

Who or What is the Remnant?

Throughout the Scriptures, the foundation is laid in the Old Testament as to who this remnant is and this is further exemplified in the New Testament.

By a careful study of this topic one will notice that they, the Remnant, are always those who remain after there is some level of calamity or destruction and they have a certain character and possess certain attributes which are desirable to God. It is also noteworthy to mention that this remnant are the ones who the devil seeks to persecute and destroy.

It is therefore our responsibility to find out if this remnant is something that we wish to be a part of or whether they should be avoided.

Let us see what the Bible has to say on this matter.

Q. What are we told regarding past & future events?

A. History repeats itself, in principle, there is no new thing under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9,10; 3:15

Q. What does Je<mark>sus say, speaking to His followers, regarding</mark>
His Second Coming?

A. History will repeat itself. As it was in the past so shall it be before He comes in glory.

Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-30



Note: As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be before the 2nd Coming of Christ.

Q. What does the Bible say regarding Noah & his household during the days of the flood?

A. When the flood came, it destroyed all life upon the earth and Noah & his household remained, or were the remnant.

Genesis 7:23

Note: As God first destroyed the earth by a flood, there was a remnant which remained, so is the principle taught that when this earth shall again be destroyed, but by fire, there shall be a remnant of faithful believers, like Noah and his household, which shall remain. 2 Peter 3:5-7, 10-13.

Now let's look for more examples or witnesses of this principle in the Bible.

2 Corinthians 13:1

Q. In the midst of the apostasy of the nation of Israel, who were to be married unto God by a covenant, many of the people were led astray into false worship & idolatry by their leaders, e.g., King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. It was because of this that Elijah felt as if he was the only one left in all the land which upheld the honour and principles of God, but what did God say unto Elijah?

A. That He has a remnant of faithful believers who have not apostatised.

1 Kings 19:14-18; Jeremiah 3:14

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Q. During the life of Jeremiah, who lived during the **destruction** of Jerusalem, by the king of Babylon, what do we notice?

A. God spared a faithful remnant, who had not turn over to the apostasy that was rife in Jerusalem, as a result, He preserved a **remnant** of believers after Jerusalem was destroyed.

Jeremiah 39:11-12,14-18 40:1-6; 42:2; Ezekiel 9:4-6

Note: We also notice that Lot and his daughters, a faithful remnant of those who dwelt in Sodom, were the only ones who were saved amidst the **destruction**.

Additionally, when we consider the Christian Church, we see that Christ did not work through the Pharisees and the Scribes, who were the leaders of the Old Testament Church, because they were given over to apostasy, but rather, he worked through a faithful remnant of believers, who believed that He was indeed the promised Messiah spoken of in the Old Testament. I speak here of the Apostles and the

many other Disciples. It was only upon the 120 who were of this remnant of the nation of Israel, that that Holy Spirit was poured upon at Pentecost, thus the Christian Church sprang forth.

Acts 1:12-15; 2:1-4



The Character of the Remnant

Now that we have laid a foundation, let us now look at the Remnant in more detail. As mentioned before, that which has been is that which shall be, therefore if throughout time, God has always preserved a faithful Remnant of believers, do we not expect Him to do the same in these last days? After all, Christ Himself said that as it was in the days of Noah and Lot, both of which were a faithful remnant, so will it be at the end of time.

Therefore let us look at some text which show us the character of this faithful remnant.

- The Remnant will be cleansed of their sins; they shall be holy, reflecting the character of Christ. Their names shall be written among the living, in the Lamb's Book of Life and they shall be citizens of the New Jerusalem.
 Isaiah 4:3-4; Hebrews 12:22-23; Isaiah 52:1; Revelation 21:2,9;
- 2. The Remnant will have to endure hardships and trials. These trials and hardships are for the purpose of purifying and refining them and not because God is punishing them.

 Nehemiah 1:2-3; Zechariah 13:8-9; Zephaniah 3:11-12



3. The Remnant shall be a scattered people and they shall be brought together in one accord by God. He shall lead them and direct them as a Shepherd leads his flock. His Remnant shall return unto Him. There shall be one Flock and one Shepherd.

Isaiah 11:11-12;Mi<mark>cah 2:12; Micah 4:6-7; Micah 5:7-8; Isaiah 10:21-22; John 10: 16,27</mark>

4. The Remnant shall overcome sin through Christ Jesus.
They shall do no iniquity nor speak lies for they shall be over-comers and shall have the character of Christ.

Zephaniah 3:11-13, 18-20; Revelation 14:1,5

5. The Remnant shall be commandment keepers and shall have the gift of prophecy amongst them in the last days. It is they which Satan shall turn all his wrath against in order to destroy them just before the 2nd Coming of Christ because amongst all the inhabitants of the world who will wonder after the beast, this little company of faithful believers will stand in defiance to him. They shall overcome and shall be victorious over satan. They shall not receive the mark of the beast because they will be obedient solely to

Revelation 12:17; Revelation 19:10; Revelation 14:1,3,12; Revelation 15:2-3; Revelation 22:14; John 14:15



From Scripture, it is clear that God always has a faithful remnant in the midst of an apostate and wicked generation. Whether it be in the days of Noah, Lot, Jeremiah or Daniel and as it was in the days of the Early Church so shall it be in the days of the Church at the end of time.

God is the same, He never changes, and that which has been is that which shall be, Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8;

Ecclesiastes 1:9; 3:15

Therefore, it behooves us to pray to God that we may be a part of this faithful remnant of believers, the true Bride of Christ, living at the end of time. We have a role to play. We must proclaim the truth for these last days to those who dwell upon the earth for as Noah preached a message of repentance to the those living before the flood, so must we preach the soon Coming of Christ before the flood of destruction comes upon all those who are not found within the ark of Christ & whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Men's hearts are failing them for fear for those things that are coming upon the earth, **Luke 21:26**, but there is hope if we are found in Christ.

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Comparing the Bible expression, "the testimony of Jesus," with the statement of Revelation 12:17 concerning the "remnant ... which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ," we conclude that prior to Christ's second coming His true church will be keeping His commandments, and that they will have the Spirit of prophecy.

The rapid fulfillment of the predictions of Holy Scripture regarding the signs and events which were to mark the closing scenes of earth's history, is a sure evidence that we are now living in the last days. Therefore a company of Christian people who keep the commandments of God and who have the testimony of Jesus Christ—the Spirit of prophecy—should today be in existence.

Where may they be found?

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