

But the solution that Cain took was to murder his brother, outright aggression against the person that pleased God. But to obtain the pleasure of God or not depends on how the person lives their life before God, and this is to understand that, the person worships God by how they live their life. A person honors God, the Supreme Being, in how they sacrifice to Him.

God Chose a People for Himself

Deuteronomy 14:2 *For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.* (Psalms 135:4; Deuteronomy 7:6; 1 Peter 1:15 *But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;* **Genesis 12:3** *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.* Exodus 19:6).

To be the people of God, holy unto God, and to be separated from the rest of the nations, has some important points. Firstly, it is a great blessing for the chosen ones. They are the representatives of God among the world. They should live differently from the world because of the privilege that they have. They are examples for the world of a lifestyle that pleases God. But secondly, you see the attitude of the world in how they treat the chosen ones of God. Cain hated Able and despised him because God was pleased with Able. Cain could have changed his own life and entered the pleasure of God too, but instead of doing well, he just got aggressive against the chosen of God. He is the first murderer. Hate instead of obeying God.

Galatians 3:29 *And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.* **John 15:16** *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...* **1 Peter 2:9** *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.* Our privilege in being chosen is not that we have something so great and perfect within us, but it is the grace, mercy, and generosity of God toward us. But one for the other, the privilege is given because the person takes care

of his life, to worship God in the way that God is pleased that we do.

Satan Hates God

John 3:20 *For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.* Satan disobeys God because God rebukes the evil works of Satan. So, Satan hates God, and because of this, Satan attacks the children of God, and everything associated with God. He attacks humanity, because man is made in the image of God. If there are some separated from the rest as a treasure "*special unto God*", equally, Satan will attack, ruin, and destroy these special ones. Christians are specially the targets of Satan, but Satan sees the people of Israel, and the Jews, as deserving destruction more than any other.

Exodus 19:5 *Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:* The point here really is not that one race is better or worse than the rest. The point is that Satan does not want people to obey God from their hearts. A great number of Jews are not saved, but because of their identification being the "*people of God*" they suffer Satan's wrath anyway.

Isaac against Ismael

Galatians 4:22 *For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.* All the Arab Muslims around the country of Israel are descendants of Ismael. In other words, the Jews and their Arab neighbors are kin. But the envy "*between brothers*" or between distant relatives is what should be understood. The conflict is jealousy, when one child is seen as the favorite and the other is not. As is always the case, people think only in their earthly possessions like they will carry these things with them into eternity, so greed, possessions, property, houses, etc. is what matters to them (**Luke 14:33** *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.* **Luke 12:15** *And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*) When you die, you will lose all these "*possessions*".

Paul (under inspiration) used this "*conflict that seems without end*" to represent the dominion of the Old Testament law over us, against the grace of God. Paul

explained this using the conflict between the sons of Abraham, Isaac and Ismael. This is applied to salvation, if we are saved by the works (of the law), or are we saved by believing in the Savior? Is it by works without heartfelt sincerity (work by law) that do not save, or by the love of God (faith by grace)?

The point is that God gave Abraham and Sarah a promise of a son. In their own minds, they couldn't wait any longer, so they did in their flesh an act, that Abraham would have a son, but not with Sarah as promised, but with Hagar, her handmaiden. It is like Cain, that he didn't obey in offering a sacrifice correctly (externally he did it, but not in the heart, not in obedience), but not according to what pleased God. So, Ismael is a "product of fleshliness" (Gal 4:23 Ismael "*according to the flesh,*" and Isac "*according to the promise*").

The Prophetic Calendar

Matthew 24:6 *And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.* **7** *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **8** All these are the beginning of sorrows.* Jesus wanted to calm the fears of the redeemed as to the violence in the world around them. God still has control of what is going on.

1.) The Rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53) Jesus is going to return taking the world by surprise (as "*a thief in the night*") and he will stop "*in the clouds.*" (Revelation 1:7; **Matthew 26:64**, and **Zachariah 12:10**), and He will raise up the dead in Christ first, and then He take up the living redeemed and will return to heaven for 7 years to take them out of this tribulation time. Jesus and the redeemed with Him will go to heaven for the wedding feast of the Lamb (**Revelation 19:7-9**)

2) The Beginning of the Seven Years of Tribulation. The tribulation is seven years, and the first 3½ will not be as bad as the final 3½ years, the "*Great Tribulation*", in which the punishment will intensify. The world will solve their problems without God. But God will send them the tribulation which is the seventieth week of the prophecy of **Daniel 9:20-27**. Even though God chastises his people Israel (and He will chastise them), God paused His use of Israel to use the Church, but this is not forever. God is

going to deal with and use Israel again, but Israel will have to return to obeying God. Now, Israel is under the punishment and discipline of God. **God always has used the pagan nations to punish Israel.** Even though there is grief and crying in these punishments, the heart of Israel remains hard. **Zephaniah 1:15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness.** 16 *A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.*

Acts 13:46 *Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.* **Jeremiah 51:5 For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God,** of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel. **Jeremiah 46:28** *Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.* What we are seeing is this time of the punishment of God on the nation of Israel, using pagan countries. There was a lapse in the treatment of God with "His" people, and this lapse is the time of the Church. This church age is going to end with the rapture. God is going to deal again with Israel, and with the tribulation of Revelation.

The Battle of Armageddon

Matthew 10:22 *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.* **John 15:19** *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.* Satan would destroy Israel (as a nation) and all the Jews and Christians in the world because they have identified with God. Notwithstanding if all these (Israel and the outwardly visible church) are actually saved or not, really only a part of them are saved. But Satan would harm God if he could, but he cannot, so he attacks with fury everyone associated with God.

Matthew 24:9 *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.* **Matthew 10:22** *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but*

he that endureth to the end shall be saved. **John 15:18** *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.* In the end of God punishing Israel to teach them to be faithful to God, **all the nations of the world will rise up against Israel.** When they come to the land of Israel, they will confront Israel in a place called "Armageddon". Israel will not be able to win at all. But even though Israel will not have any hope of winning that final battle, Jesus and the armies of heaven will descend to fight for Israel, to win and defend them against everybody.

There may be "rehearsals" for this final aggression before the actual day, and this is because Satan is preparing his armies for that day, the final battle.

Psalms 4:3 *But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.* In the time of the Tribulation... **Revelation 16:12** *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.* (India or China?) **Revelation 16:13** *And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.* **15** *Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.* (1 Thessalonians 5:2 *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.* 2 Peter 3:10)

Armageddon is the final battle of this hatred against God and his people. For the unsaved, the return of the Lord will be without hope or expectancy, it will be as a thief in the night that comes to steal when the owner is sleeping. With warning. **For the believer,** we are hoping and waiting for the rapture. The events of Daniel and Revelation will begin with the rapture and Jesus coming in the clouds.

Lessons to Never Forget

1. God has everything under control. Things go according to His plans.
2. All of this is the beginning, and it will get worse.
3. The Christian hopes for the rapture, and we will leave.
4. The hatred of the world comes because we identify as God's people, separate from sin, holy unto Him.

Why do Arabs hate Jews?

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The Spiritual Battle

Genesis 1:27 So **God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.** From creation, God has made the creature called "**man**" his favorite of all the creation of God. The reasoning behind this is because God made man "**in His image.**" One of the first events after His creation was **the spiritual attack that Satan made against mankind by means of Eve.** Sin entered the world, and with sin, death.

Men began to multiply, and from the sons of Adam and Eve, there was **a spiritual distinction between men.** **Abel pleased God in how he worshipped Him, and Cain did not.** **Genesis 4:5** *But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell.* **1 John 3:12** *Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.*

Cain was proud, and he could not put up with the fact that the offering of his brother was accepted but **his was not. Satan always confuses people to ignore the simple solution.** The simple solution was for Cain to change, and for him to offer another sacrifice in the proper way, using one of his animals with its blood.