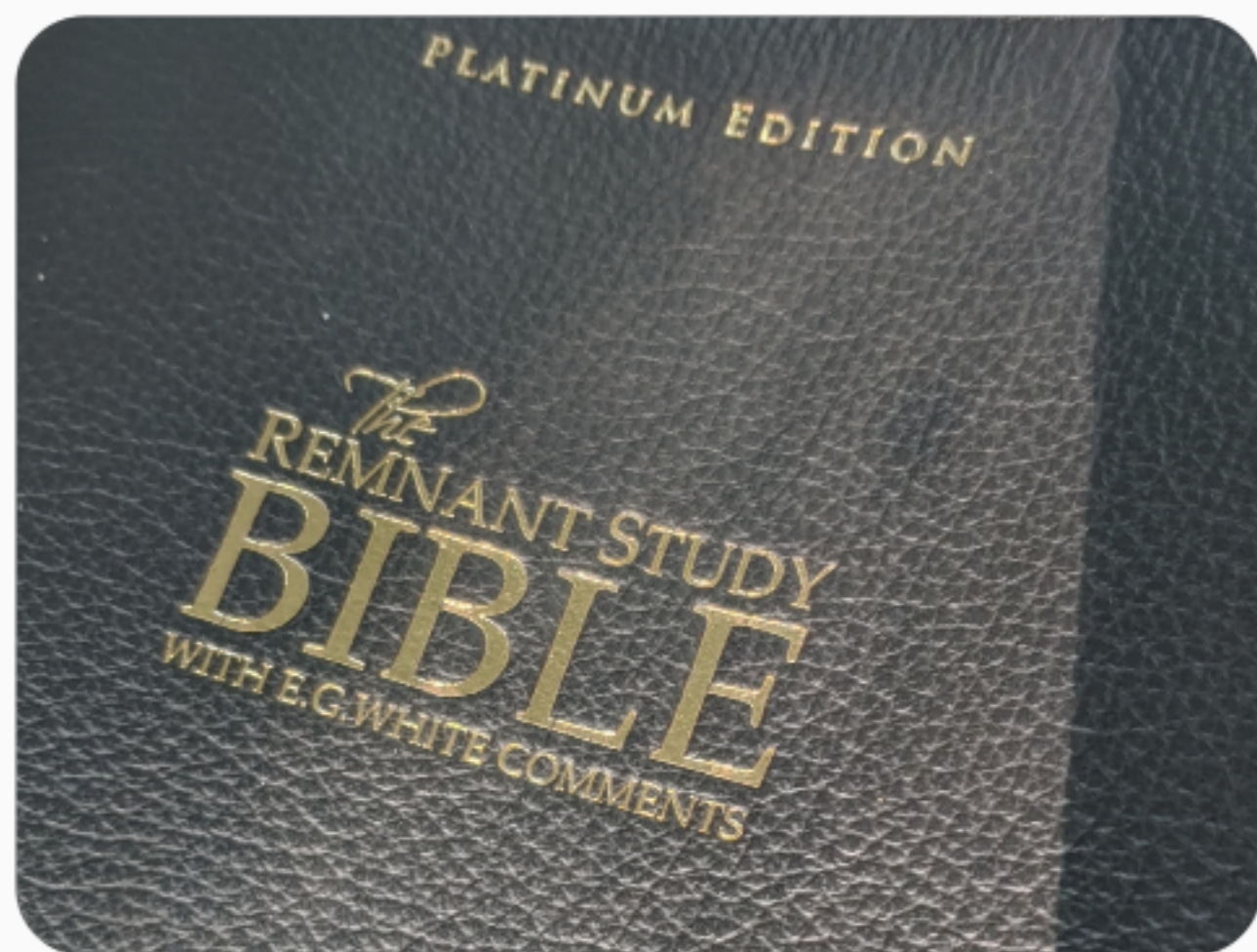


The Remnant Church

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The promise see 1 Peter 2:9

The fulfillment see Revelation 21:3

It starts now!

Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV

[19] Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; [20] and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; [21] in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: [22] in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

God promised & predicted a **remnant people** in the very first prophecy in the Bible. Immediately after the Fall of Man,

And I will put enmity between thee and **the woman**, and between thy seed and **her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:15 KJV

- ✓ Thee: Satan
- ✓ Woman: Church
- ✓ Her seed: Jesus
- ✓ Thy seed: the world

We see these same 4 fundamental characters in the great controversy throughout scripture. But our focus for this study is the Woman.

So after the fall of man there's a promise of a **Redeemer**. Also we're told of the great struggle that'll take place between Jesus and his church, and Satan and his people. The Great Controversy. It doesn't take long in the Bible narrative to see that war in real life,

Genesis 4



"Cain came before God with murmuring and infidelity in his heart in regard to the

promised sacrifice and the necessity of the sacrificial offerings. His gift expressed no penitence for sin. He felt, as many now feel, that it would be an acknowledgment of weakness to follow the exact plan marked out by God, of trusting his salvation wholly to the atonement of the promised Saviour. He chose the course of **self-dependence**. He would come in his own merits. He would not bring the lamb, and mingle its blood with his offering, but would present his fruits, the products of his labor. He presented his offering as a favor done to God, through which he expected to secure the divine approval. Cain obeyed in building an altar, obeyed in bringing a sacrifice; but he rendered only a partial obedience. The essential part, the recognition of the need of a Redeemer, was left out." EGW, PP, Ch 5

In this story we see the **difference** between the remnant, and those who

are not. What do you think it is? We'll talk about it as we go along in the study. It's crucial to understanding the remnant. It comes up in scripture over and over, and defines the issues at the end of time.

The remnant is like a **thread** that runs through the entire Bible.

God's Church

The basis, the *foundation* of God's true church is a **promise** God made to one individual. The realization of that promise is **Jesus**, and the *reality* of it for us is our destiny.

The original promise see Genesis 15:1-7

There's actually **two promises** that God made to Abraham, one subservient to the other. A greater promise, the

ultimate promise. And another that gets us there.

The *Ultimate Promise* is **not** the nation of Isreal that God would establish. What is it? Vs 1 *God Himself* is the Promise.

I AM

Revelation 21:3 KJV

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will **dwell with them,** and they shall be his people, and God himself shall **be with them,** and be their God.

Israel was the means to the end. The **purpose** of the remnant church is God establishing a *forever family*, with himself at the heart and center of it.

"I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." [Revelation 21:22](#). The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with the Father and the Son. "Now we see through a glass, darkly." [1 Corinthians 13:12](#). We behold the image of God reflected, as in a mirror, in the works of nature and in His dealings with men; but then we shall see Him face to face, without a dimming veil between. We shall stand in His presence and behold the glory of His countenance. [{GC 676.4}](#)

But in order to get there, we have to go through hell. Through the **Great Controversy** that we've been thrown into. And so out of that thought, are other purposes God has for his remnant people. We'll unpack these as we go along,

- ✓ Reveal God's character to lost world
- ✓ Demonstrate faithfulness
- ✓ Learn to love, work and live together
- ✓ Go and make disciples, together
- ✓ Vindicate God through changed lives

The biggest thought is the fact that it's not about us, either corporately or individually. **It's about God.** Everywhere the Lord leads us is designed to know him more and more, and love him more deeply.

Matthew 22:36-40 KJV

[36] Master, which is the great commandment in the law? [37] Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart**, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The whole **purpose** of your existence, the **motivation** behind your salvation, is found in one Bible verse,

John 17:1-3

I think it's pretty cool that all of this, the 30,000 foot view of everything important in this brief life, is seen in that one sentence promise to **Abraham**.

And his *reaction* to the promise is what the **remnant church** is all about,

"And he **believed** in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."

We see that foundational belief & trust in God's Word with the first remnant person, Able... who simply did what God asked in faith... to Abram who followed God's voice and did what he asked... all the way through the Bible to the very end,

Revelation 14:4 KJV

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These

are they which **follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth**. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

"John saw a Lamb on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 having His Father's name written in their foreheads. They bore the signet of heaven. They reflected the image of God. They were full of the light and the glory of the Holy One. If we would have the image and superscription of God upon us, we must separate ourselves from all iniquity. We must forsake every evil way, and then we must trust our cases in the hands of Christ. While we are working out our own salvation with fear and trembling, God will work in us to will and to do of His own good pleasure."

Review and Herald, March 19, 1889

This simple faith is the **hallmark trait** of God's remnant people.

"Faith is trusting God—believing that He loves us and knows best what is for our good. Thus, instead of our own, it leads us to choose His way. In place of our ignorance, it accepts His wisdom; in place of our weakness, His strength; in place of our sinfulness, His righteousness. Our lives, ourselves, are already His; faith acknowledges His ownership and accepts its blessing. Truth, uprightness, purity, have been pointed out as secrets of life's success. It is faith that puts us in possession of these principles" *Education*, 253, 1903

If only Israel had that kind of faith.. But the remnant does, it always has.

Israel

Genesis 35:9-12

Exodus 1:6-7 KJV

[6] And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. [7] And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

Purpose of Isreal

Straightaway, it's important to point out there's a *difference* between the corporate nation of Isreal, and the **remnant**. There's a difference between the Church, and the remnant. More on that soon, but here are a few of the biblical purposes for the nation of Isreal,

✓ Temple services pointing to Jesus
Lev 22:17-21 compare 1 Peter 1:19
Something innocent & perfect had to die to pay for your sins

✓ Prophecies of the Messiah & GC
Over 300 specific ones, some

mentioned in the new testament
Dan 2, 7, 8, 9 | Isaiah 53, 66 examples

✓ Make the Creator God known

Isaiah 43:10 KJV

Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know and believe me, and
understand that I am he: before me
there was no God formed, neither shall
there be after me.

Acts 17:22-24

“Yet God had chosen Israel. He
had called them to preserve
among men the knowledge of
His law and of the symbols
and prophecies that pointed to
the Saviour. He desired them to
be as wells of salvation to the

be as wells of salvation to the world. What Abraham was in the land of his sojourn, what Joseph was in Egypt, and Daniel in the courts of Babylon, the Hebrew people were to be among the nations. **They were to reveal God to men.”**

The Desire of Ages

Chapter 2

We'll see the continuation of and the fulfillment of these purposes in the **new testament church**. But it's important to understand God's election, purpose and grace. And in the process, understand our worth in Christ.

Deuteronomy 14:2 KJV

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Is it any wonder of God's intense jealousy over his people. Right in the 2nd commandment,

Exodus 20:5-6

Compare with the New Testament,

2 Corinthians 11:2 KJV

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Sadly, the nation of Israel failed God time and time again. It's really a long sad downward spiral. When Jesus

arrived right on time, they had hit rock bottom. And never recovered,

Jeremiah 13:27 KJV

I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?

Compare with Jesus's words,

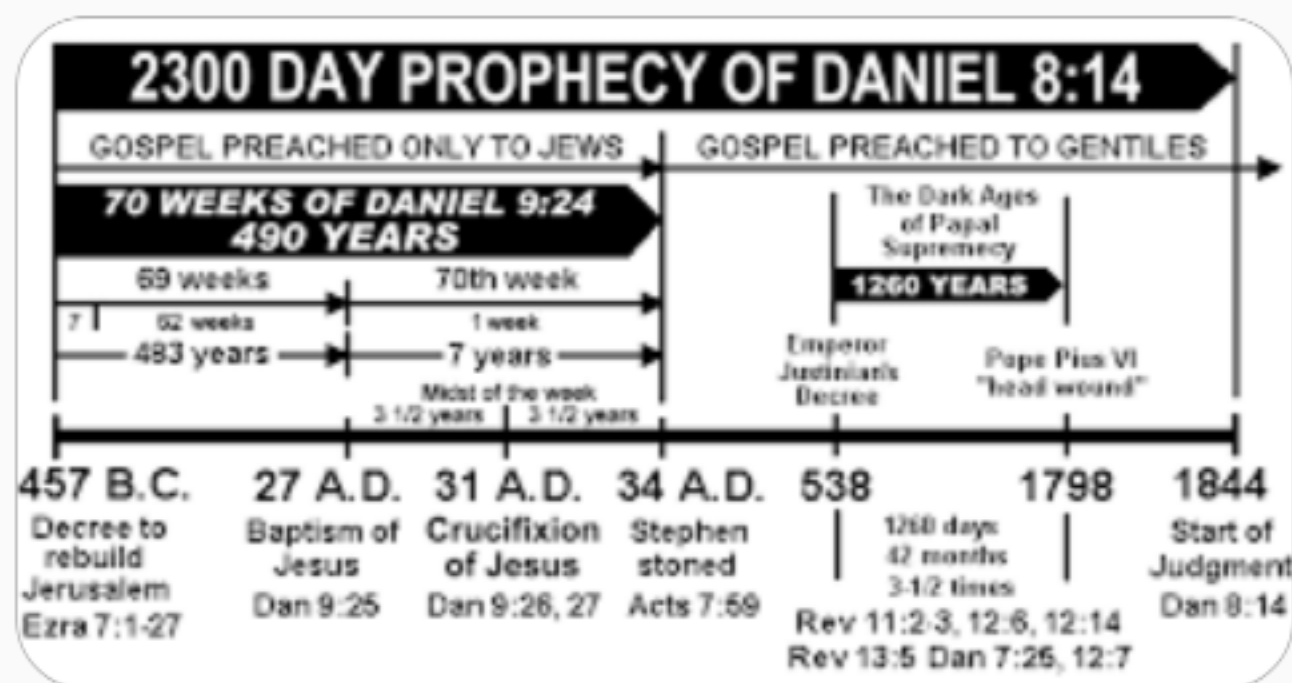
Matthew 23:13 KJV

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

The Daniel 9 and the 70 weeks prophecy was a **countdown** for the nation of Israel,

Daniel 9:24 KJV

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.



According to Jesus himself they failed. And here are the **consequences**, same chapter, and right before his unfolding of end time events in Ch 24,

Matthew 23:37-38

Right after telling the parable of the vineyard owner who sends servants (prophets) to see how it's being cared for, finally his own son, all of which are killed, he says

Matthew 21:42-45

That should be enough biblical proof that the privileges and responsibilities of God's chosen people was **taken from Israel** and given to another people. But Paul in the new testament nails it down in a profound way that we'll soon see.

From Prophets & Kings, Ch 59

In the parable of the vineyard, Christ near the close of His earthly ministry called the attention of the Jewish teachers to the rich blessings bestowed upon Israel, and in these showed God's claim to their obedience. Plainly He set [711] before them the glory of God's purpose, which through obedience they might have fulfilled. Withdrawing the veil from the future, He showed how, by failure to fulfill His purpose, the whole nation was forfeiting His blessing and bringing ruin upon itself.

That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today. He has "let out His vineyard [714] unto other husbandmen," even to His covenant-keeping people, who faithfully "render Him the fruits in their seasons." Never has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth who have made His interests their own. These witnesses for God are numbered among the spiritual Israel, and to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises made by Jehovah to His ancient people.

Also of interest is Israel's **motivation** for disobedience. We've seen this story

before,

At the same time the Jews were, by their sins, separating themselves from God. They were unable to discern the deep spiritual significance of their symbolic service. In their self-righteousness they trusted to their own works, to the sacrifices and ordinances themselves, instead of relying upon [709] the merits of Him to whom all these things pointed. Thus "going about to establish their own righteousness" (Romans 10:3), they built themselves up in a self-sufficient formalism. Wanting the Spirit and grace of God, they tried to make up for the lack by a rigorous observance of religious ceremonies and rites. Not content with the ordinances which God Himself had appointed, they encumbered the divine commands with countless exactions of their own devising. The greater their distance from God, the more rigorous they were in the observance of these forms.

Cain relied on his own devising when he brought the wrong offering. Israel continued this tradition of self-reliance and a **man made** religion. And it culminates with an end time *forced*

false religion. See the theme? A false religion devoid of the *truth* in God's Word, and prominently with the sacrifice of Jesus missing.

Exactly like Israel when Jesus arrived.

Spiritual Israel

There are numerous intersections with the nation of Israel, and Jesus. EGW wrote that God would have continued with them as his chosen people had they obeyed and fulfilled their purpose of **presenting the Meshiah to the world**, and cooperated with his work of calling people to repentance. They did not, but the work of the Kingdom advances.

Ancient Isreal actually flows seamlessly into Jesus, and then into the New Testament Church. That's because God has always had a **remnant people**, from Able to John the Baptist, to the 144,000.

These **connections and parallels** are not coincidence. They are *intentional* to reveal to the truth seeker the big picture of God's divine plan.

✅ In the Old Testament, a man named Joseph has dreams and goes into Egypt to preserve his family, Gen 45:5. In the New Testament, another Joseph likewise had dreams and goes into Egypt to preserve his family, Matt 2:13.

✅ When the young nation of Israel comes out of Egypt, God calls it "my son" Exodus 4:22. When Jesus comes out of Egypt, God says "Out of Egypt have I called my son" Matthew 2:15.

✅ Israel leaves Egypt and goes through the Red Sea. Paul says in 1 Cor 10:2 they were "baptized unto Moses." Jesus is also baptized "to fulfill all righteousness," and immediately

afterward God proclaims Him, “my beloved Son” Matthew 3:15-17.

✓ Israel spends 40 years in the dessert. Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days, Matt 4:1-2.

✓ At the end of the 40 years, Moses writes Deuteronomy. At the end of Jesus’ 40 days, He resists Satan’s temptations by quoting three Scriptures—all from Deuteronomy!

✓ In Psalm 80:8, God calls Israel a “vine” that He brought “out of Egypt.” Jesus later declares, “I am the true vine” John 15:1.

✓ In the Old Testament, the name Israel first applied to one man: Jacob—representing his spiritual victory over sin. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ is the Israel who came “out of Egypt.” He is the one victorious man who

overcame all sin! Jesus IS Israel.

The connection

When we move from old to new testament, we see a continuity.

The Gospel, Law & Grace, God's character of love, Jesus himself

And a continuity with God's people,

Exodus 19:6 KJV

and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1 Peter 2:9 KJV

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Notice here that a mission is added, or rather clarified, or emphasized from the old testament passage. **To proclaim!**

Rev 14 the first angel saying with a loud voice, to the entire world.

The Foundation of the Remnant

Understand that perhaps no people on earth are more obsessed with family lineage than the Hebrew people.

- ✓ Proof part of God's chosen people
- ✓ Inheritance of blessings promised
- ✓ Modern day land inheritance
- ✓ Exalted in the synagogue
- ✓ International Tracing Service

So it comes as no surprise that, from the Jewish perspective, THE most audacious, polarizing, over the top thing Paul ever wrote, not only infuriates

Jews, but also clearly teaches the truth of **Spiritual Isreal** and the *foundation* of the remnant.

Romans 9:6-8

The implications of this one statement is *breathtaking* in its scope not only for the Jewish people, but for everyone.

It means that *family lineage* is irrelevant in determining who is **God's child** and who isn't. This means we can all be God's children! By faith alone.

Romans 11:19-21 KJV

[19] Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. [20] Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: [21] for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

"While there are single expressions in the eleventh chapter of Romans that are difficult to understand, the chapter as a whole is very simple. Under the figure of an olive tree, the people of God are represented, and by the figure of grafting, the relation of all men to God is shown." *Signs of the Times* 1896

This means everyone who believes, trusts, has faith in... Yah·weh is part of **God's family**, part of the Kingdom. They claim his grace & and his name, by faith alone. This is why the **Seal of God** is the *Father's name* on our forehead. We are his by faith, not birthright.

Hebrews 2:10-11

A forever family,



Before Jesus, how were people saved?

They believed in faith looking **forward** to the Savior who would come. They are saved the same as us after the cross, through faith in Christ alone.

Hebrews 11:13 KJV

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and

pilgrims on the earth.

It was never about salvation by works,

Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV

[8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] not of works, lest any man should boast.

Hebrews 10:1-4

There's nothing we can do or add to the finished work of Jesus on the cross. It's all about **Jesus**. This is a central truth of the gospel.

Paul wrote as we saw,

Romans 9:6-7 KJV

[6] Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: [7] neither, because they are the seed of Abraham,

are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

He adds to this thought, using a familiar covenant ritual. Something that was intimate with God's everlasting covenant-promise he made with his people Israel,

Romans 2:28-29

The symbolism is obvious. An outward sign that shows your allegiance. The Bible does the same,

Hebrews 4:12 KJV

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

So it's a heart thing. But it goes even deeper because out of the heart comes our works. They are forever and permanently linked. Listen to Paul's reasoning in the previous verses,

Romans 2:25-27

The law in view here is the moral law.

Someone who is physically born a Jew, and yet who lives as a lawbreaker, "is not a Jew". At least, not in God's eyes. His "circumcision is made uncircumcision." It is revoked.

Jesus taught the same,

Matthew 7:13-14 KJV

[13] Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: [14] because strait is the gate, and narrow is

the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:21 KJV

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

He is speaking to his own **Jewish** people here keep in mind.

EGW comments,

THE REMNANT IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES

In *The Acts of the Apostles*, pages 376 and 377, we read: "Notwithstanding Israel's failure as a nation, there remained among them a goodly remnant of such as should be saved. At the time of the Saviour's advent there were faithful men and women who had received with gladness the message of John the Baptist. . . . When the early Christian church was founded, it was composed of these faithful Jews who recognized Jesus of Nazareth as the one for whose advent they had been longing."

That same principle works in the church today. Now we're getting close to the **remnant!** We see this fully developed first in the old testament, then echoed in the New speaking of a new covenant,

Jeremiah 31:31 KJV

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,

that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Right away we recognize God is speaking not of the literal nation of Israel, but those who **believe by faith**.

Jeremiah 31:33 KJV

but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

"The house of Israel after those days" is the **remnant**. After Israel's probation period ended with the 70 week prophecy.

The same **promise** God made to Abraham, we see ultimately fulfilled in Rev 21:3. God With Us. Notice the **moral**

law is *central* to the covenant, and it's location is our *heart*. Which means we keep it and obey it because we **love Jesus** with all our hearts and mind..
Matt 22:37 the greatest commandment.

We see the same promise, and result, obedience, in the book of Ezekiel,

Ezekiel 36:26-28

Ok back to the truth that,

Romans 9:6-7 KJV

[6] Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: [7] neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Key thought

This means there's a *subset* within a

larger group. The larger group identifies as Jewish because of birth, but they are in "name only". Likewise there's a subset within the larger *Church*. **There is a remnant in the remnant.** And the thing is, this truth has existed all along. We saw it with Cain and Able, and we see it in the old testament with Israel,

1 Kings 19:18 KJV

Yet I have left me **seven thousand** in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Notice there is choice, bow or not! This is the remnant within the context of the remnant church. Works motivated by faith. James 2:18

Paul continues this **truth** in the new testament,

Romans 11:2-5

In context he's speaking here specifically about his own Jewish people, those who will believe in Jesus.

Micah 2:12 KJV

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the **remnant** of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: *they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.*

A clear allusion to the **Loud Cry**, worldwide message of the three angels!



Revelation 14:6 KJV

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Early Writings, Ch 67 The Loud Cry

"The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it swells to a **loud cry**.

And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they **united to fearlessly** proclaim the third angel's message."

Joel 2:32 KJV

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.


This is speaking of the *end times*.

Notice salvation is not found outside of the remnant during the end times. God calls his faithful people **into the remnant**,

"I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called **out from these churches** and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, **and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant.**" *End Time Events*

Chapter 7—A View of the Conflict

"In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe, and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, p. 41

A complete turnover is seen here  Will you remain? Or be purged out.

Romans 9:24-29

The principle is taught throughout the Bible: *within the context of the end times*, there is a larger group that will be lost, a **smaller subset** that will be saved.

Matthew 7:13-14 KJV

[13] Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: [14] because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

EGW confirms,

"It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that **not one in twenty** whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in

the world as the common sinner. They are professedly serving God, but they are more earnestly serving mammon."
Christian Service

This is a picture of the church **before** the Shaking, with the wheat growing together with the tares.

Promised Land

Numbers 14:24 KJV

but my servant Caleb, **because he had another spirit with him**, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

Jesus teaches this in Matt 13:24-30 and Matt 25, the sheep and the goats.

The Remnant is small

Remnant means small

Isaiah 1:9 KJV

Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

144,000 compared to **billions** on earth

"It's not our job to decide who is or isn't part of the remnant. We will find out after the Shaking who will take the stand for truth" NM Fontaine

The Church Militant

Some people seem to think that upon entering the church they will have their expectations fulfilled, and meet only with those who are pure and perfect. They are zealous in their faith, and when they see faults in church members, they say, "We left the world in order to have no association with evil characters, but the evil is here also;" and they ask, as did the servants in the parable, "From whence then hath it tares?" But we need not be thus disappointed, for the Lord has not warranted us in coming to the conclusion that the church is perfect; and all our zeal will not be successful in making the church militant as pure as the church triumphant. The Lord forbids us to proceed in any violent way against those whom we think erring, and we are not to deal out excommunications and denunciations to those who are faulty. {GRC 32.1}

Finite man is likely to misjudge character, but God does not leave the work of judgment and pronouncing upon character to those who are not fitted for it. We are not to say what constitutes the wheat, and what the tares. The time of the harvest will fully determine the character of the two classes specified under the figure of the tares and the wheat. The work of separation is given to the angels of God, and not committed into the hands of any man. {GRC 32.2}

Also see *Christ's Object Lessons*, Ch 4, Tares

The Remnant Recap

Our THREE foundational verses

- ✓ Yah·weh promises Abram a forever family: Genesis 15:5, ultimately fulfilled in Revelation 21:3! "He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people."
- ✓ There is a smaller group within the

larger family that are the true, saved children of God. This is the Remnant. See Romans 9:6-8, Romans 11:19-20, Romans 2:28-29, I Kings 19:18, Micah 2:12, Joel 2:32, Numbers 14:24, Matt 25 the sheep & the goats, Matt 13 the wheat & the tares.

✓ THE foundational characteristic of God's remnant people is one thing, that leads to many identifying traits:

Revelation 14:4

These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

Revelation 14:4

End Time Remnant

remaining ones

It's important to note that the Bible doesn't specifically identify the little horn, the beasts of Rev, the woman during the 1260 years, the mark of the

beast, the seal of God, Babylon, **or the end time remnant church**. The Bible doesn't even use the term "remnant church", only "remnant". But we *are* given characteristics in scripture, and can compare that with history to form a reasonable conclusion of who exactly this remnant is on earth.

Revelation 12:17 KJV

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the **remnant of her seed**, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

There is no difference between the remnant at the end, the final generation, and God's faithful people throughout history. They were all "settled in the truth" as EGW puts it.

☀ Able

☀ Noah

- ☀ Abraham
- ☀ True Israelites
- ☀ Jesus Christ
- ☀ True believers, the apostles
- ☀ Persecuted 2nd century
- ☀ The woman protected 1260 years
- ☀ Waldensians
- ☀ The Reformers
- ☀ Advent believers
- ☀ Final generation

One *thread* of **faithfulness** from beginning to end. All the same, except for one difference at the end of time,

The Test that comes upon the Earth,

Revelation 7:2-3

The **Seal of God** is specific obedience to the 4th commandment. And it comes into sharp focus and contrast when the Mark of the Beast becomes a reality. EGW agrees,

The Israelites placed over their doors a signature of blood, to show that they were God's property. So the children of God in this age will bear the signature God has appointed. They will place themselves in harmony with God's holy law. A mark is placed upon every one of God's people just as verily as a mark was placed over the doors of the Hebrew dwellings, to preserve the people from the general ruin. God declares, "I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." **Ezekiel 20:12.** *29SDA Bible Commentary 7:968, 969.*

The Great Controversy, 604

"The Sabbath will be the **great test** of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the **final test** shall be brought to bear upon humanity, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve

God and those who serve Him not."

Able to Stand

Settled in the Truth

Manuscripts Releases, 173, 1902

"Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a **settling into the truth**, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come."

Connected to the Vine, **John 15:1-7** is the only way to be settled in the truth.

Follow the Bible and the Bible only,
"Thy word is truth" **John 17:17**

"Have you considered my servant Job?"
Job 1.. God was *confident* Job was

settled.

The 144,000, the Remnant "follow the Lamb wherever he goes" **Rev 14:4**

Is the Seventh-day Adventist Church the Remnant Church?

James White was asked by the media why he taught and believed the SDA Church was the remnant church. He gave them 5 concise reasons,

- ✓ Came into being after 1798
- ✓ Keep all of the Commandments
- ✓ Spirit of Prophecy
- ✓ Preaching Rev 14
- ✓ One day would be worldwide

In other words, we're the only group of believers who fit all of the **biblical characteristics**. And there's just no way we could've planned it. Like a so called self-fulfilling prophecy.

EGW identified us as the remnant, *specifically, uniquely*

"I was shown in regard to the *remnant people of God* taking a name... No name which we can take will be appropriate but that which accords with our profession and expresses our faith and marks us a *peculiar people*. The name **Seventh-day Adventist** is a standing rebuke to the Protestant world. Here is the line of distinction between the worshipers of God and those who worship the beast and receive his mark."

1 Testimonies, p. 224.1

Notice the implications of that statement: "line of distinction", same line she used in the GC quote above. The entire religious world stands on one side, the Remnant Church on the other.

"Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world." –7T 138, 1902

Only within the context of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Not the thousands of off-shoots that are in orbit *around* the SDA church. These are not the genuine, according to the SOP. Therefore, every denomination, group or religion outside of the SDA Church is **Babylon.**

Has or will the SDA Church be Babylon?

God is leading out a people. He has a chosen people, a church on the earth, whom He has made the depositaries of His law. He has committed to them sacred trust and eternal truth to be given to the world. He would reprove and correct them. The message to the Laodiceans is applicable to Seventh-day Adventists who have had great light and have not walked in the light. It is those who have made great profession, but have not kept in step with their Leader, that will be spewed out of His mouth unless they repent. The message to pronounce the Seventh-day Adventist Church Babylon, and call the people of God out of her, does not come from any heavenly messenger, or any human agent inspired by the Spirit of God. {GRC 44.3}

Note that she uses the terms "remnant people" and "Church" *interchangeably* with "**Seventh-day Adventist**" all through her writings. To her they are synonymous.

"Let all be careful not to make an outcry

against the only people who are fulfilling the description given of the remnant people, who keep the commandments of God and have faith in Jesus.... **God has a distinct people**, a church on earth, second to none, but superior to all in their facilities to teach the truth, to vindicate the law of God.... My brother, if you are teaching that the **Seventh-day Adventist Church** is Babylon, you are wrong."

Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 50, 58, 59, 1893

Will the SDA Church fall or dissolve into complete apostasy?

Ellen White paints this picture of God's remnant church at the end of time,

I am encouraged and blessed as I realize that the God of Israel is still guiding His people, and that He will continue to be with them, even to the end.⁴⁶The General Conference Bulletin, May 27, 1913. {Mar 203.4}

We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.⁴⁷Selected Messages 2:390. {Mar 203.5}

- ✓ Church endures to the **end**
 - ✓ No new organizations
 - ✓ Any other course is apostasy
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- ✓ After the Shaking, everything is different. Not before,

The Church Not to Be Broken Up

Again I say, The Lord hath not spoken by any messenger who calls the church that keeps the commandments of God, Babylon. True, there are tares with the wheat; but Christ said He would send His angels to first gather the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into the garner. I know that the Lord loves His church. It is not to be disorganized or broken up into independent atoms. There is not the least consistency in this; there is not the least evidence that such a thing will be. Those who shall heed this false message and try to leaven others will be deceived and prepared to receive advanced delusions, and they will come to nought. There is in some of the members of the church, pride, self-sufficiency, stubborn unbelief, and a refusing to yield their ideas, although evidence may be piled upon evidence which makes the message to the Laodicean church applicable. But that will not blot out the church that it will not exist. Let both tares and wheat grow together until the harvest. Then it is the angels that do the work of separation.

{GRC 45.3}

✓ The remnant people and non-remnant people, the wheat and the tares, grow together until the end. In the same church, side by side

✓ The Church will not dissolve

✓ Advanced delusions

✓ It is the Laodicean church for reason

✓ There is no separation until the **Shaking**

Selected Messages, V2

"The remnant that purify their souls by obeying the truth, gather strength from the trying process, exhibiting the beauty of holiness *amid* the **surrounding apostasy**."

Those who have had opportunities to hear and receive of the truth and who have united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, calling themselves the commandment-keeping people of God, and yet possess no more vitality and consecration to God than do the nominal churches, will receive the plagues of God just as verily as the churches who oppose the law of God.-19MR 176 (1898).

Satan is working that the history of the Jewish nation may be repeated in the experience of those who claim to believe present truth. 2SM, 111

Selected Messages Book 2, p. 111

I was pointed back to ancient Israel. But two of the adults of the vast army that left Egypt entered the land of Canaan. Their dead bodies were strewn in the wilderness because of their transgressions. Modern Israel are in greater danger of forgetting God and being led into idolatry than were His ancient people. Many idols are worshiped, even by professed Sabbathkeepers. God especially charged His ancient people to guard against idolatry, for if they should be led away from serving the living God, His curse would rest upon them, while if they would love Him with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their might, He would abundantly bless them in basket and in store, and would remove sickness from the midst of them. 1T 609.1

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 1, p. 609.1

"Although there are evils existing in the church, and will be **until the end of the world, the church in these *last days*** is to be the light of the world that is polluted and demoralized by sin. The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reproved, warned, and counseled, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard"

Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, pp. 45, 49

GC corrupt in Ellen White's day !!

The enemy is among us, even in leadership,

"Where else would they be?"

Gere Franklin

No longer the voice of God

“It has been some years since I have considered the General Conference as the voice of God.” – Manuscript Releases 17, p. 216, 1898; Last Day Events, p. 50.3

“That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be—THAT IS PAST.” – Ellen White, The General Conference Bulletin, April 3, 1901, p. 25; Last Day Events, p. 50.

General Conference is corrupt

"I do not find rest in spirit. Scene after scene is presented in symbols before me, and I find no rest until I begin to write out the matter. I have not slept since two o'clock. I think we will institute at least once each day a season of prayer for the Lord to set things in order at the center of the work. Matters there are being shaped so that every other institution is following in the same course. And the General Conference is itself becoming corrupted with wrong sentiments and principles. In the working up of plans the same principles are manifest that have controlled matters at Battle Creek for quite a length of time." – Ellen White, Letter 55, September 19, 1895, par. 2

However, the Church remains

“There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed. **God is at the head of the work,** and He will set everything in order. If matters need adjusting at the head of the work, **God** will attend to that, and work to right every wrong. Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port”

Review and Herald

September 20, 1892

Selected Messages, V2

"Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out, the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place."

"I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still

working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant."

End Time Events

So instead of God's faithful remnant separating from the Church, the tares are **sifted out** by the coming shaking. God's faithful remain, the Church remains. Sifted out means they literally leave our fellowship,

I am instructed to say to **Seventh-day Adventists** the world over, God has called us a people to be a peculiar treasure unto Himself. He has appointed that His church on earth shall stand perfectly united in the Spirit and counsel of the Lord of hosts to the end of time. Letter 54, 1908. (Jan.21, 1908.) {GRC 48.3}

"His church on earth shall stand perfectly united.... to the end of time"

That's clear!

Persecution Cleanses the Church

THE SHAKING

"Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. **Adversity** *purges them out* of the church." 4T 89 (1876).

"I asked the meaning of the **shaking** I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the **straight testimony** called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people."

"The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those

who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming **into** the ranks. Evil angels still pressed around them, but could have no power over them."

Early Writings

<https://www.ellenwhite.info/books/ellen-g-white-book-early-writings-ew-65.htm>

They will leave for **Babylon**.

Babylon is Satan's counterfeit Remnant

The Shaking is before the Mark of the Beast. However, the Mark of the Beast has the same effects: **sifting out**

"The time is not far distant when the **test** will come to every soul. The **mark**

of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. **In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church."** 5T 81 (1882).

"In the absence of the persecution there have drifted into our ranks men who appear sound and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, if persecution should arise, would **go out from us.**"

Last Day Events, Ch 12

"The leaven of godliness has not entirely lost its power. At the time when the danger and depression of the church are greatest, the **little company**

who are standing in the light will be sighing and crying for the abominations that are done in the land. But more especially will their prayers arise in behalf of the church because its members are doing after the manner of the world." 5T 209

Here we see a spiritual war going on *inside* the church. What church? The Seventh-day Adventist Church,

I am instructed to say to **Seventh-day Adventists** the world over, God has called us a people to be a peculiar treasure unto Himself. He has appointed that His church on earth shall stand perfectly united in the Spirit and counsel of the Lord of hosts to the end of time. Letter 54, 1908. (Jan.21, 1908.) {GRC 48.3}

In the end though, God's remnant prevail. The "little company" becomes the **church triumphant**. Here's a picture of the glorified 144,000 in heaven,

Revelation 5:9-10 KJV

[9] And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; [10] and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

In all her writings, nowhere does she say or imply we are to **separate** from the SDA Church and strike out on our own before the Shaking.

Acts of the Apostles 'Steadfast to the End'

"Not all, however, would be ensnared by the enemy's devices. As the end of all things earthly should approach, there would be **faithful ones** able to discern the [536] signs of the times. While a large number of professing believers would deny their faith by their works,

there will be a remnant who will endure
to the end."

The remnant within the remnant. This is
after the Shaking,

During the time of trouble we will not be
able to meet in the churches because of
persecution, it will be too dangerous.
We stay together as a family as much
as possible,

Closing Conflict

The Signal for Fleeing

It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation, in the decree enforcing the papal Sabbath, will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize.—

[Testimonies for the Church 5:464, 465 \(1885\). {CL 32.1}](#)

Not meant to be alone

Acts 2:42-47

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

1 Corinthians 12:24-26

1 Corinthians 1:10 KJV

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

From a manuscript read before the delegates at the General Conference Session, Washington, D.C., May 30, 1909. —Testimonies for the Church Vol 9, pg 257 (1909)

"Some have advanced the thought that, as we near the **close of time**, every child of God will act independently of any *religious organization*. But I have been instructed by the Lord that in this work there is no such thing as every man being independent."

"Those who start up to proclaim a message on their own individual responsibility, who, while claiming to be taught and led of God, still make it their special work to tear down that which God has been for years building up, are not doing the will of God. **Be it known that these men are on the side of the great deceiver.** Believe them not."

The Faith I Live By, pg 305

God does not call anyone out of the remnant church, only *into it*

We see the unbelief, and the stout resistance of some who have had great light, and although evidence has been piled upon evidence, they have kept themselves in stubborn resistance. The Lord has sent messages of warning and entreaty, messages of reproof and rebuke, and they have not been in vain. But, we have *never* had a message that the Lord would disorganize the church. We have *never* had the prophecy concerning Babylon applied to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, or been informed that the "loud cry" consisted in calling God's people to come out of her; for this is not God's plan concerning Israel.

Review and Herald, October 3, 1893, emphasis supplied

Notice that the **Loud Cry** she mentions here is *right before* the close of probation, right at the very end. God's

people are being **called into** the remnant church.

"We have never had a message that God would disorganize the church"

The church she is speaking of is the organized SDA church.

Wise words by Colin & Russell Standish
in ***Winds of Doctrine***,

With the strong evidence before us, we cannot account for the number of God's people who have been trapped by this call to come out of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This error has two major consequences: (1) the separated one is in danger of losing his way altogether, and (2) the separated one leaves the Seventh-day Adventist church more firmly in the hands of apostates and the worldly. Surely Satan's greatest hope is to call faithful people out of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the church that God has raised up to be His special agency, to take the everlasting gospel to the world. If the Seventh-day Adventist Church does not take this message to the world, no one else can, because there is no other church that is capable of presenting more than a small part of the everlasting gospel.

Satan's plan is to deceive the very elect. His purpose is to call people out of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which he despises. That will be easy in terms of the half-hearted and indifferent, for when the final persecution comes they have no strength to stand and will quickly abandon their former position. On the other hand, it will take a more "noble" deception to convince "faithful" people to come out of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Obviously he has set upon a plan, a plan that appears to call for a "noble" response to the abject condition of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thus, because of "godly reasons" and a desire to uphold "truth and righteousness," people are abdicating their membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Such a move will make it difficult ever to come back into God's fold because of their disillusionment with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When God makes up His final fold, the majority of such people are unlikely to rejoin that fold, for they have developed hostility and contempt for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In closing,

"The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant." Letter 32, 1892

No name which we can take will be appropriate but that which accords with our profession and expresses our faith and marks us a peculiar people. The name Seventh-day Adventist is a standing rebuke to the Protestant world. Here is the line of distinction between the worshipers of God and those who worship the beast and receive his mark. The great conflict is between the commandments of God and the requirements of the beast. It is because the saints are keeping all ten of the commandments that the dragon makes war upon them. If they will lower the standard and yield the peculiarities of their faith, the dragon will be at peace; but they excite his ire because they have dared to raise the standard and unfurl their banner in opposition to the Protestant world, who are worshiping the institution of the papacy. {GRC 50.2}

“God has a church upon the earth, who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people.”

Counsels for the Church, 240

" Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port."

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