



1. Revelation's Remnant

It was a day Jonathan will never forget. He was about 5 or 6 years old. His mother wanted to take him to a restaurant near their house for dinner. It was called the Penn Supreme. It was a local hometown diner that sat on the corner of N. George Street and Hamilton Ave in downtown York. It was only a few blocks away, so Jonathan's mom decided they would walk to the restaurant late that afternoon. They had been there many times before.



2. Jonathan and his mom had a nice meal together, but it took longer than they expected. By the time they were done eating, the sun had already gone down, and it was dark outside. His mom didn't like to walk around the neighborhood at night because they lived in the inner city, and you never know what could be lurking around in the dark. But since they were so close to home, she figured it would be alright. But it wasn't.



3. Jonathan and his mom were just a couple of blocks from their house when tragedy struck. They heard footsteps behind them. All of a sudden, two men came running out of the darkness. One of them forcefully bumped into his mom and knocked her to the ground. He ripped her purse out of her hand, and took off running down the street with the second man close behind.



4. There was his mom laying on the ground, vulnerable, scared, and crying. Jonathan stood there in disbelief, ready to cry himself. On top of that, when his mom fell to the ground her glasses flew off and broke. She can hardly see without her glasses, so Jonathan had to lead her home. There he was, a 6-year-old boy leading his crying and trembling mother down the street under the cover of night.



5. When they finally got to the house, Jonathan's dad called the police. They came out and took a report but since it was dark, they had been unable to really see them, so of course, the assailants were never found. Seeing his mom attacked like that was a moment etched in his mind forever. He can still hear the sound of those footsteps in his mind today.



6. Being attacked is a traumatic experience, isn't it? If you've ever experience it, you don't forget it. You feel scared, helpless, and vulnerable. It's a time when you need someone to defend you.

Maybe all of us have, at some time, felt under attack and have felt helpless and defenseless. Well, the Bible speaks about Someone who stands ready to defend His people when they are attacked for following Him.

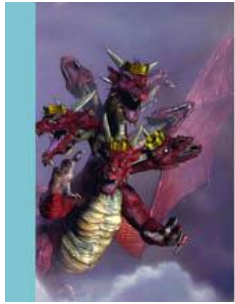


7. Tonight, we're going to take a look at a prophecy where God warned us about a woman who was viciously attacked. But she wasn't attacked because she had money. She was attacked because she had truth.

I want to invite you to turn in your Bibles to Revelation 12:13-17. This is one of the most important prophecies in the book of Revelation.



8. In the first part of the chapter, in verses 7 through 12, it tells how Lucifer started a war in heaven. He attacked God and the angels who followed Him, and was eventually cast out. Then we get to verses of 13 through 17 where it talks about how Lucifer has now sought to attack God's people on this earth. It uses the symbols of a dragon attacking a woman. Let's begin in Revelation 12, starting in verse 13.



REVELATION 12:13-17

"Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. But the woman was given two

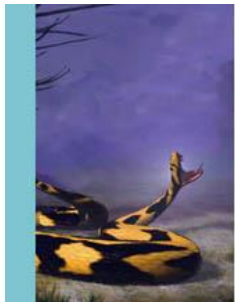
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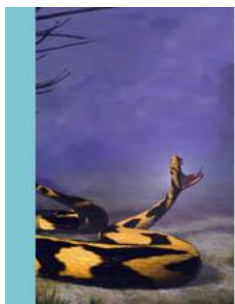
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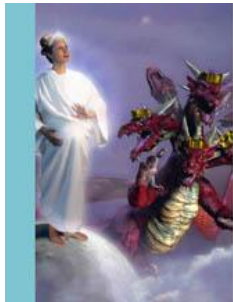
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THREE SYMBOLS



- 15.** Here in these verses, we are introduced to three important symbols. The first is the dragon. The second is the serpent. The third is the woman. Now, we’ve already learned that the dragon, also known as the serpent, represents Satan. We’ve also learned from Jeremiah 6:2 that the woman represents God’s church, or God’s people.

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- 16.** All throughout the Bible God uses the symbol of a woman to represent His people. A pure woman represents God’s pure and faithful church. An impure woman, or a harlot, represents God’s church when she is unfaithful. So here we have a pure woman, representing God’s faithful people, being attacked by the dragon and the serpent.

2 TIMES OF WIDE-SPREAD PERSECUTION



1. During the Middle Ages
(Revelation 13:16)
2. The Persecution of the
Remnant, End Time
People
(Revelation 13:17)

17. This passage is referring to two periods of persecution when the devil attacked God's people. Verses 13 through 16 points us to the horrendous persecutions of the Middle Ages. This is what's being referred to when it says that the woman had to flee into the wilderness for 1260 days. We've seen how in Revelation that is referring to the 1260-year period of papal persecution in the Middle Ages.

1260 YEAR PROPHECY



18. That was the time period when church and state were united, when Rome was a persecuting power, and the Bible was a forbidden book. People were not allowed to have the Bible. You couldn't translate it. You couldn't share it. People were kept in darkness. That's why it's called the Dark Ages. During that time, many pagan practices and traditions came into the church, and anyone who disagreed with the traditions of Rome was considered to be a heretic and they were persecuted.

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19. History tells us that time of persecution took place during the period of 538 to 1798 AD, exactly 1260 years—that's when the woman was in the wilderness.

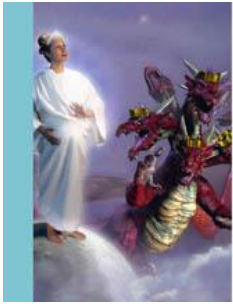
Then, Revelation moves beyond the persecution of the Middle Ages into the last days, and in verse 17 it talks about how the devil will seek to persecute God's people at the end of time—and He specifically calls His end time people, the remnant.



REVELATION 12:17

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

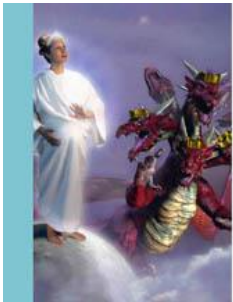
20. Let's read it again in verse 17, in the King James Version. The Bible says, "*And the dragon was wrath with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*"



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- 21.** Let's stop there. We have now gone beyond those persecutions in the Middle Ages. We are beyond the 1260 years that was ended in 1798 and it says, in the last days, the dragon is still angry. In fact, the King James Version says he's "wroth." He's angry with the woman. You see, from the beginning, Lucifer couldn't win the battle in heaven, spoken about in the first part of chapter 12.

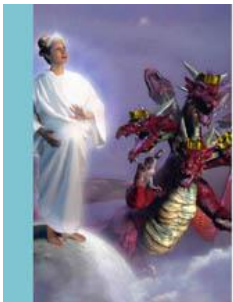


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- 22.** Then, when the devil was cast to this earth, he was not able to destroy Christ or thwart His journey to the cross. He couldn't stop the plan of salvation from going forward. He couldn't find victory over Jesus. So, when Jesus rose from the grave and ascended back to heaven, that dragon turned his sights on the woman—on God's people.

All throughout those Middle Ages, God protected His faithful people. Now, when it comes to the end of time, the devil, the dragon, is doubly angry.



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- 23.** He's wroth with the woman, God's people. But the Bible says now he makes war against the remnant of her seed. The remnant refers to God's faithful people, at the end of time. And the Bible describes God's end-time church in a very specific way here. It says that God's remnant people at the end of time will keep His commandments and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.



**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL LAST
DAY MOVEMENT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

- 24.** Now, that is a significant verse in the Bible because Revelation is telling us that at the end of time there will be a special last-day movement in the Christian world. There will be a movement of believers who come together from different faiths deciding that they want to keep the commandments of God.



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- 25.** They want to come back to the Bible and the Bible alone. They want to be faithful to God's Word. They want to put away the traditions, the false doctrines, and the errors of men that have come into the church. So, Revelation tells us that before Jesus comes, there is going to be one special, last-day movement. Revelation calls it the remnant movement of Bible prophecy. This last day movement of God's people is going to do two things.

THE
REMNANT

1. They will keep the
Commandments of God.
2. They will have the
testimony of Jesus.

JESUS

- 26.** Number one, they will keep the commandments of God.

Number two, they have the testimony of Jesus.



HOW DO I FIND GOD'S REMNANT
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- 27.** That leads us to a question: how do I find God's remnant movement in the last days? If Revelation describes a movement in the Christian world of people from different faiths coming back to the Bible, coming back to His commandments, how do I recognize that movement? Because in this confusing religious world that is no easy task.



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- 28.** In fact, right now, my friends, the devil has sought to make religion such a confusing thing that many people just want to throw their hands up and say, *"Forget about it. How can I ever find the truth?"*



- 29.** In fact, let me ask you a question: how many church denominations do you think there are today? I have heard that there are approximately 300 official church denominations in the United States alone. I've also seen statistics that said there are more than 1200 different denominations—and that doesn't even take into account all the thousands of different kinds of churches that are independent.



- 30.** So, I guess the number is somewhere in between 300 and 1200. But regardless of what the exact number is, here's the point. How do we make our way through all this confusion and contradiction to find God's end time remnant movement?



- 31.** Think about it. One God, one Bible, one truth, but 300-1200 different denominations. So, let's ask an honest question that may not be politically correct. Those 300 groups—can all of them be right, yes or no? Well, the answer is, no. I know it's not politically correct to say that in our world today, because the prevailing belief in the secular world is you have your truth and that's truth for you, and I have my truth and that's truth for me. But my friends, the Bible tells us that truth is found in the Word of God. There is only one standard of truth.



- 32.** But every church claims to follow truth. In this confusing mix—with all of these different churches teaching all of these different doctrines, and everybody saying, "This is the truth"—here's what we need. We need some timeless principles from the Bible to guide us, can you say Amen to that? Because if Revelation says there is going to be one final remnant movement that draws people back to the commandments of God, we want to recognize that movement so that when we see it, we can be part a of it.



- 33.** So, what we're going to do tonight is to share with you six solid principles from the Word of God. Six principles that can help to guide our spiritual journey and enable us to recognize God's remnant movement in the last days. These are also principles that you can use to help find a good, Bible-believing, Bible-practicing church. Many times, people will ask, "*Can you recommend a good church?*"



- 34.** Now, of course, that's a biased question for any preacher to answer because what do you think the preacher is going to say? "Of course, come to my church!" And that's perfectly fine because I would worry about any pastor who said "Don't come to my church. It's bad place." Rather than me or somebody else telling you what to do, let's just open up the Bible and allow God's Word to guide us. If we take these guiding principles to heart, I have no doubt God will lead you and me on the path that He wants us to be on. Can you say, Amen?



1 CORINTHIANS 3:11
 "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ.**"

- 35.** Let us start with principle number one. We need to go to First Corinthians chapter three and verse 11. We will discover that the first principle of finding God's remnant movement is that it will be founded on Jesus Christ and His teachings. The Bible says, "*For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is. . . "who? " . . . Jesus Christ."*



GOD'S END-TIME REMNANT MOVEMENT WILL BE FOUNDED ON JESUS CHRIST & HIS TEACHINGS

- 36.** Now, that's probably the easiest principle we'll look up all night. Principle number one says, "*God's end time remnant movement will be founded on Jesus Christ and His teachings.*" If I want to find God's remnant movement in the last days, if I want to find a church that is part of that remnant movement, it will be a church or a movement that is founded and centered on whom? Yes, on Jesus Christ. In other words, Jesus will be the center of that church. Jesus will be the center of that worldwide movement.



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37. That's so simple, an elementary school child could understand it. But let's go a little bit deeper. What this means is that God's remnant movement, God's end time people will not put the teachings of a human being above the teachings of Jesus. They will not put the teachings of a prophet above the teachings of Jesus. They will not put the thoughts and opinions of a popular religious leader above the teachings of Jesus. The teachings of Christ in the Word of God will be the top priority in that church. That's principle number one.



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38. When I'm looking for a church, if I go somewhere and I have a question about the Word of God, or about some particular Bible teaching, what I don't want is for someone to give me an answer that says, "*Oh, don't worry about that. It's not important anymore.*" Or "*That's all well and good, but that's not according to our tradition,*" or "*You don't have to worry about that truth. It's done away with.*" If that's the answer I get, it should be a red flag in my mind.



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39. Anytime I am directed away from the Word of God, to put attention on the traditions of men or the traditions of a church rather than that which is truth, it should be a warning maybe Christ is leading me down a different path or to a different church.



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40. It reminds me of a story that happened at another Bible seminar, much like this one. The speaker had an opportunity to talk with a lady who was attending. He noticed that she wasn't bringing her Bible to the seminar. Well, this speaker encouraged people to bring their Bibles each night and follow along with the verses because something special happens when we open up the Word of God together.



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41. God's does a marvelous work in the heart and he wanted those who attended to experience that. So, during one of his conversations with this lady, he said, *"It's really important that you bring your Bible each night."* But her response shocked him. She said, *"Pastor, I don't need my Bible."* The speaker looked at her quizzically and said, *"Why?"* She replied, *"If my preacher don't say it, it ain't the truth."* Those are the words she used. *"If my preacher don't say it, it ain't the truth."*



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42. Now, friends, that is a dangerous belief to have. Your preacher may be a wonderful man or a woman of God, but no preacher is perfect. When we get to the point where we're willing to allow a preacher to do our studying for us and open up the Word of God for us, while we sit back and accept everything, hook, line and sinker, that is a recipe for spiritual disaster. It's a recipe for being deceived.



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43. I would be very disturbed for any of my members to come to me and say, *"Pastor, I don't study my Bible. I just listen to what you say."* That's not good. That's what a cult does. They listen to one person. No, my friends, we preachers are imperfect people. We can make mistakes. It's important that you have your own experience in the Word of God.



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44. So, if I go to a church or any organization where a focus is much more on the religious leader than it is on what Jesus says in His Word, than it's probably time to move on. So, principle number one: God's remnant movement of the last days focuses on Christ and His teachings.

1 TIMOTHY 3:15

"But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of **the truth**."



45. Let's go to principle number two. It's found in 1 Timothy, chapter 3, and verse 15. The Bible says, and this is Paul speaking to Timothy,

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46. Principle number two says, *"God's remnant movement will be founded on Biblical truth, not on tradition or what's popular."* Now, friends, this is very important to understand. Right here, the Bible is telling us what the church should be all about. The church is to be the pillar and ground of truth—not tradition, not what's popular, and not necessarily what the majority believe.



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47. It's interesting why some people choose the churches they attend. They look for a church that has a lot of social activities. They like the stained-glass window. Perhaps it's the biggest church in town. Maybe the pastor is an eloquent preacher or maybe grandpa is buried in the cemetery there in the back of the church. But the church is not primarily a social club. The main reason why we should choose a church to attend should be this: is the church teaching the truth of the Word of God? Does it stand on the pillar and the ground of the truth?



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48. You see, in our world today, often we are more interested in what is popular than in what is truthful. Oftentimes, we're more interested in building big churches and taking up large offerings. We're interested in all these other things instead of focusing on teaching what the Word of God actually says. That's what sincere believers really want! I can't tell you how many people have come to seminars like this and they say, "I've come because I want to know what the Bible says."



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49. They're tired of hearing fluff and funny stories with no Biblical content. It's okay to tell stories. Jesus did that with parables. But many sincere believers don't just want funny stories with no spiritual content that never get into the meat of the Word. They are looking for the pillar and ground of truth.



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50. Now, I'm going to be honest and transparent and share with you some of the temptations that pastors go through. You see, we pastors are just like everybody else, in many respects. We like to be liked. It's human nature. We don't try to make people dislike us. We like pats on the back. We don't like to be criticized, but we understand that criticism comes with the job.



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51. But here's where temptation comes to a preacher though. He or she may think, *"If I preach truth, I will rock the boat. I don't want to rock the boat because if I challenge people with the Word of God, maybe less people will come to my church, and if less people come to my church that means less money in the offering plate. If there's less money in the offering plate that might affect my pocket."*



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52. If you upset the people on the church board or the board of trustees or whoever is in charge, that's the hand that feeds you. That's the hand that many times pays you. Pastors and preachers have to fight that battle. Am I going to preach what's truthful? Am I going to preach what the Word of God says, or do I steer away from that because I might upset someone?



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53. So, principle number two says, *"God's end time remnant movement will be based on Biblical truth, not on tradition or what's popular."*

Now it's time for principle number three. It's found in a parable Jesus told in Matthew 7. I was tempted to skip this because it's probably one of the saddest verses in the Bible. It's a very hard-hitting verse. It particularly hits me as a preacher, and you'll see why.



MATTHEW 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

54. Let's look at Matthew 7: 21-23. Jesus said,

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.



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Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in

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Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

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57. Principle number three says, “*God’s end time remnant movement obeys the will of God.*” Now, if there’s any verse tonight that ought to get our attention, it’s that one. Apparently, Jesus is saying that there will be many when He comes, who verbally claim to have known Him. They say, “Lord, Lord, I know you. I’ve been a Christian. I’ve been a follower of Yours.” And Jesus looks at them and says, “I’m sorry. I never knew you.”



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58. That’s shocking. What’s the issue? They never did the will of the Father. Where do you find the will of the Father? You find it in the Word of God. Apparently, their profession was just verbal. It’s one thing to say I’m a follower of Jesus but it’s quite another to surrender your heart to Jesus to the point where you are willing to follow truth and obey it.



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59. You see, my friends, obedience is important. I’m not saved by my obedience, but my obedience does show if I’ve surrendered my heart to Jesus and if His Holy Spirit lives in me. When I obey, it’s not me doing the obeying by myself. It’s the Holy Spirit who has lived in a surrendered heart and is working in me and transforming my heart and my mind.



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60. Then, there's something else in this text—something that affects preachers. Notice, it says some will say, “*Lord, Lord, I know you.*” But Jesus says, “*Sorry, I never knew you.*” And they reply to Him, “*Lord, we’ve prophesied in Your name. We’ve done wonderful works in Your name.*”



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61. Do you see that word “*prophesied*”? We could just as easily say that’s preaching. How is it possible that Jesus could say to a minister, “*Sorry, I never knew you*”? You can understand why that gets my attention. I think we all understand there are two kinds of preachers in the world. There are ministers of righteousness and ministers of unrighteousness.



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62. Now, it’s not my job to say who is who because God doesn’t give me that judgment. I don’t know a person’s heart. Only God does. So, there’s no reason for us to sling mud around at certain people, only God knows. Most of the ministers that I’m acquainted with, I believe, are sincere individuals, living up to the truth that they know, persons who love Jesus with all their heart and want to share the gospel with others.



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63. But we know from slanderous scandals in the past that there are some preachers who are in ministry for the wrong reasons. More to make money for themselves, to make a name for themselves, to build a big organization and a big bank account. Now, again, it’s not for me or you to point fingers. There’s nothing wrong with having a big organization. Nothing wrong with having a large ministry.



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64. The question Jesus poses here is, Am I teaching and doing the will of God? Or am I teaching the traditions and doctrines of men because of popularity? Or because I don’t want to rock the boat? Or because I don’t want to jeopardize the offerings and donations coming in? Sometimes we have to ask the hard question: Am I neglecting to preach truth and obey the will of God because I don’t want to risk my popularity? The Bible even talks about those who say, “*We’ve done many wonderful works, and even wondrous signs in Your name.*”



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65. So maybe that speaks to me about miracle workers. Are there true miracles, according to the Word of God? Absolutely. But just because someone does miracles doesn't mean that they're from God. Just because there's a church that performs signs and wonders doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit is there. You say, "How can that be?" Well, the devil can perform the miraculous as well. The devil is happy to use a false christ or a false prophet to lead us away from the Word of God.



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66. The devil is happy to use an eloquent preacher, if it causes us to believe in the traditions and the commandments of men, or causes us to compromise truth. The devil is happy to use a beautiful stained-glass window or the biggest church in town, if he can use it to distract us from the truth of God's Word. The point is, don't follow miracles. Follow Biblical truth.



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67. So principle number three is powerful: *"God's end time remnant movement chooses to obey the will of God"*.



1. They Were in the Minority
2. They Were Not Popular With the World
3. They Were Usually Persecuted

68. (If you need to shorten the message, you could skip these three points and go straight to principle four)
Before I move to principle number four, I want to share with you an interesting pattern we see in Scripture. All through history, God has always had a group of people who were faithful to Him and His Word no matter what the cost. Many times, you will notice three things about God's faithful people. Number one, they were usually in the minority. Number two, they were not popular with the world. Number three, they were usually persecuted in some way.

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- 69.** Let's look at the screen here and notice the pattern. God called Noah to follow Him and to build an ark so people could be saved from the coming flood. Now think about that. In Noah's day, out of the whole world population, only eight people were saved—just Noah's family. Was Noah in the minority? Yes. Was Noah popular with the world? No. Was Noah persecuted? Yes, but he was one of God's faithful people.

GOD'S FAITHFUL



- 70.** God called Abraham out of Ur to follow Him so He could make a special nation out of him. Was Abraham in the minority? Yes. Was Abraham popular with the world? Not all the time. Was he persecuted? By some people, yes.

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- 71.** We can go on. God calls the Israelites out of Egypt to be His own special people. God wanted to make them a nation that would be a light to the world to reveal God's character. Were they in the minority? Yes. Were they popular with the world? Not by the pagan nations around them. Were they persecuted? Yes. You see the pattern? Next, God calls Christians out of the Jewish church. In those early centuries, were Christians in the minority? Yes. Were they popular with the world? No. Were they persecuted? Yes.

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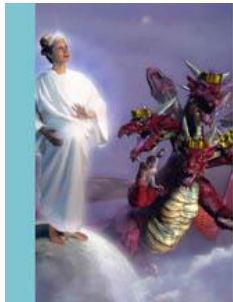


- 72.** We could go all the way to the Middle Ages and the reformers. God called the Reformers out of Rome to follow the truth; to lead people away from the traditions of men and back to the Bible. They were in the minority. They were not popular with the world. They were persecuted.

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73. So, when Revelation talks about a remnant in the last days, who will unite together to keep the commandments of God and draw people back to His Word, we can expect that the remnant will probably be in the minority. They will probably not be liked by the world. And according to Revelation, they will face persecution. So, when you're looking for God's end time remnant, don't look for the most popular group in town. They probably won't be the biggest church in town. And don't be surprised if other people criticize them.



REVELATION 12:17

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed."

74. What did we read in Revelation 12:17? *"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed."*

You see, whenever God's faithful people stand up, the devil takes notice. And in the last days, regardless of the fact that the dragon is "wroth", there will be a group of people who will be drawing others back to God's Word, back to His commandments, and back to Biblical truth.



THE WORD "REMNANT" IS USED IN THE BIBLE OVER 50 TIMES TO DESCRIBE GOD'S FAITHFUL

75. I want to share with you something about the word "*remnant*." Did you know the word remnant is used in the Bible over 50 times to describe God's faithful people?



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76. Now, to illustrate how that word remnant is used, I want you to imagine something. I want you to pretend that my wife (or spouse) has decided to make a dress. So, she has taken me to one of the places that men just hate to go—the cloth shop. If you've ever been to a cloth shop, for most men, it is the most boring place in the world. You just have to sit there and wait until your spouse finds something she likes. So, let's say, she drags me there to pick out some material to make a beautiful dress. Finally, she finds the right material.



77. Now, follow me closely. The material is red. It's got white polka dots on it, and inside the white polka dots are pictures of diamonds. Let's say she gets 20 yards of that material. Well, I guess that would be too much for one dress. Clearly, I know nothing about making a dress! Nevertheless, she buys the material she likes, takes it home, and starts making the dress. Then she finds out that she doesn't have enough to finish, so now she wants to drag me back to the boring old cloth shop again and find the same kind of material.



78. But she can't find it on the rolls, so she asks the clerk, "Where am I going to find this material?" What does the clerk say? She points to the **remnant** bin—the materials that are left over. And so, as she searches in the remnant bin, what is the remnant material going to look like? It's going to be the color red—and what's the pattern? It's going to have white polka dots. And what will be in the polka dots? Pictures of diamonds. In other words, the remnant material will look just like the original.



79. You see, the reason Revelation uses the word "remnant" to describe God's end time people, is that remnant movement is going to look just like the original, early apostolic church, which was faithful to the Word of God. Same teachings. Same doctrines. Same truths. Using the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, not the traditions of men. That's why Revelation uses the word "remnant" because they're like the original.



REVELATION 12:17

"And the dragon was
wroth with the
woman, and went to
make war with the
remnant of her seed,

80. Now let's go to principle number four. It's found in the verse we just read, Revelation 12:17. The Bible says,

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed,



REVELATION 12:17

which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

81. *which . . . " what? ". . . keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*



GOD'S END TIME REMNANT
MOVEMENT KEEPS THE
COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

82. So principle number four says "God's end time remnant movement keeps the commandments of God." Now, we need to stop here to make an important point. This will not be a popular point, but it is nonetheless an important one. In describing God's people of the last days, it says the remnant keep the commandments of God.



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83. What Revelation is telling us about this end-time movement is that if I want to find it, if I want to identify it, if I want to discover what churches are a part of God's remnant movement, then it's going to be a group that uplift the commandments of God. They honor the Ten Commandments. That doesn't mean 8 out of 10. That doesn't mean 9 out of 10. It means they honor all ten.



REVELATION 14:7

"...saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come;

84. My friends, that includes the Bible Sabbath, the true seventh-day Sabbath of creation. That makes sense because Revelation 14:7 points us back to the Sabbath. Remember Revelation 14:7? The first angel's message. We've read it many times. Let's read it again.

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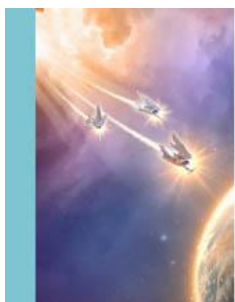


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and worship Him, who made the heavens and the earth, and the sea and springs of water.”

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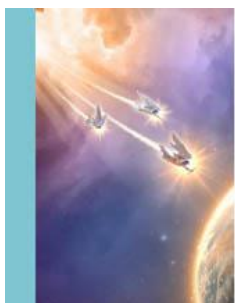
It's telling us to worship the One who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and partially quotes the fourth commandment about the Sabbath. The first angel of Revelation 14:7 is clearly pointing God's end time people back to the Sabbath.



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- 86.** So, it shouldn't surprise us that the book of Revelation says God's end-time people, His remnant, are going to keep His commandments. In other words, God's end-time remnant movement will be a Sabbath-keeping movement. I realize that's not a popular thing to say but, my friends, Revelation is very clear about that. God is calling His people back to experience the wonderful beauty of Sabbath rest, that 24-hour period when I can turn my eyes upon Jesus in a special way.



REVELATION 14:7

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- 87.** God's end time remnant movement isn't going to say, “The Sabbath was done away with,” or “That's not important anymore.” To be truthful, when people say that, I don't think they really believe it. Nobody would go to any of the other commandments and say, “You shall not commit adultery, that's done away with,” or “You shall not steal, that's done away with,” or “You shall worship other gods, that's done away with.” Why would the fourth commandment be the only one that's done away with? The one where God said, “Remember”?



**GOD'S END-TIME REMNANT KEEP THE
COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, INCLUDING
THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH**

- 88.** So principle number four says, God's end time remnant, God's last day people, keep the commandments of God, including the seventh-day Sabbath.

MATTHEW 24:14

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end will come."



89. For principle number five, let's go to Matthew 24, verse 14. The Bible says,

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end will come."

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90. Principle number five says, God's end time remnant will be a world-wide movement that takes the gospel to the whole world. In other words, mission will be their priority. Now friends, this makes a good point. God's people will be serious about taking the gospel to all the world. The early Apostolic Church was focused on spreading the gospel everywhere. They used their time, their talents, their money, their energy in making sure the world heard the message of Jesus Christ.

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91. They didn't just build one big church there in Jerusalem. They literally sent people throughout all of the known world, planting new churches in new territories. They were prolific church planters. They even had believers right in the very palace of the Roman Emperor! Now that's saying something about their impact! God's Spirit worked in powerful ways. That's why history says of the first century church that they turned the world upside down!

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92. So, since the end time remnant is like the original, God is saying His last-day remnant movement will be the same. It's not going to be a movement just focused on local missions or focused only on the city in which it resides. It's not going to be a movement focused on just a few countries. It's going to be serious about taking the gospel to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. It's going to be committed to reaching all 230-plus nations that are in the world today. In other words' it's going to be an organized, worldwide movement taking the Gospel to the people who have never heard the name of Jesus.



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93. That's why Revelation 14 says that God's last day message has to go to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people. Who takes this message to all the world? God's end time remnant. If we put it in modern vernacular, Revelation is basically saying that God's end-time movement is not a place for pew warmers. What's a pew warmer? Now, I say this humorously, but it because it makes a point. I'm sure all of us at times have been lukewarm in our experience and Jesus wants to give us revival.



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94. When you hear the term "pew warmer", it basically refers to persons who attend church just to sit and listen to the sermon. They are spectators only. So, don't ask them to get involved in ministry. Don't ask them to return tithes and offerings. Don't ask them to give a Bible study. Their attitude is, "Ministry is the preacher's job, not mine. I'm just going to sit back and relax until Jesus comes." They are there to warm the pew. Church is a social club to them, not a center of evangelistic activity.



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95. My friend, if that describes you, God wants to bring revival into your life. The best way to experience revival is to get involved in active ministry. God wants you to experience the joy of making a difference in the life of another person. There is no greater joy then knowing that God used you to impact someone's life and bring them to a knowledge of Christ. I like the way one Christian writer put it. She said, God's people are to be *"intensely interested in the salvation others."*



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96. Let's move on now to principle number six. We're at the last principle here. Did you know that Revelation 14 also tells us the message that God's end time movement will be preaching? Let's go back to Revelation 14 because we have read it numerous times now in the seminar. Let's look at what's called the three angels' message. Even though it symbolizes three angels giving the messages, it doesn't literally mean that God is sending three angels to do that. You see, in reality, it's God's church that delivers the message!

REVELATION 14:6-7

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe,



97. Let's read it in Revelation 14, verses 6-7. The Bible says,

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe,

REVELATION 14:6-7

tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come;



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REVELATION 14:6-7

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**FIRST
ANGEL'S
MESSAGE**



1. Jesus Is Coming Soon
2. Worship the Creator & Remember the Sabbath

100. What is the summary of this message? It's twofold. Number one, God's end time movement is to share the message that Jesus is coming soon. They are to show how the prophecies point to His soon return. That's part of what it means when it says, *"the hour of His judgment has come."* The time of judgment is here. Jesus is coming soon.



1. Jesus Is Coming Soon
2. Worship the Creator & Remember the Sabbath

101. Number two, God's end time movement will be pointing people to worship the Creator and "*Remember the Sabbath.*" They will be leading others to return to the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath. When this first angel's message says to worship the Creator of the heavens and the earth, it is partially quoting the Sabbath commandment. The Sabbath is what helps us prepare for the coming of Jesus, because it gives us that 24-hour period to grow in an intimate, born-again relationship with Christ.



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102. This is why the devil hates the Sabbath because the way to get ready for the coming of Jesus is to spend time with Him and to worship Him. Therefore, the Sabbath and the return of Christ are intimately connected. That's also why the book of Isaiah says we will honor the Sabbath in heaven as well. We'll talk about that on a later night.

REVELATION 14:8

"And another angel followed, saying, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.'"



103. Let's go to the second angel's message now in verse 8. Now this is the first time we've covered the second angel's message. The Bible says,

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104. Let's pause there. This verse has some new symbolisms for us. What is "*Babylon?*" What does it mean that "*Babylon*" is fallen? And what does it mean that she's made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication? We can put the pieces together, now, based on what we've studied already in this seminar. You will discover that the term "*Babylon*" in Revelation represents a system of false religious confusion.



105. The word “*Babylon*” goes all the way back to Genesis. Remember the Tower of Babel? Humankind built a huge tower after the Flood because they wanted to defy God. They figured they would keep sinning against God, and ignoring His commandments. They said to themselves, “*If God sends another flood, we’re just going to go to the top of the tower of Babel and we’ll save ourselves.*”



106. So, what did God do? He had to confuse their language. He scattered them throughout the face of the earth. Eventually the actual city of Babylon was built, and the city became an enemy of God’s people in the Old Testament. Babylon attacked and plundered Jerusalem. Babylon was also a place where many pagan practices came from.

WHAT DOES BABYLON MEAN?

1. An enemy who persecutes God’s people.
2. A false religious system that confuses people with the doctrines and traditions of men.

107. So, when Revelation uses the term Babylon, it’s symbolizing two things. Number one, an enemy of God who persecutes His people. Number two, a false religious system that confuses people with the doctrines and traditions of men. Babylon basically refers to “religious confusion.” All these confusing false doctrines that are in the world today are the wine of Babylon that has gone all throughout the world.

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108. When it says Babylon is fallen, it means that the false religious systems of the world have fallen away from the truth of God’s Word. And unfortunately, that is true of many churches today. They have fallen away from Biblical truth. Later, in the book of Revelation, chapter 18, God calls His people to come out of Babylon, to come out of the confusion, and back to following the truth.

SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

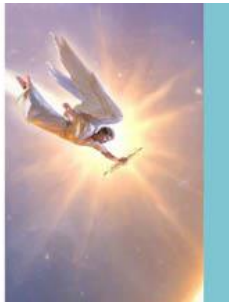


Warning people about the wine of Babylon which are the traditions and false doctrines of men that have taken the place of the Word of God.

109. So, the second angel is saying that God's end-time movement church is going to be warning people of the traditions and false doctrines of men that have taken the place of the Word of God. They will be uplifting truth in the light of God's Word.

REVELATION 14:9-10

"Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on

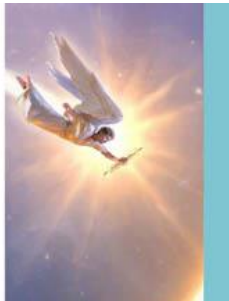


110. Now there is a third angel who has a message. Verse nine, the Bible says,

"Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on

REVELATION 14:9-10

his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation.'"



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THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE



Warning people about the anti-christ and the mark of the beast.

112. In other words, this last-day, end-time remnant movement warns people about the anti-christ and the mark of the beast. They bring attention to those important prophecies. They don't shy away from them because it might not be popular or trendy.



REVELATION 14:12

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

113. Then, in verse 12, it tells us how God's people respond to the beast. The Bible says,

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114. God's last-day movement, then, warns people. They're not afraid to talk about Antichrist and the image and the mark of the beast. They're not afraid, in a loving way, to draw people back to God and teach them to honor His commandments. Why? Because the Bible says that God's last-day church, the saints, are keeping the commandments because of their love for the grace that Jesus gave them on the cross.



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115. You see, this end time remnant movement is not legalistic. It's not a movement that is self-righteous—"I keep all the commandments, so I am better than the rest of the Christian world." No, no, they keep the commandments because of their love for Jesus!



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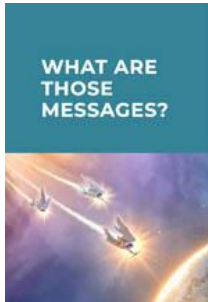
116. They recognize their inadequacies. They recognize their sinfulness, and when they understand what Jesus did for them on the cross, when they understand that He gave them His righteousness, when they understand that His perfect life counts for them, they are eager to do all that Jesus has asked. They want to keep His commandments because they love Him. They are responding to grace. That's Revelation's end-time movement. I want to be a part of that, don't you?



GOD'S END-TIME, REMNANT
MOVEMENT WILL SHARE THE THREE
ANGELS' MESSAGES OF REVELATION 14

117. So principle number six says

“God’s end time, remnant movement will share the three angel’s message of Revelation 14.”



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GOD'S END-TIME REMNANT MOVEMENT

1. Have Their Foundation in Jesus Christ and His Teachings
2. Will Be Founded on the Pillar and Ground of Biblical Truth
3. Obeys the Will of God

119. Now, let’s summarize those six Biblical principles for helping us find God’s end-time remnant movement. Do we agree they all came from the Bible? Let’s look at them. Principle one, God’s end time remnant movement have their foundation in Jesus Christ and His teachings. Number two, it will be a movement founded on the pillar and the ground of Biblical truth, not the traditions of men. Number three, it will be a movement that obeys the will of God as found in the Bible.

GOD'S END-TIME REMNANT MOVEMENT

4. Keeps the Commandments of God, Including the Bible Sabbath
5. Is Serious About Taking the Gospel to All the World
6. Shares the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14

120. Number four, it will be a movement that keeps the commandments of God, including the Bible Sabbath. Number five, God’s end time remnant movement is serious about taking the gospel to all the world, every tribe, tongue, and nation– and they are organized to do so. And number six, God’s end time movement will be sharing the message of Revelation 14 to all the world.

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121. Now, friends, what you and I have opportunity to do now is take those six Biblical principles and use them to guide our spiritual journey.

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122. Are we willing to surrender our hearts to Scripture and say, *“Lord, take these six principles and lead me to your end time remnant movement in this world? Show me the direction in which I should go.”* We should ask the question: *“Where does this lead me?”*

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123. The truth is, when you take these six principles, it quickly whittles down that list of 300 denominations. We simply follow these six principles and God will lead us where He wants us to be. It may not lead you to the biggest church in town or the most popular church in town. But it will lead you to God's end time remnant movement. It will lead you to where God wants you to be.

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124. (YOU CAN SHARE YOUR OWN PERSONAL TESTIMONY HERE)

In fact, those six principles have made a difference in David's life. They have helped him in his own spiritual journey to find truth. Let me share with you a little bit of David's testimony. To do that, I want to go back to that important text in Revelation 12:17. This powerful verse made a difference in his life.



REVELATION 12:17 KJV

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

125. The Bible says,

"And the dragon was wrath 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."

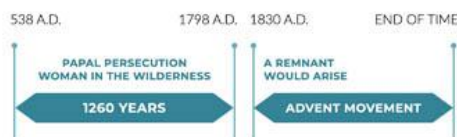


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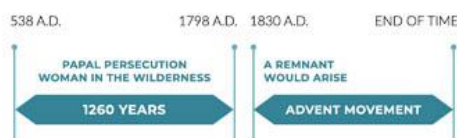
126. It was clear to David that Revelation was saying there would be a remnant in the last days, a movement with people coming from all different church affiliations, who would want to uphold the Bible and honor the commandments of God, including His Sabbath. If this was real, he wanted to be part of that. So, as he looked into history, he asked himself, did this actually happen? Prophecy said it was going to happen, so it must have happened.

BEYOND THE 1260 YEAR PROPHECY



127. What he discovered is this: Revelation 12:17 said a remnant would rise after the woman—the church—was in the wilderness for 1260 years. Revelation gives us the time period when the end time remnant movement would rise—after the woman was in the wilderness 1260 days. Now we've already studied that. That was the period of the union of church and state, where Rome was persecuting true believers in the Word of God.

BEYOND THE 1260 YEAR PROPHECY



128. That union of church and state lasted from 538 to 1798, exactly 1260 years. What Revelation said long ago, written in the first century, is that you will begin to see a remnant movement arise sometime after 1798. You're going to see a movement in the Christian world. You're going to see a movement of God's people of all different denominations who are going to start coming together, realizing truth, and coming back to the commandments of God.

COMING TOGETHER IN UNITY

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129. Revelation said it would happen, and it did, my friends. If you read Christian history, it was in the early 1800s that people from all different faiths started coming together to study the Bible. Bibles were freely translated and distributed. Groups of people from Baptists and Catholics and Methodists and Lutherans, started looking forward to the second coming of Christ. They were known as Adventists.

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130. Then they started to take the commandments of God seriously, including the Sabbath commandment. They eventually formed a movement known as the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This movement would make the Bible the basis for its beliefs. This movement would come back to the commandments of God, including the Bible Sabbath. This movement would proclaim the soon coming of Jesus, and it would share that joy with others. All this happened in the early 1800s just like prophecy predicted.

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131. Friends when David realized this, he wanted to be part of that movement— and so do I. I want to be part of a movement that draws people back to the Bible, draws people back to the commandments, and draws people back to his Sabbath. Those six Biblical principles point me to the Seventh-day Adventist movement. I believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is helping to fulfill that prophecy of a remnant movement in the last days.

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132. You see friends, I'm not part of a denomination because I think it saves me. I'm not part of a church because I think that's an automatic ticket to heaven. We understand, it's only Jesus that saves us. But I want to be part of a movement if that movement believes in the teachings of Jesus and upholds the commandments of God.

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133. Now, if the Seventh-day Adventist church had turned its back on truth, or turned back to the traditions of men, I would have to go somewhere else. But this is a movement that's based on the Word of God! We have an opportunity to unite together and share the gospel with the world before Jesus comes.

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134. Am I saying that people in other faiths are lesser Christians? Certainly not! What an arrogant thing that would be to say. God is telling us He's got people in many different churches, but now, in these last days He's calling them back to truth.

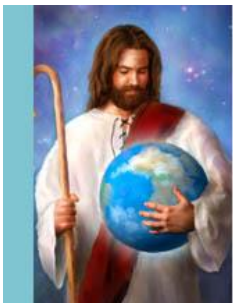


JOHN 10:16

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135. Jesus said this all the way back in John 10:16 when He said,

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136. Jesus didn't look at His 12 disciples and say, *"That's all I want. This fold is good enough."* No, Jesus said, *"I want to draw people from other places in the world, with other faith backgrounds, to accept the gospel that I have given."* That's what Revelation is saying. There's an end-time movement, my friends, and that end-time movement is drawing people back to the Bible. That end-time movement is rediscovering the truth of the Sabbath, to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus.



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137. Within that Seventh-day Adventist movement, you'll find people who grew up Methodist, who grew up Catholic, who grew up Episcopalian, and who grew up atheist or agnostic. Maybe they grew up Muslim, maybe they grew up Hindu, but they have seen the light of truth and they've chosen to follow Jesus and His Word above everything else.



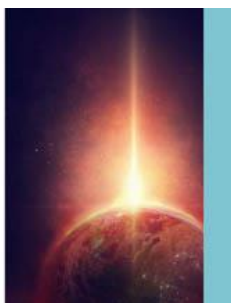
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138. I want to end tonight with a powerful invitation that Jesus Himself gives in the book of Revelation. This invitation is so relevant because it speaks specifically to our world today.

REVELATION 18:1-3

"After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

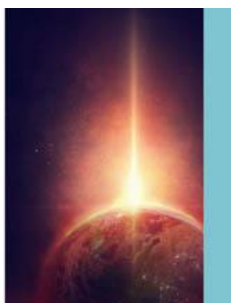


139. Jesus speaks in Revelation 18. I want to begin reading in verse one. The Bible says,

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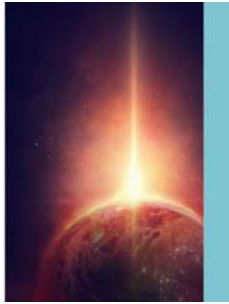
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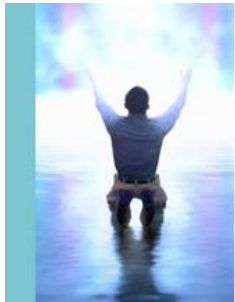
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Remember, Babylon represents false religious systems who teach the commandments and traditions of men and cause confusion. This is describing popular religion in the last days.

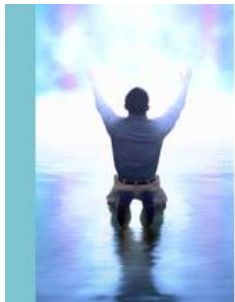


REVELATION 18:4

"And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.'"

142. Now, here comes God's call to His people, in verse four,

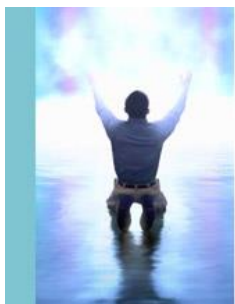
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Jesus says come out of Babylon and come back to truth.

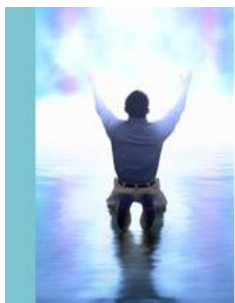
143. You see, that's God's call to come out of Babylon. We've already seen that Babylon represents false religious systems who teach the commandments of men in place of the Bible. They cause confusion. Babylon's wine is the traditions of men, and it's flowing throughout the world. And what is Jesus saying? He's saying, *"Come out of that confusion and come back to truth."*



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144. He's saying, *"I've got people in all different folds. I've got Baptists that I'm calling. I've got Methodists that I'm calling. I've got Episcopalians that I'm calling, I've got atheists that I'm calling. I've got Muslims that I'm calling. I'm calling them to come out of Babylon, to come out of the system of religious confusion, to come out of the false doctrines of man, and choose to make the decision that you will follow Jesus above everyone else. Choose that you will follow His Word above everything else."*



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145. You see, it's a call for you. It's a call for me. Christ says, *"Come out of her, My people."* His people are in Babylon and they don't realize it. Some of His people are following systems of false religion. Some of His people are following the traditions of men. Just like Martin Luther and the reformers. They were in Rome; they were wrapped up in traditions and didn't realize it. God called them out to follow truth. And that's what God is calling you and me to do.



146. Friends, it may be that in this seminar you've learned things you've never known before. Truth has been uplifted to you. You have seen the truth of Jesus in a way that you have never seen it before. That's not because of me. That's the Holy Spirit working through the truth of His Word. Jesus said when you know the truth, it will set you free.



147. Friends, I want to leave you with Jesus' invitation because I know that you love Jesus. I know that you love His Word. Today, Jesus holds out His hand and He invites you to come out of Babylon, to come away from the traditions of men, to come back to the commandments of God. It's a call to surrender. Am I willing to surrender my heart fully to Jesus? Am I willing to follow Him above everyone else and to follow His commandments above everything else? May our prayer today be that we will choose to come out and surrender our hearts to Jesus and His Word.



148. Heavenly Father, thank You that You give us such an awesome and powerful call. We pray, Lord, that our ears would be open specifically to whatever path that You may lead us on. Thank You for speaking to us. Thank You for not allowing us to wallow around in all the confusion that's in the religious world today. Thank You for Your truth, for setting us free. Give us strength to follow You always and to keep our eyes turned upon You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



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