



Are Jews Ruthless?

Glad You Asked!

Dear Jewish Voice,

I love your ministry and hearing about Jews getting saved. I'm thankful for my salvation. If not for that, I may have become very anti-Semitic. I have worked for Jews in my business and found them to be ruthless. Then I realized that it's just because they want high quality. Like in Hollywood - although their morality is not good, they do the best productions.

~HM, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Dear HM,

Thank you for your kind encouragement. I wanted to address some of the issues in your message, as I have heard similar sentiments expressed many times.

I am thankful that you have kept an open heart toward the Jewish People in spite of some unfortunate experiences and observations.

However, you may not realize it, but you are expressing *a form* of anti-Semitism. You (and many others that may have a true love for the Jewish People) are stereotyping an entire people group based upon interaction with a few, or on common misconceptions.

This is not acceptable with other people groups. For example, if I said, "All Americans are immoral," because I have had encounters with Americans that were, I would be in serious error. If we stereotype an ethnic group according to the most negative traits of some, we are strongly rebuked for our prejudicial attitude.

We must remember that the Jewish People are merely a microcosm of mankind. The very best and the very worst of mankind, *and everything in between*, can be seen within the Jewish People. Of course, this can be said as well of *all* people groups!

It's interesting to note that whereas Believers would be careful not to stereotype a minority ethnic group, there is little hesitation to do so regarding the Jewish People - even by people who truly have a heart for them and support Israel.

So why is this a problem if the person doesn't hold the stereotype(s) against the Jewish People? Why even address it? Because a time is coming, the Bible tells us, that the entire world will gather against Israel. Israel is both the Land *and* the People scattered throughout the world. This is one of the many deceptions that we are told will characterize the Last Days. God says that He does not want us to be ignorant, nor be deceived. Yet, we are told that this is possible for even the elect. The inaccurate stereotype that you mentioned is one of many that can add to an overall condemnation of the Jewish People as a whole.

One of the most dangerous false statements that is very prevalent, is the phrase "because the Jews killed Christ" or "because the Jews rejected Christ." This is said and written often, even by people involved in Jewish ministry - people that may even love Israel and the Jewish People. Yet, it is simply inaccurate. Although the events involving Yeshua happened in Israel, within the Jewish Community, it was only a segment that rejected Him, while vast numbers of Jews believed in Him and took His message to the world. Acts 21:20 records tens of thousands of Jewish People that were zealous for the Torah believing in Yeshua in Jerusalem alone.

Yet, the phrase "the Jews rejected Christ" is repeated continuously, and has been used to fuel murderous crusades, inquisitions, and holocausts because of the power of that erroneous statement.

Therefore, we need to be thoughtful with our words, so that we communicate in the spirit of truth and love.

Sarah