

The Answering Service

FROM AMERICA'S PROMISE

Answers to questions from Radio and Tape Listeners

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Question No. 1:

Does the Bible authorize Christians to use weapons to defend themselves?

Answer:

Those of us who teach that there is no "pretribulation rapture (or removal)" of the Christians from the earth, and therefore Christians will go through a time of "tribulation," are often asked this question.

My answer to that question is a decided "Yes." Until 20 years ago this question was hardly ever asked by Christians. It was commonly-accepted by them that they had a personal responsibility for the safety of their families; which responsibility included, if necessary, the use of weapons and violence against those who attempted to harm them. None even thought of the idea that Christians were to be disarmed or helpless to defend themselves.

However, in the last 30 years, Christians have been confused by the contradictory statements made to them and about them in relation to guns, weapons, self-defense, etc.; especially with what amounts to propaganda, that Christians are always to be "meek," "turn the other cheek," "not resort to violence," "accept wrong," "love everybody" and the more direct anti-gun claims that it is somehow evil for a Christian to have weapons in his home for self-defense.

Part of this confusion is due to the ignorance of the Christians of the nature of man. The "love" doctrines taught in many churches imply that all men are "good," that it is only when we Christians "hate" someone that those persons react to our "hatred," "bigotry," or "racism" and threaten us or harm us. If that premise were true, then to be safe from harm, all a Christian would have to do is "turn on the love" toward his antagonist or enemy, and no harm would result. However, God's Holy Word warns Christians that most men do NOT respond to love or kindness, and in fact, are repelled by it and hate the person who offers love and righteousness.

The hatred of most men toward righteousness is simply not understood by Christians; and they, therefore, cannot understand or grasp that a "war" is being waged, both openly and secretly, against Christians by those who hate righteousness. Because the churches do not warn them of this hatred, most Christians do not know that there are many humans so evil they actually enjoy carrying out policies that bring destruction to followers of Christ.

To help you understand this secret hatred these wicked conspirators have against Christians, we will look to the Holy Word of God for this warning to us that wicked men hate and desire to kill righteous men. This should give you a better understanding of why Jesus told His disciples in **Luke 22** that after He left

them, "He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one."

In **1 John 3:12**, we are told why Cain slew his brother, Abel: "because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." We make the mistake of thinking no man would hate us unless we had done him some wrong. That is absolutely not true. God warns us that wicked men hate righteous men simply because they hate righteousness. The hatred of these anti-Christians is not directed at Christians because the Christians have wronged them, but because they simply hate righteousness!

Here are some additional Words of God about "the wicked:"

The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor. . . .the wicked. . .blesseth the covetous. The wicked. . . will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous. . .He hath said in his heart, "I shall not be moved" (**Ps. 10:2-6**). Now you know why the antichrists sing the song, "We Shall Not Be Moved."

"The wicked plotteth against the just and gnasheth upon him (speaks against him) with his teeth. . . The wicked have drawn out the sword. . .to slay such as be of upright conversation. . . The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him." (**Psalms 37:12, 14, 32**)

Have you been taught by your church that the haters of Jesus Christ and of Christians will be converted? Hear this: "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies." (**Psalms 58:3**) David knew what God would do with the wicked: "Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God." (**Ps. 139:19**)

Should we love the wicked and even those who hate our God? We are told that by many churches today. However, listen to what King David wrote of his feelings toward them: "Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate Thee? And am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee? I hate them with a perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies." (**Ps. 139:21,22**)

Did Jesus Christ teach that those who hated Him would be saved? No, Jesus said, "But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before Me." (**Luke 19:27**) Peter and James both referred to the wicked as "brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed," and said that the mists (or blackness) of darkness was reserved for them forever! Neither conversion nor resurrection has been promised to those who hate Jesus Christ, but instead-destruction and an end.

That brings us back to arms and the Christian. Yes, Christians should be armed to protect and defend their families, fellow Christians and their nation. There will be no removal of the Christians from the earth; Christians will be here and involved in "the last battle." The "rapture" doctrine, the "love everybody" doctrine and the anti-gun propaganda have effectually disarmed many Christians. If you have made decisions about weapons based on false doctrine, now is the time to search for the Truth. For an overall view of the events of the end of the age, read, "The Bible Says: Russia Will Invade America and be Defeated" by Pastor Emry.

For a more complete Bible study on the subject of Christians and self-defense, we have 6 radio broadcasts on two tapes entitled: "The Bible and Arms." Listen to: cassette #8111 and 8112.

Question No. 2:

I have read Dear Abby's column, where she said in past centuries in Europe the Christians called the Jews "Christ-killers." She said this was wrong and "anti-semitic." Our Sunday School teacher says the Jews did not crucify Jesus, but that Pilate and the Roman Soldiers did. Who is right, the European Christians of several centuries ago, or Abby and our Sunday School teacher? Who crucified Jesus?

Answer:

This has been a bone of contention between Jews and some Christians for over 1900 years. "Dear Abby" is Jewish, so she can hardly be blamed for giving the standard Jewish answer. However, teachers in Christian churches should get their answer from the Christian Bible.

In the parable of the householder in **Matthew 21**, Jesus told of someone who said, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance." It is quite easy to identify Jesus as the heir in the parable, and then in **verse 45**, it is revealed that the ones who would say, "Come, let us kill him," were the Jewish Pharisees. So before His death, Jesus identified His murderers as the Jewish Pharisees.

Also, in **Acts 5 verses 24 through 30**, we find the Jewish Priests commanding Peter and the Christians not to preach in Jesus' Name; and in Peter's answer to the Jewish priests he says in **verse 30**: "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree." This is a direct accusation that the Jewish priests did the actual crucifying of Jesus.

This entire question is answered in great detail in our 30-page booklet, "Who

Killed Christ?" Using a score or more Bible passages from both the Old and New Testaments, we prove the Jewish priests and their own band of soldiers crucified Jesus; and that the Romans have been accused of this in order to hide the real truth of the Jews' guilt in this greatest of all crimes.

Question No. 3:

Where are the two Latin words AMER and RICA written in the Bible? I have heard you say that AMERICA means "Heaven's Kingdom. .."

Answer:

First, those words are not Latin, but are from the ancient Gothic.

Like other words, they are spelled differently over the centuries and in other languages.

Anyone who speaks German will tell you that "himmel" means heaven and "reich" means kingdom. Anglicized German is often missing the first "h" and the "l" and "r" are often interchanged. (The Japanese do that, too, which leads to speculation on the origin of the Japanese people.)

Anyway, "himmel" becomes "immel," "amel," or "amero." "Rica" is more Latin, but still means the same as "reich." Those familiar with European languages can verify this.

It has to be in God's purpose that although this continent was given many other names by the early European explorers and map makers, all other names have fallen into disuse, and all the world knows our land by a name meaning "Heaven's Kingdom."