

Is Jesus the Messiah?

Christmas

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Timing of Messiah's Arrival (continued)

10. Once Daniel's prophecies systematically were brought to a conclusion, then Israel is withdrawn from the family of nations and will remain so until the Second Advent.
11. This means that Israel's return to its homeland in May 1948 placed it and its citizens in grave danger from the sons of Hagar.
12. Their presence in Israel causes pro-Semitic Gentiles to have legitimate fear for their personal and national safety in the face of their presence in such a dangerous geographic location.
13. Anti-Semitism is again on the rise, not only in the Middle East but also in many other areas of the world. The definition of this most vile expressions of hatred is defined as:

... opposition to, prejudice against, or intolerance of the Jewish people. However, the term "Semite" encompasses much more than just the Jews. Jews are but one branch of the Semitic peoples, which include the ancient Assyrians, Medianites, Chaldeans, Moabites, Edomites, Ammonites, as well as the present Araba, Syrians, Armenians, a considerable portion of the people of Ethiopia and of the Middle East in general. To be accurate, therefore, anti-sentiment and action which has plagued history, I will continue to use the rod in the dictionary sense to refer only to the Jews. (p. 9)

The venom that renders masses of people susceptible to anti-Jewish agitation is more than fear, distrust, prejudice, insecurity, or envy. This vicious hatred reflects the angelic conflict and Satan's subsequent machinations to defeat the plan of God. No matter how nonspiritual he may be, the Jew is the center of a very real spiritual warfare.¹ (pp. 9–10)

¹ R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Anti-Semitism*, 4th ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., 2003), 9–10.

13. This concern has led to our development of a term that expresses our serious concern of the danger the Israeli people face on a daily basis.
14. This concern is centered on the return of the Jewish people back to Israel beginning in 1948 and continuing to the present hour, a movement referred to as Zionism.
15. Zionism is defined as “an international movement originated for the establishment of a Jewish national or religious community in Palestine and later for the support of modern Israel.”²
16. Zionism is opposed by most anti-Semites who support the notion that the land of present-day Israel belongs to the “Palestinians,” who daily plot to overthrow the Israeli government and undauntedly attack its citizens.
17. It is this opposition and hostility that causes those who recognize the biblical prophecy that Israel will not be allowed to return to the land until the Second Advent of Messiah.
18. To emphasize this danger I have coined a phrase to express our deep concern for the safety of the Jewish people.
19. That phrase is Zionophobia. “Zion” is defined by *Merriam-Webster* as “the Jewish homeland that is symbolic of Judaism or of Jewish national aspiration; the ideal nation or society envisaged by Judaism.”
20. “Phobia” is described by *Merriam-Webster’s* as “illogical fear of a particular object, class of objects, or situation; intolerance or aversion.”
21. We are compassionate toward the Jews desire to return to the land. We are likewise cognizant of their enemies’ age-old desire to visit genocide upon them.
22. We are thus very concerned that Zionism places the Jews in harm’s way.

² *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed., s.v. “Zionism.”

23. Therefore, Zionism is defined as: “Fear *for* the Jews who have returned to the land of Israel ahead of the Lord’s perfect timing
24. Our concern is verified and Israel’s imminent danger is confirmed by the head of Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah.³
25. His comments appeared in Charles Krauthammer’s column in last Friday’s edition of the *Post-Dispatch*:
- The funding charter of Hamas calls not just for the eradication of Israel but for the killing of Jews everywhere. Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah welcomes Jewish emigration to Israel—because it makes the killing easier: “If Jews all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide.” And, of course, Iran openly declares as its sacred mission the annihilation of Israel.⁴
26. Having chosen to occupy the land ahead of schedule means that Israel is presently out of place geographically and dispensationally as prophesied by our Lord in:
- Luke 21:20** - “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies [Roman Legions, A.D. 68–70], then recognize that her desolation is near [5th cycle].
- v. 22** - ... because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written [Daniel’s prophecy in Daniel 9:26] will be fulfilled.
- v. 24** - ... and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations [Diaspora]; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled [Rapture].

³ “Hassan Nasrallah was raised in the impoverished Karantina district of eastern Beirut. As a boy Nasrallah was an earnest student of Islam. After the outbreak of civil war in Lebanon in 1975 caused the family to flee south from Beirut, Nasrallah joined Amal, a Lebanese Shi’ite paramilitary group with ties to Iran and Syria. Soon afterward he left for Najaf, Iraq, to study at the Shi’ite seminary there. Following the expulsion of hundreds of Lebanese students from Iraq in 1978, he returned to Lebanon and fought with Amal, becoming the group’s Al-Biqā’ Valley commander. Following Israel’s invasion of Lebanon in 1982, Nasrallah left Amal to join the nascent Hezbollah movement, a more-radical force that was heavily influenced by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran. Nasrallah rose through Hezbollah’s ranks, and in 1988, when tensions with Amal flared, Nasrallah fought on the front lines. He assumed leadership of Hezbollah in 1992 after his predecessor, Sheikh ‘Abbas al-Musawi, was killed by an Israeli missile. As a leader and cleric, Nasrallah relied on charisma and subtle charm to express his message. He was not a fiery or intimidating speaker. Rather, he came across as thoughtful, humble, and at times humorous. He emphasized the importance of Arab dignity and honour” (*Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*, s. v. “Hassan Nasrallah”, accessed January 31, 2015, <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/1247955/Hassan-Nasrallah>).

⁴ Charles Krauthammer, “Auschwitz, Today: Threat to the Jewish Future Lies Not in Europe but in the Muslim Middle East,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 30, 2015, A-16. © 2015 by the Washington *Post*.

27. When the fifth cycle of discipline occurred in A.D. 70, the nation of Israel was retired as a client nation until the Second Advent. In between these two events, the intercalation of the Church Age intervenes followed by the seventieth heptad called the Tribulation.
28. Luke 20:24 clearly indicates that the Jews will remain in status-quo Diaspora until the dispensation of the Church is completed at the Rapture and that of Israel is concluded at the Second Advent.
29. Therefore, for Israel to return to the land ahead of schedule creates a time of ominous danger for the Jews thus tempting the son of Hagar to rattle their sabers of jihad as witnessed by the threat issued by Hassan Nesrallah.
30. The internecine standoff between the half-brothers of Isaac and Ishmael inspire the formation of the term Zionophobia \Zi'-an-a-phō'-bē-ah\ and its definition:
Fear for the Jews who have returned to the land of Israel ahead of the Lord's perfect timing.
 - (1) A person that is anti-Zionist is also anti-Semitic which is a logical assumption. A person opposed to the Jews being in Palestine would most likely also be anti-Semitic, e.g., the Palestinians.
 - (2) On the other hand, a person who is Zionophobic would also be pro-Semitic since he recognizes the danger of the Jews being in the land, but *not opposed* to them being there.
31. To sum up the clues we have spent uncovering for the last several lessons: (1) the Messiah must appear into human history at a time within a few decades of His appearance in Jerusalem on a Palm Sunday in the year A.D. 33.
32. This date would already have been established by the priesthood at around New Year's Day. They could then have backtracked to a time when a couple would have appeared proclaiming the virgin birth.