

Jews for Jesus Fights Back Against Today's Cancel Culture

Antisemitism has reared its ugly head for centuries. Jewish people worldwide have been targeted and have been victims of this toxic persecution for longer than any care to remember.

But the cancel culture, about which I have written a new book, *God and Cancel Culture*, which releases Sept. 7, is a cancer that has stricken America only recently, perhaps over the last year and a half. While it may seem like the same form of persecution, cancel culture is a fairly new term.

My good friend, Susan Perlman, one of the co-founders of the Jews for Jesus who serves on the executive team of the organization, says even many Jews have become a part of it.

Because Jews for Jesus is a Messianic organization that tries to raise the awareness of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah, many in the Jewish community have either ignored this group or spoken out against it.

"It's not the whole Jewish community, and we've always found a certain number of fair-minded Jews that are willing to consider the fact that we are legitimately Jewish," Perlman says on a recent episode of the *Strang Report* podcast. "But oftentimes, there will be those within the Jewish leadership who will say, 'You can be for Jesus; that's your right, but don't continue to call yourselves Jews.' So they want to cancel out the Jewish part of our name. They say, 'You can call yourself "Former Jews for Jesus," but you are not really Jews anymore.'

"That's one way cancel culture has hit us, and we've just basically refused to accept that depiction of who we are,"

Perlman says. "We say, 'If you want to call us bad Jews, call us bad Jews. Say that we're misinformed, if that's your opinion. But we are Jews; our parents are Jewish. We grew up as part of a people that God made a covenant with. We've never had God tell us that we're no longer Jewish.'

"So, with that part of cancel culture, we've just been ornery about it," she adds. "No. 1, we won't accept that. No. 2, I think it's important as believers for us to grasp the whole import of cancel culture and what repercussions that has on us sharing our faith and being strong believers. In this culture today, people just shrink away from saying things because they don't want to be canceled out. They don't want others to say, 'We're just writing you off; you have nothing to say that will be of interest to us.