

Four-Lesson Special
The Holocaust, Anti-Semitism,
and Us-Part 2

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THE HOLOCAUST, ANTI-SEMITISM, & US

Jer. 29:11, “ ‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.’ ”

Why is it important for us as human beings to study the Holocaust?

Why is it important for *us as Christians* to study and know about the Holocaust?

Why is it important for me as your pastor, as a Christian leader, to take the time to go to Israel, to learn about the Holocaust and to teach about the Holocaust?

Isa. 56:5, “Even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.” NKJV

Isa. 56:5, “I will set up within my temple and my walls a monument that will be better than sons and daughters. I will set up a permanent monument for them that will remain.” NET

Yad Vashem was founded in 1953:

As the Jewish people's living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations.

Established in 1953, as the world center for documentation, research, education and commemoration of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem is today a dynamic and vital place of intergenerational and international encounter.

William F. Albright wrote that, “In view of the terrible viciousness of his attacks on Judaism and the Jews, which continues at least until 1943, Gerhard Kittel must bear the guilt of having contributed more, perhaps, than any other Christian theologian to the mass murder of Jews by Nazis.”

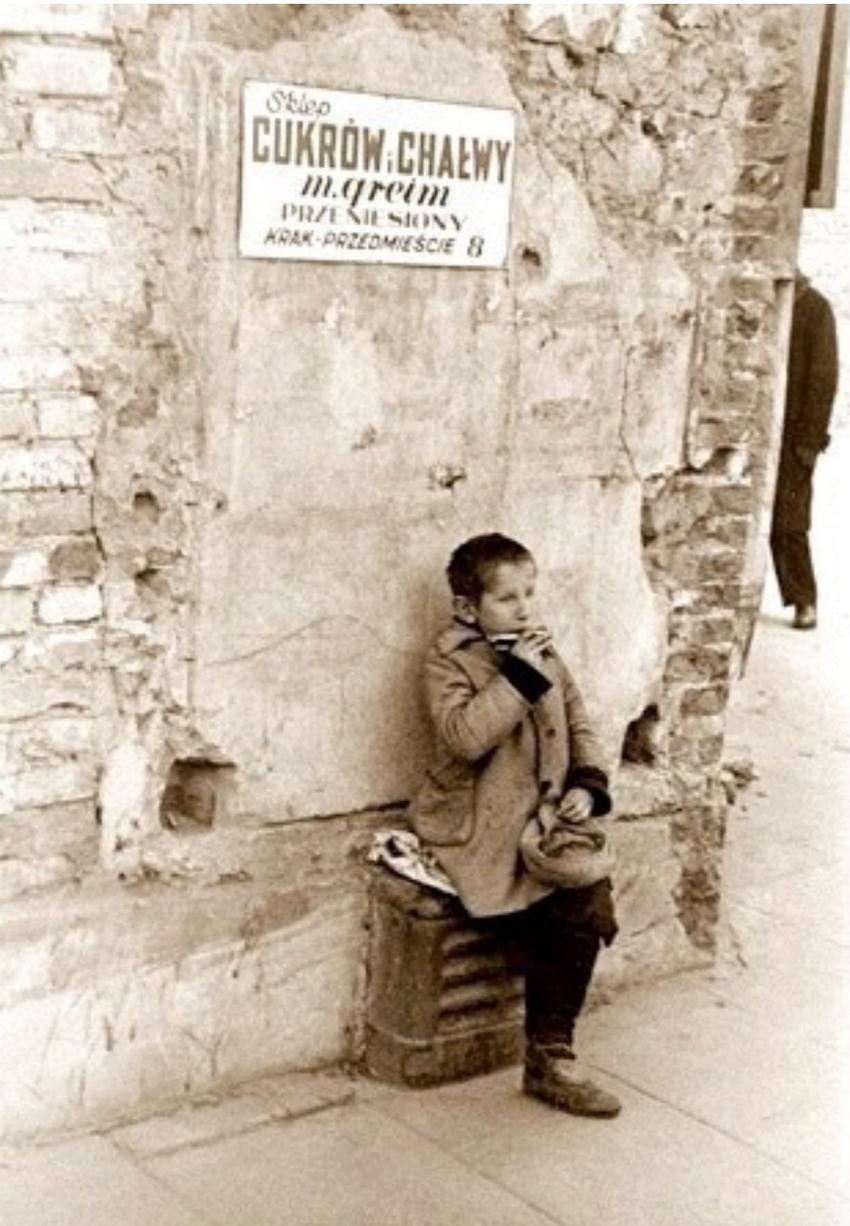
The judgment for anti-Semitism

Gen. 12:2, “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

Gen. 12:3, “I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse [judge harshly] him who curses [treats you with a lack of respect] you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Replacement Theology is the view that the New Testament church replaces or supersedes the nation Israel as the people of God; the church is the new or true Israel and that national Israel will not experience a restoration.

Warsaw Ghetto: Music in the Streets



From Chaim Kaplan's diary: *Scrolls of agony*, ed: Indiana University Press, ?

"November 5, 40

[...] The inescapable paupers and beggars and paupers have gathered in Warsaw from all parts of the country.

And they are types like of which you have never seen before. [...] Thus at an intersection you encounter a group

of children of poverty ranging in age from four to ten,

the emissaries of mothers and fathers who supervise them from the sidelines. They sing, and their voices and their voices are pleasant and their songs permeated with

Jewish sorrow and grief. Little groups of idlers and strollers stand near the childish quartet, their eyes filled

with tears; they find it hard to leave. At infrequent intervals, someone turns up who drops a miserable penny into the hands of the little singers. May the philanthropist be blessed! A short distance away there is a cantor with a

complete choir of singers. The synagogues are closed, and they cannot sing before their Creator, so they pour forth their supplications under the open sky. A concert of

this sort attracts hundreds of people. They sing prayers

and hymns for all the holydays in the year, and since everyone has more than enough free time, the audience

grows larger and larger, and the choir does a good business.

Just as there are vocal choirs, so too are there instrumental bands and bands in which vocalists and instrumentalists cooperate. Sometimes a single artist who relies on his own

Opera Singer Dotlinger in the Warsaw Ghetto Streets, 1940–41



talents goes into business for himself. An excellent basso sings arias of all kinds all day long, and sometimes he is even favored with a penny for his efforts.



Le ghetto de Lodz



Orchestre
Symphonique
du Ghetto de Lodz



Goebbels:

“Every Jew is our enemy in this historic struggle, regardless of whether he vegetates in a Polish ghetto or carries on his parasitic existence in Berlin or Hamburg or blows the trumpets of war in New York or Washington. All Jews by virtue of their birth and their race are part of an international conspiracy against National Socialist Germany. They want its defeat and annihilation, and do all in their power to bring it about.”

“That they can do nothing inside the Reich is hardly a sign of their loyalty, but rather of the appropriate measures we took against them. The most important part of Nazi ideology was their racist views. They were guilty by their race.

For their sake alone we must win the war. If we lose it, these harmless-looking Jewish chaps would suddenly become raging wolves. They would attack our women and children to carry out revenge. There are enough examples in history.”

“That is what they did in Bessarabia and the Baltic states when Bolshevism marched in, even though neither the people nor their governments had done anything to them. There is no turning back in our battle against the Jews—even if we wanted to, which we do not. The Jews must be removed from the German community, for they endanger our national unity.”

The Problem of Evil

Psalm 40:12, “For evils beyond number have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; They are more numerous than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me.”

Jer. 15:18, “Why has my pain been perpetual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will You indeed be to me like a deceptive stream with water that is unreliable?”

Rom. 8:22, “For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.”