"Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." Ephesians 2:11-18

2,977 Murdered

<mark>9/11/01</mark> What Happened?





Why Did It Happen? 1. Because some follow Mohammed as their Prophet, not Jesus Christ. Mohammed justified violence against enemies: "Fight against them until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme." Qur'an - Sura 2:193 and 8:39 Jesus Christ doesn't: "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" Luke 6:27

Why Did It Happen? 2. Because of History: Jacob and Esau **Genesis 25:19-34 Israelites and Edomites Genesis 36:8** Joshua 24:3-4 The Hatred Between Jews and Gentiles Should End With Obedience To The Gospel Of Jesus Christ **Ephesians 2:11-18; Romans 1:16**

Why Did It Happen? 3. Because people take fire into their bosom! **Proverbs 6:27: "Can a man take fire to his** bosom, And his clothes not be burned?" Fire of Hatred! Psalm 25:19 Fire of Bitterness! Romans 3:14 Fire of Ignorance! Romans 10:2

How Did It Happen?

Using Ourselves Against Ourselves

Jeremiah 26:19: "But we are doing great evil against ourselves."

Good Turned Into Bad Plane: Friends – Job- Job 19:19 Jesus-John 13:18 Plane: Family Matthew 10:35-36 Plane: Possessions Luke 12:15 Plane: Recreation 1 Corinthians 10:7 Plane: Work Ecclesiastes 4:4 "Better a handful with quietness Than both hands full, together with toil and grasping for the wind."

Will Your Tower Stand? Proverbs 18:10: The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe." for you Acts 11:21: "And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord." **Acts 2:38**