Righteous Blood Cries Out for Vengeance

This is the second part of the answer to your question regarding my opinion of what caused the Holocaust. We know that Satan's rebellion was the first sin on this earth as well as the first sin in God's creation... Jesus himself said that Satan was a murderer and liar from the beginning. As a result of his successfully tempting Eve, Satan became the ruler of this earth.

(2 Corinthians 4:4) The phrase "god of this world" (or "god of this age") indicates that Satan is the major influence on the ideals, opinions, goals, hopes and views of the majority of the people. His influence also encompasses the world's philosophies, education, and commerce. The thoughts, ideas, speculations and false religions of the world are under his control and have sprung from his lies and deceptions.

Satan is also called the "prince of the power of the air" in Ephesians 2:2. He is the "ruler of this world" in John 12:31. These titles and many more signify Satan's capabilities. To say, for example, that Satan is the "prince of the power of the air" is to signify that in some way he rules over the world and the people in it.

Since he is a murderer, we can expect his goal is to have people honor him by lying to them or causing their death. We know that his ultimate goal is to be the ultimate ruler of God's creation here on earth. So, what happened as a result of Adam and Eve ceding their leadership on earth to Satan. The first murder on earth occurred with one of their children killing his righteous brother Abel.

What was the result? It is also the first time we read of righteous blood crying out from the ground is in Genesis, and generally it is useful to see what the Bible says the first time it brings up a subject. Genesis 4:8-11 reads as follows: "Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, that when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand."

That is one scenario! What does the Bible say about unsolved crimes, where the guilty has (apparently) gone free? Is God concerned with avenging innocent blood shed by men who then feel free to escape punishment from the law on earth?

The Biblical Law of Cold Cases

The consistent biblical example is that God cares a lot about avenging the innocent, and such a concern we find in a biblical law about cold cases, unsolved murders, that shows that a sacrifice had to be paid by the town or village closest to the place where the dead body was found. This law is worth examining today.

Deuteronomy 21:1-9 reads as follows: "If anyone is found slain, lying in the field in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess, and it is not known who killed him, then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure the distance from the slain man to the surroundings cities. And it shall be that the elders of the city nearest to the slain man will take a heifer which has not been worked and which has not been pulled with a yoke.

The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the Lord your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the Lord; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be settled.

And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley. Then they shall answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it. Provide atonement, O Lord, for your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel.' And atonement shall be provided on their behalf for the blood. So, you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you when you do what is right in the sight of God."

Why was it that a community had to offer a sacrifice just because it was in the wrong place at the wrong time? Does righteous blood cry out for vengeance, and if this sacrifice were not done, would God have held a town responsible for the innocent blood found near there? According to the Bible, the answer is yes. A town that did not care enough for innocent life to be able to sacrifice for it or swear to God their innocence in shedding innocent blood was not a town that God would view highly. Additionally, we have a consistent record within the Bible of righteous blood crying out for vengeance. Let us examine that record now.

Righteous Abel And the Martyred Saints

The shedding of blood is serious business. Cain spiritually polluted the land by slaying the innocent blood of Abel (in contrast, a burglar in the night has no blood, and therefore does not pollute the land when he is killed in the act. By polluting the land, he made himself an outcast, and a nomad, without any divinely settled home. He cut himself off from polite society and became an outlaw. God asked Cain where his brother was, hoping for a confession, but receiving lies, as well as the insult from Cain that Abel needed to be taken care of like a sheep.

He assumed that he could fool God by killing Abel out in the field with no one watching him, and then lie to His face, not aware that God sees everything. The fact that Abel's blood crying out for vengeance is listed all the way in Hebrews 12:24, pointing out that the blood of Christ gives us mercy while the blood of Abel cries out for vengeance, ought to give us pause.

It also ought to give us pause that Revelation 6:9-11 gives us another cry for vengeance from the blood of innocent martyrs: "When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth." Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed." This ought to give us pause for several reasons. For one, the blood of the martyred Christians of history is depicted as crying out to God in the same way as Abel's did.

Now, this is not literal, but it ought to suggest that murder leaves a mark on an area, and that it is easily recognizable by God. Also, the fact that life as an endtime Christian appears to have a short life expectancy ought to make us hope either that we aren't living in the end times at all or that we are found worthy to escape from those evil times. I for one don't relish being tormented as were the martyrs of old

Conclusion

Nonetheless, in whatever evil days we may happen to find ourselves in, let us remember that the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, speaks of the blood of the righteous crying out to God for vengeance. It speaks of the innocent blood polluting the ground on which that blood is shed, and it speaks of a God who promises to repay the blood of the innocent on the hands of the murderers, even to hold the jurisdiction of murders responsible if they do not atone for the righteous blood found in their territory.

Since God cares so much about atoning for the righteous blood of innocent victims, we ought to care greatly about the issue as well. For there is much in this world that needs to be avenged, and no one is better at vengeance than one who is all knowing, all-powerful, and knowledgeable of what goes on everywhere, rather than relying on our own weak arms to avenge us. For the hand of man will fail us, but God's arm is strong to avenge His saints, when the time is right.

The Holocaust?

Is it a result of sin? You betcha!! Man naturally will sin if God is not his Lord and Master. A human is predisposed to seeking the fulfillment of his desires. Once a goal is reached, his desire moves up to the next step. Under the right personality and perverse desires, a person will eradicate anything that stands in his way. Power corrupts people. Absolute Power corrupts absolutely. The steps to reach their goals at that level then depends on the culture that person sees as the optimum to obtain his goal. Usually it involves removing the enemy, whether it is known as Communism, Socialism, progressivism, etc. That becomes the common enemy for all who follow the leader. Mass Murders becomes the norm.

And religion whether Jewish or Christian has not eradicated that tendency even if a leader professes Jesus as his god. Unless we follow God's commands, **SIN WINS!!**

Closing Thought

Which nation, community, or individual will not suffer the Righteous Vengeance for the shedding of innocent blood through Abortions?

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