

Hitler could use apostate Christianity to get to power, but his plan was actually to turn against the Christians and to remove them. Which again fits in with the **Revelation** picture, where you have the Antichrist, who uses – the woman rides the beast – he uses false religion to get to power. But, in the end, he turns against it to destroy it.

But also, there's always, in anything which is demonic, a hatred of the Jews. It goes through everything whether it's far-left or far-right politics, Islam or, also, sadly one has to say, nominal Christianity. And one of the biggest shames of course, in all of this, is the part which Christianity has played in history, in anti-Semitism. When talking to a Jewish man, he said: How can I believe in your Jesus when Hitler and the Christians killed half of my family? Well, it wasn't the born-again Christians, it wasn't the true Christians, but we have to say that false Christianity, throughout history, has demonized the Jews and has turned people against the Jewish people in a way which was totally out of line with what Christianity teaches.

A man called John Chrysostom, one of the founders of the church back in the fourth century said: *"The Jews are the most worthless of all men. They are lecherous, greedy and rapacious. They are perfidious murderers of Christ. 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 Jews must live in servitude forever. God always hated the Jews. It is incumbent upon Christians to hate Jews."* He (Chrysostom) was considered a saint by the early church. Can you imagine that such statements could come from someone who really loved Jesus and loved the Word of God?

And yet, we have to recognize that that is there in Christian history. It's a gross perversion of Christianity to say that the Jews are assassins of God. Jewish people played their part in the crucifixion of Jesus as did the romans, but we are all responsible for the death of Jesus.

"Adversus Judaeos (Greek Kata Ioudaiōn, "against the Jews" or "against the Judeans") are a series of fourth century homilies by John Chrysostom directed to members of the church of Antioch of his time, who continued to observe Jewish feasts and fasts...

Chrysostom claimed that on the shabbats and Jewish festivals synagogues were full of Christians, especially women, who loved the solemnity of the Jewish liturgy, enjoyed listening to the shofar on Rosh Hashanah, and applauded famous preachers in accordance with the contemporary custom. A more recent apologetic theory is that he instead tried to persuade Jewish Christians, who for centuries had kept connections with Jews and Judaism, to choose between Judaism and Christianity. Chrysostom held Jews responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus...

Some authors say John Chrysostom's preaching was an inspiration for Nazi anti-semitism with its evil fruit of the programme to annihilate the Jewish race.

Steven Katz cites Chrysostom's homilies as "the decisive turn in the history of Christian anti-Judaism, a turn whose ultimate disfiguring consequence was enacted in the political antisemitism of Adolf Hitler." During World War II, the Nazi Party in Germany used Chrysostom's work in an attempt to legitimize the Holocaust in the eyes of German and Austrian Christians. His works were frequently quoted and reprinted as a witness for the prosecution....

After World War II, the Christian Churches denounced Nazi use of Chrysostom's works, explaining his words with reference to the historical context. According to Walter Laqueur, it was argued that in the 4th century, the general discourse was brutal and aggressive and that at the time when the Christian church was fighting for survival and recognition, mercy and forgiveness were not in demand...."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adversus_Judaeos

¹⁸ **"Thus says the Lord:**

**'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents,
And have mercy on his dwelling places;
The city shall be built upon its own mound,
And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.**

¹⁹ **Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving
And the voice of those who make merry;
I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish;
I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.**

²⁰ **Their children also shall be as before,
And their congregation shall be established before Me;
And I will punish all who oppress them."**

Jeremiah 30.18-20