

The Remnant

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2 Kings 19:30-31 KJV

[30] And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

[31] For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

47,000

This is the *AI high estimate* of the number of Christian denominations on earth today. Separate, distinct, autonomous religious groups. 47,000

This includes the 1.4 billion Catholics, the 300 million Orthodox (with separate organizations), and the 1 billion plus Protestants. Non denominations probably are a large part of that number.

Here's a very simplified graphic of the situation,

Church Eras

Antiquity Church

Early Church

Medieval Church

Renaissance Church

Reformation Church

Enlightenment Church

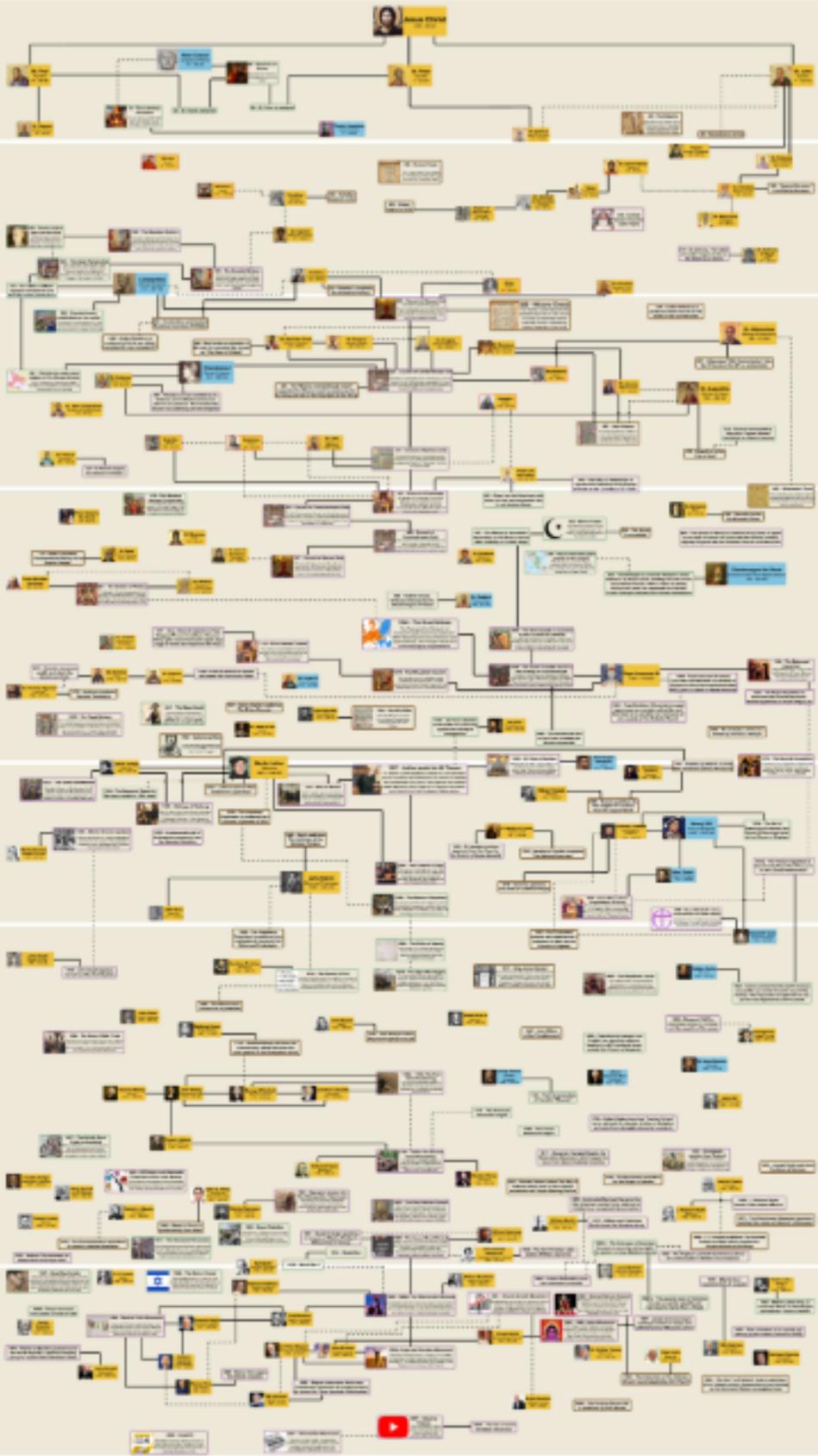
Contemporary Church

Key

- Major
- Minor
- Controversial
- Heretical
- Reformation
- Enlightenment
- Contemporary

Movements & Heresies

- 1st Century: The Church of Jesus Christ
- 2nd Century: Gnosticism, Marcionism, Montanism
- 3rd Century: Arianism, Athanasian Creed, Council of Nicaea
- 4th Century: Council of Constantinople, Council of Chalcedon
- 5th Century: Monophysitism, Nestorianism
- 6th Century: Monothelitism, Monotheletism
- 7th-11th Century: Iconoclasm, Monasticism, Scholasticism
- 12th-13th Century: Scholasticism, Mysticism, Pre-Reformation Movements
- 14th-15th Century: Lollardy, Hussitism, Jan Hus
- 16th-17th Century: Protestant Reformation, Catholic Reformation, Anglican Reformation
- 18th-19th Century: Enlightenment, Pietism, Romanticism, Revivalism
- 20th-21st Century: Fundamentalism, Evangelicalism, Postmodernism, Ecumenism



But why are there so many?? We will

definitely answer that, and show how it's connected to Bible prophecy,

This is going to be a multi-part, epic, sweeping, comprehensive presentation with the sole purpose to answer one simple two part question.. **Is there a remnant church? and if so who is it?**

By the time we're finished, you will be rock solid and settled on that question. And you will need to be considering the deceptions that are coming against us.

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 5

"The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing"

Three parts.. History and foundation, the remnant in the Bible, the end time remnant church.

PART 1

CHURCH HISTORY *remnant foundation*

It started of course with **one church** that we read about in the new testament. The first century church that Jesus Christ founded,

Ephesians 2:19-20

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;

Towards the end of his life, Jesus's epic prayer recorded in **Jn 17** is a prayer for unity,

John 17:23 KJV

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one;

Notice that God's goal for His people is

nothing short of **perfect unity**.

The original church was, as we'll read about in a minute. EGW saw the **final church** in her *very first vision* in 1844. She describes us like this,

"The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united."

However, as the first century church was getting started, there were already storm clouds gathering ☁️

Critical theological error was already creeping in after Jesus died.. the *Enemy* of Christ himself was creeping in and gaining a foothold. Even in *their day* the Great Controversy was raging,

Galatians 1:6-7 KJV

[6] I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: [7] which

is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Notice that it's all about the **Gospel**, that would include *everything* that we believe as a people. "Gospel of Christ" means that it is holistic and complete and 100 true with zero error. Pure. Just like it was at the beginning.

The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol 4

"The great adversary now endeavored to gain by deception what he had failed to secure by force. Persecution ceased, and in its stead were substituted the dangerous allurements of temporal prosperity and worldly honor. Idolaters were led to receive a part of the Christian faith, while they rejected other essential truths."

[Galatians 2:5 KJV](#)

to whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the **truth of the gospel** might continue with you.

The true gospel.

And then as the original apostles died, and a new generation took over, and as time went by.. **much of the truth was replaced with a counterfeit.** The Gospel was perverted. In so many different ways the simplicity and beauty of the original first century church was systematically *replaced*. Here's a picture of the ideal,



Acts 2.41-47

The papacy was established in the year **538 AD** when the Bishop of Rome was crowned the King of all Christian churches. I have much historical information on that if you're interested.

And then during the next **1260 years..** a prophetic time period mentioned 7 different times in the Bible.. All associated with the *persecution* of God's true people.. plain Bible truth was *ransacked*. But through it all, God had a

remnant of faithful people, and the Word of God was preserved. It is prophetically unfolded in **Rev 12**,

It hit rock bottom on October 31, 1517, when a young Catholic priest, Martin Luther had had enough of the nonsense, and published his **95 Theses** in Wittenberg, Germany. The tide began to turn. We went from that, to this...



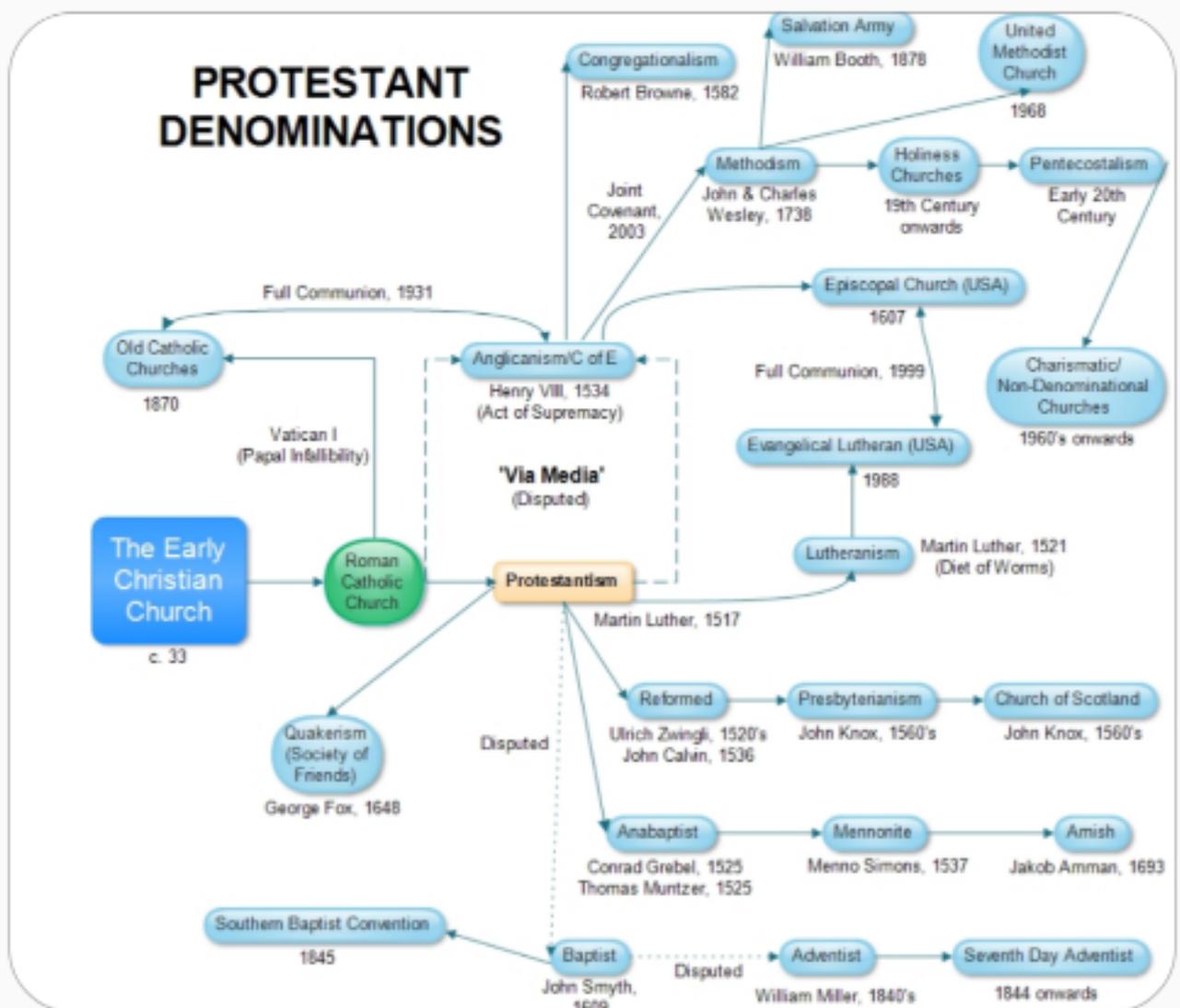
Talk about worldly honor!

Audience Hall @Vatican City



Luther's reformation began to take hold.

Here's a simplified image of the **Reformation** and its aftermath, and the branches of the mainline denominations that came out of it,



Notice that every separate group came from another group.

The Stairs of Truth

Truth was lost, truth was restored. But slowly, over time. God is patient, God is persistent,



ONE EXAMPLE of how we got to this many,

It is more complicated than this of course, but one example from church history tells the story of why there are so many denominations,



John Smyth began as a priest and theologian in the Church of England,

when he became dissatisfied with the many doctrines and practices that remained from the Roman Catholic Church. From there he became convinced of **Puritan** beliefs and was promptly excommunicated from the Church of England, and was ordained as a Puritan minister. After some time, because he studied his Bible, he went to his Puritan brethren, probably over potluck, and said.. Hey guys have you ever read,

Romans 6:3-4 KJV

[3] Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? [4] Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

≡ ○ Why aren't we doing this!

- ≡ ○ Bible baptism is a public declaration of following Christ, which a baby can't do.
- ≡ ○ The underlying theology is Original Sin (Guilt)
- ≡ ○ Jason and I will talk more about that in RbyFaith
- ≡ ○ Sprinkling destroys the beautiful symbolism of baptism.
- ≡ ○ Sprinkling isn't biblical, it's a Catholic tradition.

He had some good points! But the Puritan brothers were like.. Yeah no. We like our tradition John, we've always done it this way. We're good. So John Smyth and those who agreed with him left and were deemed to be *heretics* by the Puritans. Out of this move, John Smyth went on to develop the core of **Baptist theology** and churches were planted around England and in Holland.

And just like that, we have a brand new **separate denomination**. John Smyth went one step back up the stairs of truth, but no further.

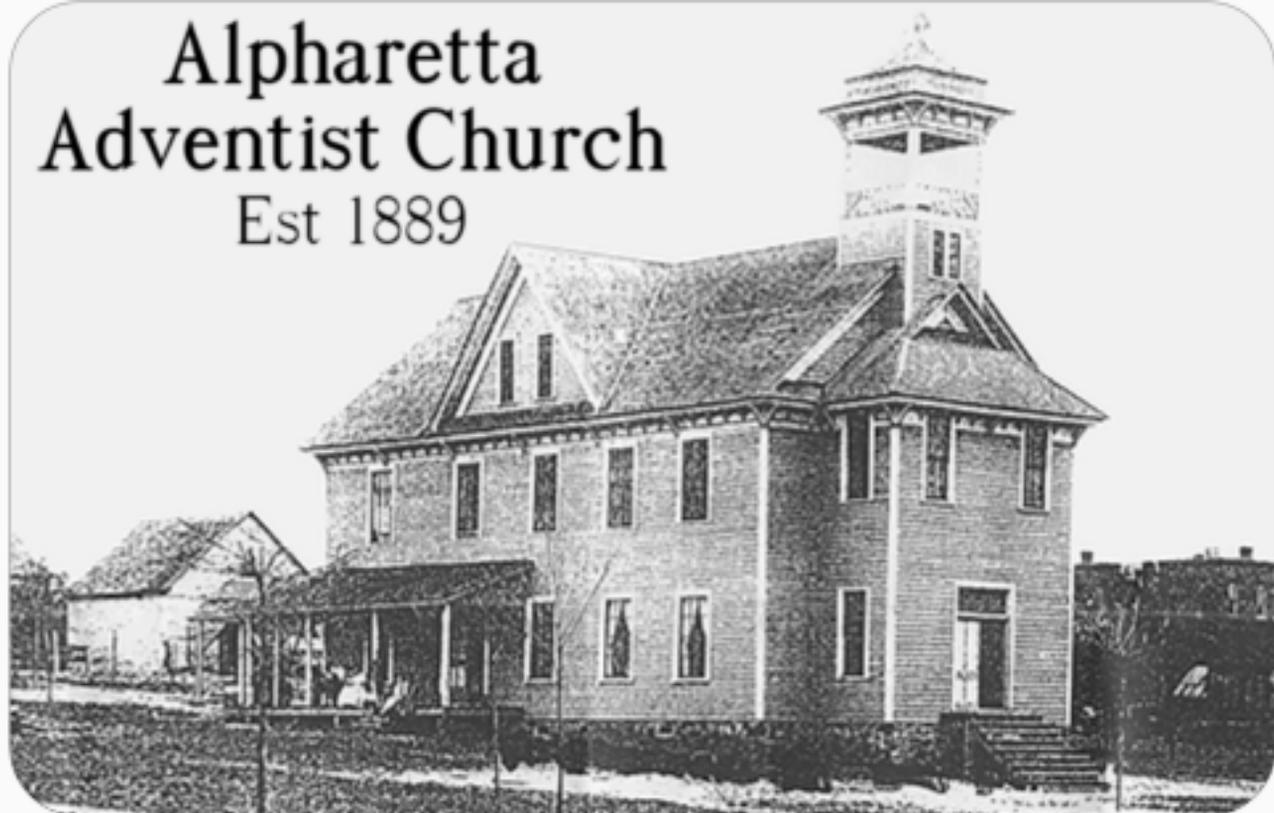
Now multiply that thousands of times and you get the picture. The Adventist beggining was no different in 1843.

Now, what I'm going to show you occurred in hundreds of Protestant churches on the east coast during the 1800s, but let's use one example that's close to home,

Alpharetta church history example,

Alpharetta Adventist Church

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Special Mention.

EXPERIENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN GEORGIA.

THE Atlanta (Ga.) *Constitution*, of Oct. 26, 1889, under the heading, "Expelled from Church. Three Milton County Females Become Seventh-day Adventists," publishes the following special dispatch from Alpharetta, Ga., under date of Oct. 25:—

Four well-known members of the Methodist church here have been expelled for heresy.

They are Mrs. J. M. Howell, Mrs. Rinnie Letson, Mrs. J. M. Dodds, and Miss Minnie Dodds.

The story is thus told by the *Democrat* this week: Some of the members of the Methodist church at this place having indorsed the doctrines preached by the Seventh-day Adventists, a committee was appointed to wait on them and investigate the matter.

DEMANDING A TRIAL.

When approached by the committee, five of them withdrew from the church and four demanded a church trial. The five who withdrew are Dr. J. M. Howell, Mr. J. M. Dodds, Mrs. Maud Brooke, Miss Lula Rainwater, and Mrs. H. I. Seale. Those who demanded a trial are Mrs. J. M. Howell, Mrs. J. M. Dodds, Miss

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Interesting to me that the **Methodists** took issue with the Bible Sabbath and eternal hell fire. At least those were the two doctrines mentioned in the article.

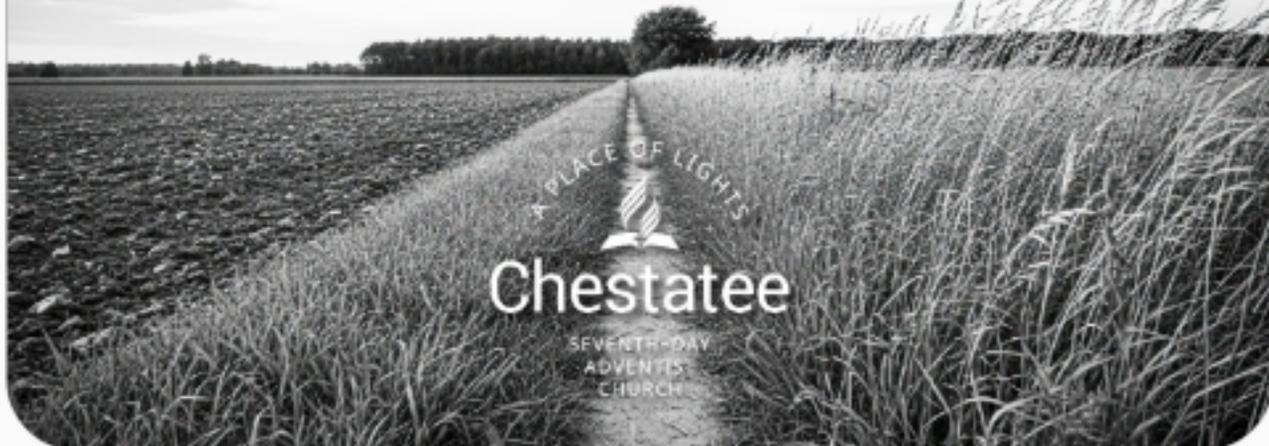
During the mid 1800s *droves* of believers left the Protestant churches and joined with the growing **Adventist community**. A brand new denomination.

But more than a denomination we'll see.

47,000 (switch images)

Is there **one** out of all of those denominations that is God's *true church* on earth today? That is God's final, remnant church? A final group of people who *perfectly* reflects His character? Who have all of the doctrines correct without exception? Who are following the Lamb wherever He goes? Who are completely surrendered and united? Who hunger and thirst for righteousness, Matt 5.6?

THE REMNANT



The concept of the **remnant** is a theme that runs throughout the entire Bible. For example,

Isaiah 10:21-22 KJV

[21] The **remnant** shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

[22] For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a **remnant** of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

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.

We'll dig more into this next time as we study the **theme** of the remnant throughout the Bible. And we'll see, the remnant pre-dates Israel, going all the way back to Cain and Able. It's a **thread** that's woven through the story of the Great Controversy and history.

Speaking of **threads**, the *concept* of the remnant - the translated English word itself - comes from the textile industry. Here's AI's take on it,

A **remnant bolt of cloth**, often referred to as an "end of bolt" piece, is the final, shorter length of fabric remaining on a roll after the desired yardage has been cut for customers. These pieces are typically considered **identical** in quality, material, and design to the **beginning** of the bolt. 

We're going to talk more about this idea of the ending being **exactly** like the beginning. It's important.

Biblically, here's what the word "remnant" means. Found in both the old and new testament in Greek and Hebrew, it speaks to a profound reality in this great controversy,

New Testament

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.

Deep dive the word remnant,

◀ 3062. loipos ▶

Lexical Summary

loipos: Remaining, rest, other

Original Word: λΟΙΠΌΣ

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: loipos

Pronunciation: loy-POS

Phonetic Spelling: (loy-poy')

KJV: other, which remain, **remnant**, residue, rest

NASB: rest, finally, others, else, now, remaining, still

Old Testament

It means essentially the same thing,
Our scripture reading in part,

2 Kings 19:31 KJV

For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a

remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

◀ 7611. sheerith ▶

Lexical Summary

sheerith: Remnant, remainder, residue

Original Word: שְׂאֵרִית

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

Transliteration: sh'eriyyth

Pronunciation: shay-ay-reeth'

Phonetic Spelling: (sheh-ay-reeth')

KJV: that had escaped, be left, posterity, remain(-der), remnant, residue, rest

NASB: remnant, rest, survivors, left, those who had escaped

Word Origin: [from H7604 (שָׂאַר - left)]

1. a remainder or residual (surviving, final) portion

 Remnant image

Remnant by definition = a remaining,

surviving, final group. And in the context of the Great Controversy, it is the remaining group of *believers*.

It would be more accurate to add a word at this point.. the ***faithful*** group of remaining believers.

We see this concept pretty clearly in the iconic number 144,000 found in Revelation chapters 7 and 14.

Besides, remnant means **small**.

Revelation 7.1-4

Sound good so far, sound reasonable?

The question is.. remaining from *what*?
Let's let an object lesson, then the Bible help us answer that question,

Chocolate covered peanut jar analogy

The jar itself, the container, is the **entire context** of Christianity on earth today. There are other jars out there representing other types of religions. The peanuts *inside* this jar represents 47,000 denomination.

Is there **one** peanut in here among all the others that is God's remnant church? **Only one,**

If there is, and I'm going to show you that there is.. that means all the rest of the peanuts in this jar - except one - are in *apostasy* to one degree or another.

Babylon.

AND they will form the *foundation* of the **image of the beast** in the future.

That's quite a statement I know, and I'll unpack that in future presentations.

But for now, we want to look for the **One**

Let's take our denomination for now,
and assume this remnant peanut
represents us, the organized
Seventh-day Adventist Church,

- ≡ ○ 23.7 million baptized members
- ≡ ○ 175,000 congregations
- ≡ ○ In 235 countries, essentially every
country recognized by the UN
- ≡ ○ Global, worldwide, everywhere
- ≡ ○ Coca-Cola and Adventists

Now imagine the **entire jar** representing
this one peanut. Now the *jar itself*
represents the context of Adventism.

This jar represents the remnant church

There's now 23.7 million chocolate
covered peanuts in this jar that
represents the **people** of the remnant

church. This is biblical,

1 Corinthians 12:14, 20 KJV

[14] For the body is not one member, but many.

[20] But now are they many members, yet but one body.

Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV

ONE body.. the jar. **The body of Christ.** You are all a part of that body. You are in the jar! But you're not a nut 😊

Are all who are in this jar faithful? They are not, and let me prove it to you, if you believe Ellen White was a prophet and wrote what God told her to write,

**Testimonies to Ministers and
Gospel Workers**

A Living Church

“Has God no living church? He has a church, but it is the church militant, not the church triumphant. We are sorry that there are defective members, that there are tares amid the wheat.

In the parable of the wheat and the tares, we see the reason why the tares were not to be plucked up; it was lest the wheat be rooted up with the tares. Human opinion and judgment would make grave mistakes. But rather than have a mistake made, and one single blade of wheat rooted up, the Master says,

“Let both grow together until the harvest;” Matt 13.30

**Testimonies to Ministers and
Gospel Workers**

A Living Church

The church of Christ on earth will be imperfect, but God does not destroy His church because of its imperfection.

While the Lord brings into the church those who are truly converted, Satan at the same time brings persons who are not converted into its fellowship. While Christ is sowing the good seed, Satan is sowing the tares. There are two opposing influences continually exerted on the members of the church. One influence is working for the purification of the church, and the other for the corrupting of the people of God. ”



Clear enough? There is one peanut in here that represents the faithful. Not one literal person, but *represents the few*. Wheat vs Tares. **So there is indeed a remnant within the remnant.** A subset of the larger church. Make sense?

This was the case at the start of the movement in 1844, to the final generation. There has always been a remnant within the remnant.

Is this biblical? When someone presents something like this, *your very first question* should be.. Is this taught in the Bible? Be a Berean.

Acts 17:11 KJV

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures** daily, whether those things were so.

- ≡ ○ Considered Paul's reputation
- ≡ ○ Followed the logic and reasoning
- ≡ ○ Understood the history
- ≡ ○ Asked good questions
- ≡ ○ Eager to hear the truth

But at the end of the day, they searched the scriptures to determine **truth**.

John 17:17 KJV

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Is it biblical? That's what we will look at next time when ***The Remnant*** continues