

# Rejection Brings Condemnation

*'Let His Blood Be Upon Us and Our Children'*

**Text: Matthew 27:25**

## **Introduction:**

1. In the last week, just before His crucifixion, Jesus came into Jerusalem as one who came in the name of the Lord with crowds lining the streets honoring Him (**Matthew 21:8-10**)
2. The enthusiasm of the crowd soon turned to hatred as the Jewish leaders stirred up the crowd into a riotous crowd *'likened unto feeding sharks'* bent on taking vengeance out on someone. (*Christ in this case*) (In secret they planned their attack upon Christ – so it is with evil – in secret under the cover of darkness - **Matthew 26:3-4, 55-57**)
3. They brought false witnesses before the high priest to condemn Jesus Christ, but even the false witnesses could not agree on anything to condemn Him with. (**Matthew 26:59-63**)
4. He was brought before Pilate with false accusations and even he was unable to find anything that he could accuse Jesus with, but the riotous crowd swayed Pilate into making a decision that would change the world. (Matthew 27:11-25)

*From our text Scripture, as Pilate stood before the mob, the Jews pronounced upon themselves: (1) condemnation, (2) a prophetic oath and (3) judgment.*

## **I. In their angry and evil ways the Jews pronounced condemnation upon themselves**

*"...His blood be on us, and on our children."* (v25)

### **A. Because of their rejection of Jesus Christ (**Matthew 21:28-39; Hosea 4:6; Matthew 23:37-38**)**

1. The Christ, The Messiah – the One to save the Jewish nation and all of mankind. (**John 1:41; Matthew 18:11**)
2. The One whom they were looking for, but rejected. (**John 4:25-26**)
3. By the Jews rejection of Christ is in the same manner as they rejected Samuel when they wanted a king (like everyone else) to judge them (**1 Samuel 8:5-7**)

### **B. By our very words, spoken in times of anger, we can pronounce a condemnation upon ourselves (**Matthew 12:36; James 3:8-10**)**

## **II. In their angry and evil ways the Jews spoke a prophetic oath to be fulfilled in their lifetimes**

### **A. The Jews spoke in anger and said something that they would later regret.**

1. The destruction of the Jewish nation as they knew it in 70 A.D. (*As prophesied by Jesus Christ Himself prior to His crucifixion – **Matthew 24:21; Mark 13:14-19; Luke 19:41-44***)
  - a. A tribulation of the Jewish nation that has not been seen since – upwards of one million Jews killed in the slaughter by the Roman army.
2. The total destruction of the temple that they worshipped God in.
  - a. Remember this is the same temple that the curtain was ripped from top to bottom when Christ died on the cross. (**Matthew 27:51**)
    1. **Implying** that God was no longer there.
    2. **Implying** that God's Grace was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews – open to everyone.

3. ***Implying*** that the Old Testament Law came to an end – bringing in the New Testament – The Law of Grace.
  4. ***Implying*** that God was finished with the Jewish Nation as a whole because of their rejection of His Son.
    - b. God no longer resided in the temple made with hands – but resides in those today who have obeyed His commandments (**1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16**)
- B. The Jews in their anger fulfilled a prophecy in their lifetime which was to have far reaching affects.

### III. In their *angry and evil ways* they brought **judgment** against themselves.

- A. The wrath and the judgment of the Almighty God were shown in His destruction of the Jewish nation in 70 A.D.
  1. Total destruction – all lineages as to the priesthood destroyed – all lineages as to tribe identity destroyed
  2. Utter destruction upon the Jewish nation and to all of its identity as a nation of God.
- B. A Jewish nation that was *once* God’s people, but because of their **rejection of Jesus Christ** as the Messiah they in turn rejected God.
  1. The same can be said for us today – if we reject Christ we also reject God. (**Matthew 10:32-33**)
  2. Saints today can fall away – there is no such thing as once saved always saved – we must remain faithful until the end. (**Galatians 5:4; Revelation 2:1-5**)

#### Conclusion:

1. We can reject God today as the Jews rejected Him when they rejected His Son Jesus Christ.
2. There are many ways we can reject Christ, and one is with our very words either spoken or not spoken (at the right time).
3. What we say today either for Christ (*I hope and pray that is what each and every one of us does*), or against Christ (*by being silent and not saying a word in His defense, or speaking against Him – heaven forbid*) will make an impact on our standings with our Mighty God.
4. **Remember**, the Jewish nation was God’s people at one time and by their very rejection of Jesus Christ including their spoken words of, “*His blood be on us, and on our children*”, they brought condemnation and rejection by God Himself. (*We to can be rejected.*)