## Your sons, O Zion, will be like a warrior's sword!

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ever since our heavenly Father revealed to us the biblically Hebraic foundations and instilled in us a Hebraic understanding of His Word, we've found that our ministry has been a spiritual battle of two sons — the sons of Zion against the sons of Greece. The prophetic core of the truths He revealed to us to share with you arises from His words to Zechariah: "I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword" (Zechariah 9:13). We first heard this verse explained at a prayer conference in Jerusalem in January of 1994. We understood that our Father was now pouring forth a Hebraic understanding of the Bible to undo the centuries-long demonic influence on Christianity of Hellenism and its pervasive kindred spirit, Humanism. Restoring the biblically Hebraic perspective is a spiritual battle to free Christians from captivity to Hellenism and Humanism. To recap for you:

Both Hellenism and Humanism are rooted in the pagan teachings of Plato, and not in the Bible nor in our Lord Jesus. Both Humanism and Hellenism <u>place you</u> and not our Lord at the center of all that matters to you. Don't discount this unsavory idea too quickly! Consider this: If you've been Hellenized and indoctrinated in Humanism in your Christian instruction, then you expect that personal happiness, a good measure of prosperity, and a certain level of ease will be provided you by your "Divine Benefactor." According to this popular but unbiblical view, this kind of "god" never inflicts suffering, trials or chastisement on people. (But see Hebrews 12:5-7 for our Lord's perspective on hardship, discipline and rebuke. It's far different than the feel-good, puffed-up self-esteem teachings which emanate from all too many pulpits and sought-after "Christian" books!)

While most Hellenized/Humanist Christians say they believe in Jesus, they and the anti-Semitic theologians who concocted their traditions and creedal systems for them have this in common: •They refuse to base their gospel on the Older Testament as our Lord's first followers did (see John 7:38,39). •They refuse to center their theology on the rule of Jesus as Lord of their lives (1Peter 3:15; Jude 4). Jesus is emphasized only as Savior. •They blaspheme the Holy Spirit by eradicating or denying His vital, ongoing transformational work and power as He indwells the genuinely born again. (They're taught that His work ended with the apostles.)

Anti-Semitic theology minimized the foundations of the Older Testament, thereby opening the way for Hellenism to provide Christians with a deity who serves their interests and meets their desires. Basically, from a Hellenist "sons of Greece" view, God is expected to cater to their wants and perceived rights and needs. Revisit your Bible if you believe this lie! Among the Hellenist-influenced crowd there's <u>no fear of God</u> nor is there a call to <u>repent for sin</u>, either individually or collectively. The individual rather than God is always the central focus of life.

We weren't immune to this man-centered mindset! After we were first given the truths our Father is restoring, it took us about 18 months of intense personal prayer and deprogramming to rid our minds of the various Hellenist/Humanist influences we'd received both in Christianity and in our years of public education. Our transformation was directly connected to our obedience to the *rhema* which the Holy Spirit continued to provide as we studied God's Word and purposed to walk in it by grace with obedient trust. It was because of <u>our love for our Lord</u> that we yearned to walk as He would have us. It was like He was giving us marching orders — <u>a way of life that we needed to put into practice as we followed Jesus as Lord of our lives</u>. And like our father Abraham who is cited in Romans chapter 4, we knew we were accountable to our Father to obey without reservation.

Before leaving Israel we were warned of the spiritual opposition we would face by Christians:

"You're going back to the hardest place on earth for anyone to embrace the Hebraic foundations. Hellenism owns the church in the United States. And Christians there <u>don't need</u> God and they <u>don't need</u> each other."

These words have proven to be so painfully true. God's Word commands all of us who love and serve Jesus, "...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1). We see these "hindrances and entangling sin" most directly applying to the Hellenist and Humanist perspective which anti-Semitic theologians have introduced into Christianity over the centuries. The pure springs of Biblical truth have been sullied by compromise with people-pleasing, manmade concepts and practices! Before our Father made us aware of the deep-seated influence of anti-Semitic theology and how we'd been robbed of the biblical Hebraic foundational truths, we accepted what we'd been taught without question. So we realize that most Christians don't know any better either! But unless you live to seek the truth no matter what it costs you, you will live deluded by what seems to be good but is in fact a perversion of what Father intended for the called-out ones in Jesus. We encourage you to read Reality 1: The US Or Europe Being "Christian" Is Only An Illusion).

## **Anti-Semitic Theology Encourages Christians To Live in the Thorns**

Anti-Semitic theology influenced even the Reformers, who refused to underscore that a person's relationship with Jesus as Lord is anchored in <u>His rule under His Lordship by His Spirit</u>. His Lordship is the essence of being called by His grace to love Him and serve Him in obedient trust. But the arrogance of these "learned" men positioned them as *the "gods" who define Who God is*. Through various church councils, the learned who were vested with power concocted creedal stances and rules of ritual and the "hoops" through which appointed teachers must jump. These council decisions have become so hallowed among those who adhere to their **concocted creedal systems** that their teachings are beyond question. But their silence on the dominion of our Lord Jesus has had a disastrous effect on those in the pew. People are content with <u>an unbiblical emphasis on just learning more Bible rather than in how you serve our Lord Jesus in obedient trust as you fulfill our Father's <u>purposes</u>.</u>

Jesus warns that the "sophisticated and educated" who depend on their own understanding are missing what Father reveals to ordinary followers of Jesus who trust Him as Lord (see Luke 10:21). If you doubt this, just examine your own life and the lives of those you sit among each Sunday. How many of you actively and intentionally seek the Holy Spirit's guidance so that you are fulfilling our heavenly Father's purposes for you each day? What testimonies flow from your experiences to validate that you're serving under the Lordship of Jesus? Those testimonies distinguish followers of Jesus who are fully available as His heart and hands from "believers" who agree with certain doctrinal facts and are content to give God an hour or two at a weekly service.

Because of the widespread prevalence of anti-Semitism, Hellenism and Humanism within Christianity, testimonies which exalt the rule of Jesus as Lord in people's lives are absent when most congregations gather. This silence doesn't bring our Father glory and praise! So Father is now raising up the sons of Zion against the sons of Greece.

FYI: We've prayerfully wondered over the years about two biblical essentials: •Why is living repentantly so difficult for Christians to practice? •Why is it so impossible for Christians to talk about the Lordship of Jesus in their lives and share testimonies about how they've put His Lordship into action? Here's what the Holy Spirit revealed to us: The resistance to repent and to share Lordhonoring testimonies is because of the widespread tolerated sin throughout Christendom. In Reality 22, If You Don't Bear Lasting Fruit, Do You Really Belong To Jesus? Sue wrote that the vast majority of Christians we've encountered live among the thorns about which Jesus speaks: "Now the [seeds] that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity" (Luke 8:14). If anti-Semitic theology

hadn't eliminated the Lordship of Jesus as well as the vital necessity of His indwelling Spirit, there'd be a lot fewer Christians whose lives "are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life." Instead, they'd live in the pattern of our Lord's first followers: "The called-out ones throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, their numbers kept multiplying" (Acts 9:31).

## Deism undergirds the fruitless lives of the thorn dwellers.

Many who live a "thorny" Christian life esteem the things of this world far more than they esteem the rule of Jesus in their lives. Other thorn dwellers place greater value on their creedal system than on the rule of Jesus in their lives. But their "thorny" choices mark them as **deists**. Deism is an anti-Christ belief that <u>eliminates the guidance of the Holy Spirit and replaces Him with human reason</u>. Many of this nation's founding fathers such as Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Madison, and Monroe practiced Deism. Deists believe that God made all things, but after Creation <u>He ceased His involvement with humanity</u>. Deists are convinced that God has left it up to humans to guide themselves by their own reasoning ability. Those within Christianity who unwittingly live as Deists flow into congregations on Sunday mornings and <u>worship their concept of the God Who has created all things</u>. BUT they \*don't depend on Him \*nor are they led by His Spirit \*nor have they any burden to fulfill our Father's purposes by doing His will. Instead they live <u>fruitless lives</u> pursuing the *cares*, *riches*, *and pleasures of life*.

Seriously consider this: To live <u>fruitless</u> as to our Father's purposes for your life means that you are blaspheming and/or quenching the Holy Spirit Who would enable you to bear fruit to our Father's glory. Roman Catholicism and many of the Reformers blasphemed the Holy Spirit over the centuries by eliminating His vital role in a Christian's life — including convicting us of sin so that we will repent and walk Christ's way. So we shouldn't be surprised when we see <u>fruitlessness</u> so pervasive throughout Christianity. The lives of the fruitless reveal how irrelevant our Lord Jesus really is to them. (No wonder that so few who call themselves Christian have such little positive influence in society today.) But in light of the amazing reality of Who Jesus is — God in the flesh — we shouldn't expect that our Father is going to do nothing when our Lord is treated as inconsequential in the lives of thorn dwellers. Chastisement is coming! (More on this in our next email.) We'll also be writing more specifically about the ongoing battle between today's sons of Zion and the sons of Greece.

Please don't disregard what we're sharing with you. Ask the Spirit of truth to confirm this for you. Our Father is seeking loving and obedient children in Christ whose lives exhibit the trust-filled, responsive relationship He had with the first recorded Hebrew, Abraham. Despite how anti-Semitism has diminished Abraham's importance, this patriarch is our Father's line of human measurement for the trust-filled, obedience-based life He requires of all His children who are in union with Christ through His Spirit.

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We who are indwelled by the Holy Spirit, the divine presence of God within us, love our Father and our Lord Jesus with all that is within us. That's why we are ruled by the Lordship of Jesus as His obedient servants: we relate to our Father as His beloved child living to fulfill His will. As the family of Christ we are joined together by His Spirit — and not by any man-concocted creedal system or hierarchy.