

TESHUVAH
RETURN AND REPENT
August 15 - September 22, 2007

Repenting for the Centuries of anti-Semitism by Church Leadership and Christians

The Documentation in this Call to Repentance is not.... facts according to Biblical Principles.
In Fr. Edward Flannery's, *Anguish*.....

Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. Mal 3:7

*If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers...that they committed against me,...
then I will remember my covenant and I will remember the land. Lev 26:40-42.*

In this season of *Teshuvah*, August 15 - September 22, 2007 we have felt the call of the Holy Spirit to humble ourselves, to search the historical writings, to seek to identify our sins committed against the Jewish people by church leadership and by Christians, and/or acts of persecution done in the name of Jesus Christ over the past twenty-three centuries. As we glean understanding of our offenses against our family, the Jewish people, we will innumerate these sins during the days of *Teshuvah*, seeking the grace, guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to lead us in a heartfelt repentance for these sins of offense committed by past generations and those of our own era.

By the sovereign leading of the Holy Spirit this *Teshuvah* season will have a dual expression of love and repentance and a dual mission. Intercessors in the heart of America will gather daily to repent for the sins of Christians committed against the Jewish people while a team from Kansas City will travel to Jerusalem to simultaneously offer up prayers of repentance and intercession. This dual mission is seen as a bridge of love from the heart of America to the heart of the world, Jerusalem.

BACKGROUND AND PREPARATION FOR THIS CALL TO REPENTANCE

Jesus said, from the beginning Satan was a liar and murderer. Jn 8:44 The apostle Paul taught that Satan makes himself an angel of light and his servants disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. II Cor 11:14-15 The apostle John wrote: Satan, the devil, is the deceiver of the whole world. Rev 12:9 As we embark upon these special days of Repentance we seek to keep in mind that all the evil that has been committed against the Jewish people and culminating in the Holocaust, has the distinct trademarks of the evil one's works shrouded in deception and murderous activity.

Fr. Edward H. Flannery states in his revision of *The Anguish Of The Jews*, that in his second edition, "The demonic character of antisemitism is sensed more clearly, and its spiritual and pathological depths are emphasized. Whoever will continue the journey into this cavernous hatred will find that he/she is at grips with an unfathomable evil. Those who will not do so risk remaining or becoming its prey." (p.4)

Day 1 Praise: our Father that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. I Jn 4:4
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28. Leviticus 4 & 5 teach us that the sin of ignorance or an intentional offence requires a sin offering, therefore, we are made to realize that such sins require confession, repentance and action on the part of the sinner(s).
Repenting for our past actions which demonstrate there is a naivety and lack of discernment concerning Satan's plot, and strategy against our Father's creative purposes for mankind beginning with: (1) Adam and Eve in the garden (2) against His covenant seed line of Abraham, the Jewish people, and (3) against the last Adam, the seed of Abraham, Jesus Christ, who defeated Satan's plot in the wilderness experience. Gal 3:16; Lk 4:1-13

All of the Jewish people trace.....

Day 2 **Praise:** Our Father for His great mercy in providing the gentiles an opportunity to be grafted into the rich olive tree of Israel. Genesis 12:3; Ephesians 2:11-22; 3:6
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for our lack of understanding that the new covenant in His blood is based on our Father's promises and blood covenant with Abraham: (Abrahamic Covenant), Gen 12:1-3; Gen 17; Gal 3:16

In Romans 4:11-12,...(the womb) of Christianity is Judaism. ([end here](#))

Day 3 **Praise:** our Father for our rich heritage; that He is the keeper of truth forever; that He will never deny His word or His covenants. Ps 146
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting that we the gentiles, being the adopted children of Abraham, have acted in rebellion against our spiritual father and family, the Jewish people, showing disrespect for our Father's plan as seen in Rom 4.

While the Apostle Paul....Acts 21:24 **(Add)** Contrary to the popular Christian view Paul was not a convert to Christianity but rather an orthodox Jew, a Pharisee, who received Jesus, (Yeshua) as the Messiah of Israel."

Day 4 **Praise:** our Father for opening our eyes to these truths, for His corrections and giving us opportunity to humble ourselves in repentance. Heb 12:5-6
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for the sin of ignorance concerning the relationship between Judaism and Christianity which has formed scales over our eyes and the spiritual eyes of the Church at large hardening our heart toward the Jewish people.

Christian scholar Dr. Marvin Wilson writes.....

Day 5 **Praise:** our Father for His grace and patience with us who are grafted into the olive tree of Israel, that He has not dealt with us according to our transgressions but has given us this opportunity to repent.
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for the lack of understanding and/or teaching in our colleges, seminaries and churches that the roots of Christianity are found expressly in Hebraic soil, remember all that we have is from the Jewish people.

Rabbi Hershel....

Day 6 **Praise:** Our Father for the prophetic word spoken through Simeon in the temple when he prayed for the infant Messiah of Israel, that He would be, "*a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.*" Lk 2:29-32
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for the sin of arrogance on the part of Christians and for the lack of understanding that we do not support the root but the root, the Abrahamic Covenant supports all those who are grafted into the Olive tree of Israel. Rom 11:18

BACKGROUND FOR UNDERSTANDING THE SEPARATION

Several factors....(see green color)

First Jewish Revolt - A.D. 66 (see green color)

Second...(see green color)

SEPARATION BECOMES A BREACH

(SEE GREEN)

Day 7 Praise: our Father for the many faithful servants, Christian, Jewish and secular writers who have been inspired to research our Judaic roots, heritage, and history that we are able to understand how the enemy has plotted to delegitimize the Jewish people and sever our Jewish - Christian relationship.

Confessing the sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28

Repenting for the sin of ignorance and for the erroneous concepts the new gentile leadership over the Church taught the believers: that our Father had abandoned Israel and the Jewish people.

Day 8 Praise: our Father for His great forgiveness of our sins through the blood of His Son I John 1:7-9

Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28

Repenting for the sin of pride and presumption of the early Church Fathers who embraced and taught Replacement Theology, supersessionism, teaching the Church replaced Israel. Romans 11:11-18

THE ANTE-NICENE FATHERS

110 C. E. - 324 C. E.

Church Fathers Before the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325

The following are a few examples of the early Church Fathers' theology and teaching:

Day 9 Clement of Alexandria.....copy Green 2002 wording

Day 9 Praise: lifting up praise and worship for the truths revealed in David's prayer in I Chron. 29:10-13

Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28

Repenting for the deception and blindness that caused the early Church Fathers to reject the Jewish people - substituting the Christians as the heirs to Israel's covenants.

Day 10 Justin Martyr.....2002 copy First replace text with the following then add 2002 text

"Many in the church were not content with claiming an interest in the Jewish Scriptures, but proceeded to try to make the Old Testament the exclusive domain of the church, **Justin Martyr**, one of the greatest Christian defenders of the faith, took up this theme." David A. Rausch, p. 20 (Add text from 2002 Newsletter)

Day 10 Praise: our Father that while we were yet sinners He sent His Son to die for our us, Rom 5:8-9 and He lives to make intercession for us. Heb 7:25

Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28

Repenting for the sin of theft on the part of the early Church Fathers. The Jewish Rabbis identify "theft" as one of the seven major sins from Adam's day to Noah and the time of the flood.

Day 11 Justin Martyr remarked to Trypho the Jew, (A.D. 140) "For the circumcision according to the flesh, which is from Abraham, was given for a sign; that you may be separated from other nations, and from us; and that you alone may suffer that which you justly suffer; that you may be desolate, and your cities burned with fire; and that strangers may eat your fruit in your presence and not one of you may go up to Jerusalem..." Ante-Nicene Fathers: Justin Martyr Trypho 16

Day 11 Praise: Our Father that in His mercy He is opening our eyes to our sins, the sins the Church has committed against the Jewish people since the second century.

Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28

Repenting for our sins of arrogance, pride and misinterpretation of our Father's written word, acknowledging these sins still permeate the Church at large and remain in the hearts of many Believers.

Day 12 The Epistle of Barnabas, explained that, the Jewish sacrifices were abolished, their fasts not acceptable to God: and that Christians, not Jews, were actually the heirs of God's Covenant with Abraham. To those who believed the Jewish people still had a future through the Covenant, the epistle harshly stated: "take heed now to yourselves, and not to be like some adding largely to your sins, and saying, "'The covenant is both theirs and ours.' But they (the Jews) thus finally lost it" The *Ante-Nicene Fathers: Translations of the Writings of the Fathers* down to AD.325, 10 vols. Alexander Roberts and James Donaldson, eds. Rockhurst Library

Day 12 Praise: For our Father's expression of loving kindness for all people through His Son - John 1:29
Confessing the Sin of ignorance Lev 4: 1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for our ignorance of our history and the attitude of early church leadership and how their teaching has maligned the Jewish people and continues to influence Christian attitudes and thinking in our day.

Day 13 St. Ignatius of Antioch sent his fervent letters to gentile communities against Judaism stating there is no need of "obsolete practices" in Christian hope...he wrote to the Magnesians, "Christianity, did not believe in Judaism, but Judaism in Christianity." With this last observation and Barnabas' theory of prefiguration, a fertile theme originated: that the Church is, and always was, the true Israel. Flannery p.35

Day 13 Praise: to our Father that He has provided us His wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption by putting us in His Son. I Cor 1:30
Confessing the Sin of ignorance Lev 4: 1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for that the early Church Leaders spiritualizing the Scriptures, interrupting them to be written to the Church and seeking to negate their application to the Jewish people, Israel and Jerusalem.

Day 14 Tertullian of Carthage copy 2002 text

Day 14 Praise: our Father for His mighty power, His creativity and His great wisdom. Ps. 93
Confessing the Sin of ignorance Lev 4: 1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for the Church and all Christendom for our lack of understanding our Father's eternal plan and purposes for the Jewish people, Israel, and Jerusalem. Zech 8:20-23

Day 15 Origen of Alexandria copy 2002 Green

Day 15 Praise: Our Father for His plan of love through His son before the foundations of the world. Ehp.1:3-14
Confessing the Sin of ignorance Lev 4: 1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for the perpetual teaching by the early Church Fathers that the Jewish people were "Christ-killers". This theme permeated church history - wreaking havoc on the Jewish community.

Day 16 Fr. Edward Flannery copy Orange

Day 16 Praise: our Father that the Jewish People are a witness to Him, to His word and covenants, for no other people group has ever been taken captive, scattered over the face of the earth, separated from and returned to their home land after two thousand years and have maintained their identity.
Confessing the Sin of ignorance Lev 4: 1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for the deception that veiled the eyes and minds of the early Church Father's causing them to embrace Replacement theology and for the roots that run deeply in the Church as expressed Supersessionism.

Day 17 James Carroll, author of *Constantine's Sword*, states, that while he was training for the priesthood in the 1950's-1960's the foregoing accounts were incorporated in the class room instruction which he received during those years. Since leaving the candidacy for the priest hood Mr. Carroll states, "Nowhere does Christianity betray its indebtedness to Judaism more than in its supersessionism."

Day 17 Praise: our Father that through work of His Son on the cross and the ministry of the Holy Spirit all Believers, Jew and Gentile are able to call the Father of our Savior, "our Father."

Confessing the Sin of ignorance Lev 4: 1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28

Repenting for our lack of understanding and/or expression of gratitude to our Father for the rich heritage that has been given to each Believer through the sufferings of our of Savior who brought us into His family, the Jewish people, and made us to be joint heirs with them. Is 52:13-53:13; Eph 2:11-22; 3:6 NIV; KJV

Post-Nicene Church Fathers

325 C. E. - 1500 C. E.

Church Fathers From the Council of Nicaea to 1500 C. E.

Day 18 Raul Hillberg, a foremost scholar of the Holocaust writes: "Since the fourth century after Christ there have been three anti-Jewish policies: (forced) conversion, expulsion, annihilation. The second appeared as an alternative to the first, and the third emerged as an alternative to the second...The missionaries of Christianity had said in effect: You have no right to live among us as Jews. The secular rulers who followed proclaimed: you have no right to live among us. The Nazis at last decreed: you have no right to live." The Destruction of the European Jews; New York: Holmes & Meier, 1985, pp.7f.

Day 18 Praise: our Father that in His great wisdom He provided for our righteousness when He in put us in His Son; praise Him that our salvation is not based on any works of righteousness which we have done. I Cor 1:3; Titus 3:5

Confessing the Sin of control, manipulation and domination which are manifestations of witchcraft which the Apostle Paul warned against in Galatians 6:

Repenting of the sin of witchcraft expressed in the writings and actions of the early Church Fathers in manipulating the Scriptures to promote Christianity. Gal 3:1-9

Day 19 David A. Rausch, professor of history and Jewish studies at Ashland University (Ohio) writes: "The Gentile Christian church disdained Judaism and Jewish nationalism, the church believed that the Jewish Scriptures were her Scriptures...This position required some reinterpretation because, according to those Scriptures, the Jewish people are the chosen people of God, the people of the Covenant and the people of the Book,...The Gentile church attempted to reconcile this difficulty by reinterpreting those Scriptures to state that the Christian Church is the true Israel, the "new" Israel- not just grafted in as Paul declared in Romans 11:17, but totally replacing the Jewish people. This triumphalism,, the attitude of celebrating a victory over an enemy, "has fanned the flames of religious anti-Semitism ever since." pp.19-20

Day 19 Praise: the LORD for the deep truths revealed in Daniel's prayer in Dan. 2:20-23

Confessing the Sin of control, manipulation and domination beginning in the second century.

Repenting , for the early Church Fathers separating the Christians from our Jewish parentage by irrational paranoia and propaganda, disregarding the Apostle Paul's teaching in Romans 4.

Day 20 "When the church and state were linked in the fourth century, due initially to Emperor Constantine, Christian persecution of the Jewish people became a regular practice. By the end of the fourth century, Christianity was the official and exclusive religion of the Roman state. It would seem the church would have no more reason to fear Judaism. Ironically, the church's paranoia got worse; attacks against the Jewish community became more bitter. In A.D. 325, Constantine as a "Christian" emperor forbade Jews to live in Jerusalem." David Rausch p. 23

Day 20 Praise: our Father for His promise and provision of forgiveness which He gave to Moses in Lev 26:40

Confessing the Sin of control, manipulation and domination beginning in the second century.

Repenting that we, the early Church Leaders and Christians, over the centuries have inflicted great emotional and physical pain on Jewish people.

Day 21 copy 2002 newsletter under Constantine - 325: yellow : W.H.C.....states....Judaism. (footnote) 28

Day 21 Praise:

"Christianity did not create the Holocaust; indeed Nazism was anti-Christian, but it made it possible. Without Christian antisemitism, the Holocaust would have been inconceivable...Hitler and the Nazis found in medieval Catholic anti-Jewish legislation a model for their own, and they read and reprinted Martin Luther's virulently antisemitic writings. It is instructive that the Holocaust was unleashed by the only major country in Europe having approximately equal numbers of Catholics and Protestants. Both traditions were saturated with Jew-hatred." Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin, *Why the Jews? The Reason for Antisemitism*, New York: Simon & Schuster, 1983, p. 104

Day 7 **Praise:** Our Father that He is longsuffering and merciful to His children. Exodus 34:6-7
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for the past and present day condition of the Church in our lack of concern and identification with Israel and the Jewish people which is rooted in the teachings of the early Church Fathers:

"According to official Church interpretation the curses of the Scriptures were applied to the Jewish people whereas the blessings of the Scriptures were applied to the Christians. The Jews were supposed to "justly suffer" as the "Christ-killers," an emphasis that has continued to be used to the present day. This was religious anti-Semitism, and even Hitler would draw on this foundation. David Rausch, p. 22

It is noted that the Fathers were men of piety and noted for moral excellence in other areas of the Christian life; however, when it came to the Jewish people they were sarcastic and degrading. **John Chrysostom**, a man admired by the common people and a fearless advocate of Christianity showed complete lack of restraint toward the Jewish people. He delivered a series of eight long sermons against the Jewish people in Antioch A.D. 387. The only reason Chrysostom was so upset was because some Christians were fellowshiping with the Jews.

John Chrysostom began by discussing an "illness" that had infected the Church. He stated: "What is this disease? The festivals of the pitiful and miserable Jews...There are many in our ranks who say they think as we do. Yet some of these are going to watch the festivals and others will join the Jews in keeping their feasts and observing their fasts. I wish to drive this perverse custom from the church right now...if I should fail to cure those who are sick with the Judaizing disease, I am afraid that, because of their ill-suited association and deep ignorance, some Christians may partake in the Jews' transgressions...For if they hear no word from me today, they will then join the Jews in their fasts; once they have committed this sin, it will be useless for me to apply the remedy." *Discourses Against Judaizing Christians* 1.1.5 *A Select Library of the Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church*, 14 vols. (Buffalo, N.Y.: Christian Literature Company, 1886-1890)

Day 10 **Praise:** Worshiping and praising the LORD by reflecting on Daniel's prayer in Dan. 2:20-23
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for disregarding the teaching of Rom 4, that the early Fathers separated the Christian church from our Jewish parentage by irrational paranoia and propaganda.

According to Chrysostom, the Jews were murderers, and worse than wild beasts. Their synagogue "is not only a brothel and theater; it is also a den of robbers and a lodging for wild beasts." "No Jew adores God!"...Eight consecutive sermons were delivered each contained diatribes against the Jews, Judaism and the synagogue. Each was deliberately intended to separate Jesus Christ from the Jewish people who gave him birth. Chrysostom's eight messages were for the specific purpose of separating Christianity totally from Judaism. Chrysostom *Discourses* 1.2.1.; David Rausch, p.24

Day 11 **Praise:** Worship according to the Apostle Paul's prayer in Col.1:3-14
Confessing the Sin of ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28
Repenting for Patristic reasoning: "those who love Jesus hate Jews- and fight Jews." Tragically, due

to these repeated and frequent teachings from the church hierarchy centuries of anti-Semitic incidents resulted. David Rausch p. 25

Day 12 Praise: For our Father's love and compassion for the gentiles, making us to be joint heirs with them, the Jewish people, the heirs to His covenants. Read Eph 2:11-22

Confessing the Sin ignorance; unintentional sin, Lev 4:1-3, 13-15; 22-23; 27-28

Repenting for the sin of control and manipulation by the church leadership over pagans, Christians, and the Jewish people.

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people from the third century after Christ, culminating with the Holocaust - Romans 11:17-18

Repenting for the perpetual teaching by the early Church Fathers that the Jewish people were "Christ-killers". This theme permeated church history - wreaking havoc on the Jewish community.

Praise: our Father that He is the keeper of truth forever; that He will never deny His word or covenants. Ps 146

Repenting for embracing Replacement Theology, supersessionism,(the Church replaced Israel). This theology was taught by the early Church Fathers and has promoted anti-Semitism and apathy in the Church toward the Jewish people beginning in the second century.
Romans 11:17-18

Repenting for the ignorance and great deception that prevails over the Church at large creating apathy and unconcern for our spiritual heritage and relation with Israel.