b. “Ecclesia versus Synagoga”
 - c. Passion plays
- 3. Blood libels**
- 4. Black Plague myths**
- 5. Distinguishing marks**
- 6. Relegation to ghettos**
- 7. Pogroms**
- 8. The Inquisition**

Martin Luther & The Reformation

(1483-1546)

In **1523** Luther sincerely believed that the Jewish people would convert *en masse* to Christianity once they were presented with a Gospel that was free of “papal paganism.”

By **1543**, Luther had reversed his views on the Jewish people and penned a pamphlet entitled “Concerning the Jews and Their Lies”, in which he called them:

- “A miserable and accursed people”
- “Stupid fools”
- “Miserable, blind and senseless”
- “Disgusting scum”
- “The great vermin of humanity”
- “Blind and venomous”
- “Devils incarnate”

He then proceeded to make the following proposals:

1. Their synagogues and schools should be burned.
2. Their houses should be destroyed.
3. Their Talmudic writings should be confiscated.
4. Their Rabbis should be forbidden to teach.
5. Their money should be taken from them.
6. They should be compelled into forced labor.

However, in his final sermon shortly before his death in **1546**, Luther preached:

“We want to treat them with Christian love and to pray for them, so that they might become converted and would receive the Lord.”

Nazism

Adolf Hitler (1889-1945)

- Referred to Luther in his book *Mein Kampf*, as a “great warrior, a statesman, and a great reformer.”
- *“Martin Luther has been the greatest encouragement of my life. Luther was a great man. He was a giant. With one blow, he heralded the coming of the new dawn and the new age. He saw clearly that the Jews need to be destroyed, and we’re only beginning to see that we need to carry this work on.”*

Julius Streicher stated at the Nuremburg trials:

“I have never said anything that Martin Luther did not say.”

For a copy of this article:

The Evil of Replacement Theology

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(NOTE SPELLING!)

Meanwhile, back in Genesis...

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Chapter 25

The "Bride" births twins

Jacob



Israel

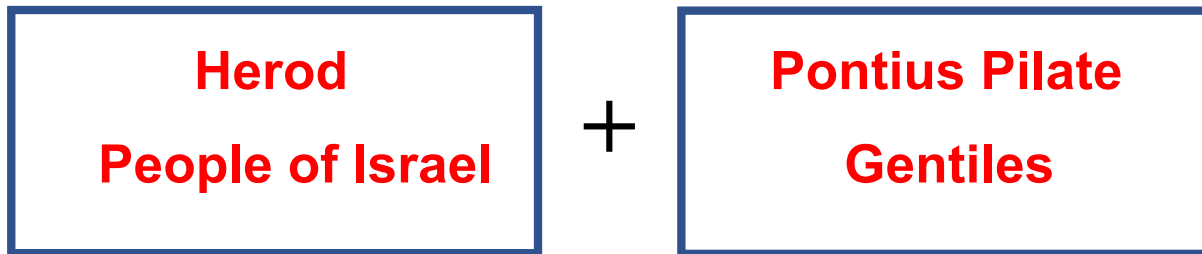
Esau



Rome

Acts 4:27

“For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Yeshua, whom You anointed, both **Herod** and **Pontius Pilate**, along with the **Gentiles** and the **people of Israel.**”



Conclusion:

Romans 11:18-33