

II Timothy 4:3-4

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.

One of the major issues facing the church today is the anti-Semitism that is sprouting up its head in our generation. Many denominations and pastors advocate replacement Theology to the body of Christ, stating that God has recanted His covenants and promises made to Abraham and his descendants; and then replacing the Jews with the church. Nothing could be any farther from the truth! Look with me at **Matthew 15**, where Jesus is speaking to the Syrophenician woman who was seeking Christ to deliver her daughter. Verse **24**, **But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."** Jesus came for the Jews, but because of their disobedience, we learn that salvation came to the Gentiles to make the Jews jealous. Please look with me at **Romans 11:11**, **I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation *has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.*** But to validate even further that replacement Theology is from the pit of hell, look with at **Romans 11:1**, **I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.** Now that a true foundation has been set, let's cut to the chase.

If God never replaced or cut-off Israel from His promises and covenants, then why are so many denominations today turning their back against Israel in such an arrogant and defiant way? Consider what happened in Fort Worth, Texas recently when leaders of the United Methodist Church met to discuss divesting or refusal to do business with any companies that in turn do business with Israel. The last time I heard, the United Methodist Church, as well as the Presbyterian Church USA were both Christian churches. So why are they so strongly in favor of standing against God's chosen people? This has to be a final death certificate spiritually, to these denominations! They along with the United Church of Christ have taken a firm stance against Israel and her rights to the land which God Himself deeded them. Do these Denominations believe that **Genesis 12:3** doesn't apply to them, that somehow they are above God's promise to Abraham? Verse 3 **And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."** Joseph Farah with WorldNetDaily had this to say concerning these events, *"I would urge anyone still associated with the Methodists to divest yourself and your family from this institution. Divest it of your tithes and offerings. Divest it from your last will and testament. Divest it from your time and volunteer work. Divest your children from its Sunday School classes. For those pastors leading Methodist churches who understand where your denomination is heading, it's time to pack up and divest yourself of links to the denomination."*(Farah, J) Church, it is becomingly clearer by the moment of the day in which we are living in. An apostasy has taken place in some of our nation's oldest and dearest denominations. Our responsibility at this point is to simply follow the Apostle Paul's direction in verse **5 of II Timothy 4**, **holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.**