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# THE SPANISH-JEWISH CONNECTION

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God is in the process of restoring the Biblical relationship and responsibility between the International Body of Christ and the Jewish people. As part of this the Lord desires to restore His original, historic, redemptive and prophetic purposes for the Body of Christ in Spain and in the Spanish speaking world in relation to the Jewish people, the nation of Israel and world evangelism.

In order for this redemption to take place, the Body of Christ in Spain and in Spanish speaking countries must realize that they are the “spiritual descendants” of two groups of people: those who falsely proclaimed themselves to be the “Church” and persecuted, murdered or expelled the Jewish people in the “*Name of Jesus*” and those whose ancestors were persecuted, killed or forcibly “converted” by those sent by that same Spanish speaking “Church.” With this realization comes the spiritual responsibility to act according to the plans and purposes of God for the authentic Body of Christ and in so doing become “agents of God’s redemption.”

The prophetically significant relationship between the Jews and the Spanish speaking Church goes far beyond the historic events of the past and extends into the future of God’s redemptive purposes for the Body of Christ in Spain and in the entire Spanish speaking world. Because these purposes are part of God’s plan to usher in the return of Jesus, this relationship has been a specific target of the devil’s influence and activities. Satan knows the Lord’s return means his means his destruction so he has, and continues to, actively resist this restoration.

From the earliest times that the Jews lived in Spain they prospered, even under Muslim rule. However, when an aberrant and counterfeit form of Christianity manifested by the Catholic Church and ruled by the demonic “Spirit of Religion” came into power, it released another demonic spirit, the “Spirit of anti-Semitism.” These Satanic spirits (Eph. 6:12) created the doctrines that inspired the horrors of the Inquisition and the expulsion of the Jews from Spain. They also inspired that counterfeit church to send “Conquistadors” to subjugate and rob the native people of the Americas and “force” them to convert to Catholicism or be killed.

It is extremely important that you understand that the Inquisition and all it spawned was a demonically inspired and religiously motivated campaign that persecuted, tortured and murdered Jews, and anyone else they branded as a heretic, in the *Name of Jesus*. Because they so horribly abused His Name, the Body of Christ today, as His true representatives, must proactively declare its rejection of those demonic spirits, renounce that false church’s abuse of the Name of Jesus, and intentionally act in

Please pray and ask the Lord about the Spanish-Jewish connection. Listen to what He says to you. Is He calling you to action in some way? Is He calling you to continue to pray? Is He calling you to work with other believers, as you stand together for the fulfillment of God's prophetic purposes for the Spanish speaking Church and the Jewish people and the nations of the world?

May God lead and empower you as you seek to fulfill His present prophetic purposes for your life, your church and your nation.

the opposite spirit, the Holy Spirit, in its words and deeds toward the Jewish people and the nations. This will *Glorify the Name of Jesus!* (2Thess. 1:11-12)

## **REDEMPTIVE PURPOSES**

God's redemptive purposes are focused on the ultimate establishment of His Kingdom on the earth (Matt. 6:10).

These redemptive purposes operate on several levels. Just as God called Abraham as an individual and we follow in Abraham's footsteps (Rom. 4:12), so He has redemptive purposes for us as individuals (Jer. 1:5; Matt. 10:30; 2Thes. 2:13). Just as God gave each of the tribes of Israel a prophetic destiny (Gen. 49:1-28), He has a purpose and destiny for each group of believers who come together to form a church or a ministry. Just as God called Israel to be a nation with a unique prophetic destiny, God calls other nations to fulfill their own distinctive prophetic destinies (Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26).

Just as individuals, churches and ministries have to spiritually battle to fulfill their callings (Eph. 4:11-18; 1Tim.6:12; 2Tim. 4:7), so the believers in each nation also have to spiritually battle for fulfillment of their nation's spiritual destiny. Satan knows the call of God and always works to hinder and if he can, prevent its fulfillment by creating counterfeit belief and value systems that are contrary to the Scriptures. Individuals and then entire nations adopt false identities based on those ideologies and cultural values. When those beliefs and practices replace the call and purposes of God for that people, Satan's plan of substitution succeeds and that nation will never fulfill its destiny in God.

As individuals repent and take on their true identity in Christ, and as their number increases in any nation, the resulting national repentance will bring forth the revelation of the nation's identity in Christ. That identity will bear fruit as the nation's gifts and ministries are manifested and flourish (Matt. 25:32-46). This I believe is in the heart of God for every people group in the world. This is what praying for the Kingdom of God to come and for God's will to be manifested on earth as it is in Heaven is all about (Matt. 6:10).

## **SATAN'S STRATEGIES TO STOP THE PURPOSES OF GOD AND PREVENT THE RETURN OF JESUS**

From the beginning of the Bible, we see Satan hindering and trying to prevent God's purposes from being fulfilled. He was in the Garden of

Eden drawing Adam and Eve into rebellion against God and expulsion from paradise (Gen. 3). He drew ancient Israel into idolatry, which led to their expulsion from the land of Promise (Ps.106:37-41). He tried to entice Jesus to turn away from His destiny in the temptations in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11). History is full of examples of his efforts to stop the Gospel from going forth into the nations. Every believer's life is full of incidents of his attempts to stop us from fulfilling the call of God upon our lives (Eph. 6:12).

Because Satan knows that the Second Coming of Jesus means his destruction, he works to fulfill his ultimate goal which is preventing the Messiah from returning. He knows that in order for Jesus to return, the Body of Christ must come to spiritual maturity and evangelize the nations (Eph. 5:27; Col. 1:28-29; Matt. 24:14), and the Jews must repent of their national rejection of Jesus and receive Him as their Messiah (Zech. 12:10; Rom. 11:15; Matt. 23:39).

In his attempts to prevent the return of the Lord, Satan has devised a two-fold plan, using two major demonic principalities working together to accomplish this goal: the "Spirit of anti-Semitism" and the "Spirit of Religion." The "Spirit of Religion" creates a counterfeit religion that deceptively calls itself "Christianity" but does not make or mature disciples of the Kingdom of God. The "Spirit of anti-Semitism" is then able to enter the church and teach doctrines like "Replacement Theology."

This inspires the members of that counterfeit religion to reject, persecute and in some cases even kill the Jews in the *Name of Jesus*. Teaching of "contempt" for the Jews, and then encouraging acts of hatred toward them, works to deepen the Jewish rejection of Jesus. This in turn works to further hinder His return.

In order to further understand Satan's plan, we must understand what Romans 11 teaches us about the Church's relationship to the Jewish people. In that chapter, the Apostle Paul reveals that Gentile believers in the Jewish Messiah Jesus are like "wild olive branches" who are "grafted into Israel's Olive Tree" and can receive from its "anointed roots" (Rom. 11:17,24).

The anointing of the Holy Spirit brings revelation, which inspires and empowers faithful obedience to the will of God, that causes the Body of Christ to grow to spiritual maturity (John 15:5-8; Eph. 4:12-16). This spiritually mature church is called to evangelize and disciple the nations,

For believers in Spain, I believe that an important step in God's redemptive process is to have Communion at places where Jews, and others, were persecuted and killed in the Name of Jesus, and pour some of the Communion wine into the soil. We go to these places as "Ambassadors" and "Priests" who represent the Kingdom of God (1Cor. 5:20; Rom.15:16; 1Pet.2:5,9; Rev.1:6, 5:10, 20:6). As Kingdom "Ambassadors and Priests," we take on the spiritual responsibility of repenting on behalf of those who perpetrated those sins and crimes in the Name of Jesus. We also express the forgiveness of God to those who "did not know what they were doing" (Luke 23:34). We also exercise our spiritual authority to renounce their sins and reject their ungodly beliefs and practices, so that the spirit realm is cleansed and those demons cannot influence the Body of Christ today.

We understand that we are not repenting personally, because we are not guilty of those sins. We are following the Biblical examples of repenting on behalf of those who sinned and asking for forgiveness so the grace and mercy of God can be poured out (Num. 14:30; Dan. 9:8, 20, Ezra 9:6-15, Neh. 1:6-11, 9:2). As we repent on behalf of those who falsely represented the Lord, we use our spiritual authority as His authentic representatives to declare, in the *Name of the Jesus*, that the Body of Christ will fulfill her Biblical calling to lovingly testify to the Jewish people about her Messiah and will fulfill her calling to evangelize the nations of the world (Rom. 11:11,14; Matt. 28:18-20)

For believers in other Spanish speaking nations who are the descendants of those who were persecuted and killed by those who falsely claimed to represent the Lord Jesus, we encourage you to have Communion at places the Lord leads you to, and pour the Blood of Jesus upon the "blood of Abel." As God's true representatives, you can similarly exercise your spiritual authority to repent on behalf of those who falsely represented Jesus, and as His priests forgive them, cleanse the soil and the spirit realm. Pray for God to release His forgiveness and mercy and proclaim that God's prophetic purposes for the Body of Christ in your nation will be fulfilled.

### **PLEASE PRAY!**

Just like the negative history of the church toward the Jewish people was inspired by demonic spirits, so the work of historic restoration must be empowered and led by the Spirit of God. Because of the supernatural nature of this kind of ministry, everything must be done by the wisdom, leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

between the Spanish speaking Church and the Jewish people unfolded, God used our experience of leading Communion services at the infamous “Selection Point” in the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Poland. We learned there how God can use Communion as a way to release the power of the Blood of Jesus to speak to the “blood of Abel” that still “cries out to Him from the ground” (Gen. 4:10). The Holy Spirit taught us that because the redemptive power of the Blood of Jesus will ultimately prevail over all the plans of Satan, we can prophetically declare that God’s plans and purposes for the Jewish people and for the nations will be fulfilled.

He showed us that the “blood of Abel” spiritually represents the blood of all innocent victims throughout history. The blood of those who were slain during the Inquisition in Spain, or by the Conquistadors in Central and South America, like the blood of those slain in the Holocaust, and in many places throughout history and around the world today, still “cries out to Him from the ground.” We have learned that the only way to “quiet those cries” and “cleanse the land” and the “spirit realm,” is to cover the “blood of Abel” with the Blood of Jesus. His Blood, the “Blood of Redemption,” is the only power on earth that can “cleanse the soil” because it “speaks better things than the blood of Abel” and is able to “cleanse all things” (Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:22, 12:24).

By proclaiming the power of the Blood of Jesus, we also declare to the spiritual realm of demonic “principalities and powers” that they can no longer operate freely or use the “unrepented” sins of the past as an “open door” to operate and hinder the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the people. Our repentance and forgiveness closes those doors and cleanses the spirit realm of any influence that remains from demonically inspired doctrines and sins, and invites the Holy Spirit to come in fresh ways. In this way, God will use this restored redemptive relationship to show forth His “manifold wisdom to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places” by demonstrating that what Satan “meant for evil, God will now use for good” (Eph. 3:10; Gen. 50:20).

In July of 2013, the Lord led us to have Communion at various sites relating to the Inquisition in Spain. We poured some Communion wine into the soil as way of symbolically and prophetically applying the Blood of Jesus upon the “blood of Abel.” As we did this, we prophetically declared that God will redeem and restore the Church’s Biblical relationship and responsibility to the Jewish people and that all of His original plans and purposes for the Spanish speaking Church will be fulfilled.

and to provoke natural Israel to spiritual jealousy by testifying to the Jews about who Jesus really is and what He has done in their lives (Rom. 11:14, 31).

Because Satan knows the power of those “anointed roots,” it is extremely important for us to understand how and why the twin Spirits of “anti-Semitism” and “Religion” use their demonic doctrine of “Replacement Theology” to remove the church from those “roots.” This evil doctrine arrogantly teaches that because the Jews rejected Jesus as their Messiah, God has rejected the Jews and replaced them with the gentile church. This evil doctrine has caused much of “Christianity” to disobey the clear apostolic command: “Do not become arrogant against the natural branches of the Olive Tree (the Jewish people), their roots support you” (Rom. 11:18).

Arrogance against the Jews would bring the judgment of God resulting in being “cut off” from those anointed roots (Romans 11:11-25). This is exactly what happened. The Church believed in “replacement theology,” became arrogant toward and rejected the “natural branches” and was “cut off” from the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Church “replaced” its Godly Biblical “Hebraic heritage” with the ungodly and unbiblical influences of Greek, Roman and Pagan beliefs and practices that created a new non-Biblical religion that deceptively calls itself “Christianity.”

By seeking to syncretize Greek humanistic philosophies with the Hebrew Scriptures, the Church was blinded to the revelation of how it is to function Biblically and to God’s plan for the Church and the Jewish people. Moving away from the Biblical patterns, the Church followed Roman hierarchical forms of government. This led to a singular “Caesar” ruling over everyone, in opposition to the Biblical revelation of apostolic and prophetic teams of anointed servant leaders governing autonomous local congregations (Matt. 20:25-28; 2Cor. 1:24; Eph. 4:11-12).

This Church was also infected with various pagan beliefs and practices that replaced the faith and observances taught in the Hebrew Scriptures. For example, the Feasts of the Lord (Lev. 23) which are filled with revelation and instruction for spiritual growth, were replaced with various pagan “holidays” that only served to move the Church further and further away from the Kingdom of God.

Having accepted the errors of “replacement theology” and all of the influences this demonic theology brought into the Church, the Spirit of Religion was able to create an aberrant counterfeit religion that does not

empower or spiritually mature its “members.” This religion simply creates “Churchgoers.” “Churchgoers” are people who do not have a personal relationship with the Lord (Jer.31:34; Jn. 10:14; Phil. 3:10), have not been “born from above” (Jn. 3:3-7), are not “filled with the Holy Spirit” (Lk. 3:16; Acts 1:8; Eph. 5:18) and are not mature fruitful disciples of the Kingdom of God (Mk. 4:20; Jn. 15:2-8; Rom. 7:4; Col. 1:10).

They are people who have been merely “Christianized.” This means that they know something of the doctrines of the Bible, or the traditional beliefs and practices of their particular church or denomination, but are not personally empowered, i.e. disciplined, to live a life of faithful and fruitful obedience. Simply stated, they are not disciples, nor do they make disciples. They are merely religious people who live for themselves.

The “Spirit of anti-Semitism” not only taught the members of this counterfeit religion that they have replaced the Jews and should arrogantly and pridefully consider the Jews to be rejected by God, but it has also historically inspired them to actively despise and persecute the Jewish people in the *Name of Jesus*. The hatred the Jews received from this religion has turned them away from Jesus and convinced them that Jesus is a false Messiah who is the source of the persecution they experienced.

This is the exact opposite of what the Body of Christ is called to do in her relationship with the Jewish people. The Body of Christ is called to lovingly provoke the Jewish people to spiritual jealousy, as a witness to them of the reality of the Messiahship of Yeshua/Jesus. Satan knows that when the Jews, who rejected Jesus, repent and receive Him, it will mean “life from the dead” (Rom. 11:15). This is a reference to the resurrection that will occur when Jesus returns (1Thes. 4:13-17; Matt. 24:31; 1Cor.15:22-3, 52). When that happens, Satan will be bound for 1000 years and then thrown into the Lake of Fire forever (Rev. 20:2, 7, 10). Knowing this, Satan continues to try to prevent the Lord’s return by keeping the Jews away from Jesus.

In Acts 3:21, Peter proclaimed a pivotal part of God’s plan for the return of the Messiah. The Holy Spirit revealed that Jesus would “*remain in heaven until the time for the restoration of all things that the prophets have spoken.*” Satan, who always listens when the Word of God is preached so he can nullify it (Matt. 13:18; Mk. 4:15), heard this prophetic message and conceived a plan that he thought would keep Jesus in heaven forever. If he could somehow cause the words of the

## Redemptive Descendants and Redemptive Ministries

We must learn how to look at history the way God does and ask Him what He wants to teach us, and how He wants us to respond.

One important question to ask the Lord is, “Do these historic events which took place more than 500 years ago have any influence on the Spanish speaking church today?” Five hundred years might seem like a long time to us, but we must understand that “*with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day*” (Ps. 90:4; 2Pet. 3:8). In human terms, God sees those events as if they happened earlier today and are still fresh in His memory. Remember God keeps His promises to the Jewish people because of the Covenant He made with their patriarchs thousands of years ago (Deut. 4:31; 1Chron.16:15-18). To God, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were alive on the earth only a few days ago!

God wants to complete the “circle of history” of the relationship between the Spanish speaking Church and the Jewish people. He wants to redeem this relationship so that God’s original prophetic purposes can be fulfilled. God wants to raise up Holy Spirit anointed Spanish speaking believers who, as the spiritual descendants of those who in the “*Name of Jesus*” persecuted, killed and expelled the Jews from Spain, will be a voice of repentance for the sins of the past. As a result, they will be anointed and empowered witnesses to the Jewish people of the love and mercy of God they have received from Israel’s Messiah, Jesus.

He also wants to anoint and empower the Spanish speaking believers who are the descendants of the native peoples who were persecuted and “forcibly converted” to a counterfeit form of Christianity by this same Spanish church. He wants to redeem their prophetic destiny by making them authentic supernatural witnesses to the nations, and also as a testimony to the Jewish people of the reality of their Messiah. I believe there is also a special call upon the Spanish speaking Church to evangelize the Muslim world as part of the redemption of the history of these two peoples.

I believe I heard the Lord say, “I want to use the spiritual descendants of the persecutors of the Jews, and the descendants of those who were persecuted, to be agents of my redemption for my Jewish people and the nations of the world.”

## THE BLOOD OF JESUS AND THE “BLOOD OF ABEL”

As our understanding of His plan to redeem the historic relationship

you have chosen? Many Jews chose “conversion” and that is why today there are many people in Spain, and throughout the Spanish speaking world, who have Jewish ancestry.

Assimilating, murdering or expelling the Jews was the exact opposite of the way God wanted His Church to relate to His chosen people.

### THE YEAR 1492

There are some very interesting facts about Columbus’ journey of discovery in 1492 that show God’s oversight of this historic event.

Firstly, Christopher Columbus was a Jew and had several other Jews as part of his crew. His real name was Cristobal Colon. Colon is derived from the Hebrew word for Priest, “Kohen” (כֹּהֵן). Not only was Colon a Jew, but he was also a Messianic Jew, a Jew who believes that Jesus is the Messiah.

Secondly it is extremely spiritually significant that on the day Christopher Columbus left Spain, the “edict of expulsion” came into effect. This was the day that the entire Jewish population of Spain had to choose to convert, be killed or exiled. This took place on the 9th day of the Jewish month of Av. This is a day with great significance in Jewish History. Known as Tisha b’Av, it is a day of communal mourning for the Jewish people because it was on this day that the first and second Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed. Many other catastrophes in Jewish history also occurred on this day.

To add to the significance of the dates of this journey, the very day that Columbus landed in the New World, October 12, was the last day of the final Feast of the Biblical year, Sukkot (Tabernacles), the day known as “Hosanna Rabba” – the day of “great deliverance!” It was indeed a “great day of deliverance” for Columbus and his crew!!

It is no coincidence that Columbus’s departure and the expulsion of the Jews began on the same day. Neither is it a coincidence that he ended his journey, which discovered an entirely new world of “nations,” on the last day of the Feast that prophetically anticipates the final gathering of all of the nations of the world to the Lord (Lev. 23; Zech. 14:16, 17). These are “clues” that point to the hand of God operating in Spanish history and are calling us to prayerfully reflect on what the Lord is saying with these historical facts. They are not just simply to be dismissed as ancient and irrelevant.

Prophets to fail, Jesus would never be able to return and Satan’s present influence over humanity would continue forever (Matt.4:8; 1Jn. 5:19). He understood clearly what Peter was prophesying. If the words of the prophets do not come to pass, if what they prophesied is not fulfilled, then Jesus can never return and destroy him and his kingdom.

So what did the prophets speak? What are the divine prophecies and promises whose fulfillment Satan so desperately seeks to thwart? The essential message of the Hebrew Scriptures is that God entered into a Covenant with the Jewish people. He brought them, as a nation, into a relationship with Himself (Deut. 4:7), and He gave them His land, the land of Israel, as an everlasting inheritance (Lev. 25:23; 2Chr. 7:20; Ezk. 38:16; Joel 1:6, 3:2). Through His servant Moses, God told the Jewish people that the penalty for their disobedience to His commandments would be exile from the land, international dispersion, and great suffering among the “*goyim*” - the nations (Lev. 26; Deut. 28).

But Moses and the prophets God repeatedly sent to the Jewish people also declared that God would not allow His covenant people to be destroyed (Deut. 30:1-10; Jer. 31:35-37). In the last days, at the end of this age, God promised to have compassion upon the scattered and persecuted children of Israel and regather them back to their land and to “David” their King. (Ps. 102:13; Deut. 30; Hosea 3:5; Jer. 30:9; Ezk. 37:24). “David” here is a reference to Jesus, King David’s greatest descendant, the Messianic King whom God promised would sit upon David’s throne forever (1Chr. 17:11-14).

Satan devised a three-fold plan to stop the words of the prophets from being fulfilled. First, kill all the Jews so that there would be no one to be regathered, hence the continual persecution and his attempt at mass genocide in the Holocaust. Second, cause them to assimilate into the nations and lose their national identity. Either way there would be no Jews left to fulfill the prophecies. Today he seeks the fulfillment of the third part of his plan, the destruction of Israel. He doesn’t care which of his plans succeed, the death or the assimilation of the Jews, or the destruction of the state of Israel, as long as he can stop the words of the prophets from coming to pass.

In many ways Satan’s plans have been successful. He has created a counterfeit religion that does not make disciples but instead creates mere “churchgoers.” This false religion’s historic persecution and modern day rejection of the Jews, manifested in various forms of Christian anti-Semitism and replacement theology, continually affirms the Jews in their rejection of Jesus. Almost every day there are reports of those who

vow to destroy the nation of Israel.

But, Halleluyah, we are also living in a day of restoration! God is raising up believers around the world who are authentic, fruitful, maturing disciples of the Kingdom, who are evangelizing the nations and lovingly supporting the Jewish community and the nation of Israel, and testifying to the Jews. More and more Jews are believing in Jesus. There is a vibrant Messianic Jewish remnant in Israel and around the world. One day all the Jews will turn to Him and call Him back from Heaven (Zech. 12:10; Rom. 11:15; Matt. 23:39). Then He will come and establish His Messianic Kingdom on the earth (Matt. 24:1-42; 1Thes.4:16,17; Jude 1:14-15; Rev.20:4-7).

### **THE SPANISH SPEAKING CHURCH, THE JEWS AND THE NATIONS**

We are in a season of the restoration of God's prophetic purposes for individuals, churches, and entire nations. I believe that one of the restorations God intends to fulfill is His original calling and prophetic destiny for the Spanish speaking church. One of the ways that we gain insight into, and an understanding of, God's prophetic purposes, is by studying the Scriptures along with Jewish and Christian history. With the Bible as our guide, we can see the work of the devil throughout the course of history and gain insight into what God wants to accomplish.

This is because Satan focuses in on God's plans and purposes to destroy them, if he can. He is simply not interested in anything else in your life, or in the life of your church or nation. As long as individuals, churches, or entire nations live for their own purposes and pleasures, they are already under Satan's influence (Matt. 4:8,9; Eph. 2:2; 1John 5:19) and are no threat to his authority. He will intensely resist any ministry, or person, who seeks to establish God's Kingdom, which is the only power that can defeat him (Lk. 9:1, 10:19; 11:20-22; 1Cor. 15:24; Eph. 1:21; Col. 2:10).

Simply stated, whatever the Devil does is the exact opposite of what God intends and desires. He is a liar, a thief and a murderer (John 8:44, 10:10), the exact opposite of who Jesus is and what He does.

As we study the history of the Church in Spain, we can identify God's original calling and prophetic destiny for the Spanish speaking church today, as well as Satan's strategies to prevent that. We see how Satan corrupted the church in Spain and used that counterfeit church to

persecute and then expel the Jewish people and then send Conquistadors to subjugate the indigenous people of the new world. This is the exact opposite of what the Scriptures teach us about God's love for the Jewish people (Deut. 7:7,8; Isa. 49:15,16; Jer. 31:3; Matt. 23:37), how He expects His Church to relate to them (Rom. 9:2-3, 11:11,14), and how God expands His Kingdom in the world (Matt. 20:25, 28:19-20; 1Cor. 13).

The fact that it was Spanish monarchs that sent Columbus on his journey of discovery reveals that part of God's original calling and His ultimate destiny for the Spanish speaking church is world evangelism. It was God's will that Holy Spirit anointed and empowered Spanish ministers evangelize and disciple the new world that Columbus discovered. However the Spanish Government, under the influence of the Spirit of Religion manifested through the Catholic Church, sent Conquistadors to the Americas to kill, subjugate and forcibly "convert" the people to their "religion" and plunder their gold.

Similarly, it was, and is, God's intention to use the Spanish Church to love the Jewish people and provoke them to spiritual jealousy. Satan knew this and infiltrated the Catholic Church with various doctrines of demons that caused them to perpetrate the horrific persecutions the Jewish people suffered in the Inquisition. This included manipulating the Spanish monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella, into issuing the infamous "edict of expulsion" in 1492, effectively ending centuries of Jewish life in Spain.

### **INQUISITION AND EXPULSION**

The Inquisition is an historic example of a powerful manifestation of the Devil's plan to either destroy the Jewish people or assimilate them into nonexistence as Jews. Satan works toward either of these two goals because he understands the ultimate Scriptural role the Jewish people will play in the fulfillment of God's purposes for the return of the Jesus, which he knows means his demise.

Under the penalty of suffering either horrific tortures or being strangled or burned alive, the Inquisition eventually forced the Jews of Spain to choose either death, exile, or "conversion" to Catholicism. This "conversion" demanded that they renounce and deny any and all connections to their Jewish religion, culture, history, people, or any other form of Jewish identity. If they refused such "conversion" and the identity destroying assimilation it created, their only other choices were death or expulsion. If you were a Jew living in Spain then, what would