

ESTHER PART IV

Reference: **Esther 3:1-15**

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This chapter introduces us to that diabolical character named Haman and his diabolical scheme to commit genocide.

There are two possibilities as to the reason Mordecai refused to bow toward Haman:

- Mordecai was Jewish and the Jewish people were strictly commanded in the Mosaic Law _____ someone other than God. Remember the first commandment in the Decalogue.
Reference: **Exodus 20:1-3** (see screen)
- Mordecai didn't bow because as a Jew he felt he couldn't in good conscious give respect and honor to someone he knew was so _____.

Question: What is the cause of anti-Semitism? Why has there been such hatred for Jewish people?

Answer: Historians and experts have concluded there are at least six possible reasons that anti-Semitism exists:

- _____ theory - Jewish people are hated because Jews are an _____ race.
- _____ theory - Jewish people are hated because they possess so much _____ and _____.
- _____ theory - Jewish people are hated because they are so _____ from everyone else.
- _____ theory - Jewish people are hated because they are the _____ for all the world's problems.
- _____ theory - Jewish people are hated because they arrogantly argue they are God's _____.
Reference: **Deuteronomy 7:6** (see screen)

- _____ theory - Jewish people are hated because some accuse the Jewish people as a whole of _____ Jesus.

Question: Who was responsible for the death of Jesus?

Answer: Multiple people groups and individuals contributed to His death.

- The _____ were responsible.
Reference: **Matthew 26:3-4, 27:22-25** and **John 11:47-50, 53** (see screen)
- The ancient _____ were responsible.
Reference: **Matthew 27:27, 31** (see screen)
- The then members of _____ were responsible.
Reference: **Luke 23:21, Matthew 27:22-23, and Acts 2:22-23** (see screen)
- _____ Himself was responsible.
Reference: **Acts 2:23** (see screen)
- _____ is responsible.
Reference: **Isaiah 53:5, Romans 5:8, II Corinthians 5:21, and I Peter 3:18**, etc. (see screen)