

**PENTECOSTALS AND THE “NEW” ANTI-SEMITISM:  
WALKING IN THE FRUIT AND FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT  
FOR THE SAKE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE**

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The second century parting of the ways between rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity resulted in a fundamental breach, the effects of which have reverberated to the present day. Christians separated from the Jewish roots of their faith will suffer from a theological identity crisis. They may feel uncomfortable communicating the gospel to Jewish people. They may have lingering Jewish-related theological questions. They may not recognize the increase in anti-Semitism in our day or know how to respond to it. This naïveté poses theological, moral, and practical problems.

Consequently, the purpose of this project was to develop and present a seminar to assist Assemblies of God leaders and constituents in proactively addressing this naïveté within the Pentecostal context. The six-hour *New Anti-Semitism Seminar*, with accompanying resource materials, sought to do the following: (1) help Pentecostals understand the detrimental effects of past Christian anti-Semitism on Jews and Jewish receptivity to the gospel, (2) prepare Pentecostals to stand with Jews in the face of rising anti-Semitism by helping them understand the biblical-theological mandate for doing so, providing clear research on the present-day phenomenon of the new anti-Semitism, and providing practical steps to combat anti-Semitism, and (3) aid Pentecostals in preserving their witness to Jews through a focus on walking out the ministry of Messiah in the fruit (Gal. 5:22) and fullness (Rom. 11:25) of the Spirit.

The seminar was presented to 112 participants at Evangel Temple in Springfield, Missouri. The project has resulted in a resource that will benefit the seminar participants

personally, Evangel Temple as a congregation, as well as other believers in the kingdom of God.