

## Study 3: Identifying the Remnant

In this study we will identify the remnant of Revelation 12:17. What characteristics make up the remnant?

1. The remnant will come out of isolation and start their public work in the USA after 1798
2. They will teach all 10 commandments of God and they will have the testimony of Jesus (or the Spirit of Prophecy, Rev 19:10)
3. To have the Spirit of Prophecy they must have a prophet. And this prophet must arise after 1798.
4. They will teach the same things the disciples did and agree with all of Scripture (Jude 1:3)
5. They will keep the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, which refers to the seventh day Sabbath (Rev 12:17)
6. They will preach the final warning to this world found in Revelation 14:6-12
7. They will be a worldwide movement as they preach the 3 angel's messages to all nations (Rev 14:6)
8. Christ will be the center of their message (Rev 14:6)

The only church which fits all these points is the Seventh Day Adventist church.

1. The "earth" helped the woman in Revelation 12:16. Revelation 13:11 says that the second beast rises from the "earth". Theologians would agree that this beast arising from the earth is the USA. The USA was established as a nation in 1798! During the dark ages when papal persecution was rampant, the pilgrims fled to other countries, especially the USA. There they could be free from papal persecution, therefore the "earth" helped the woman. The Seventh Day Adventist church started under the Millirite movement in the USA after 1798.
2. The SDA church teaches all of the commandments and they believe in the Spirit of Prophecy
3. EG White was called by God as prophet in 1844 and she played a major role in the establishment of the SDA church.
4. Fundamental belief no. 1 for the SDA church states that they believe in all of the Bible as delivered through God's Holy Spirit
5. The SDA church keeps the seventh day Sabbath, which is Saturday
6. The SDA church is the only church that preaches the 3 angel's message on a worldwide scale
7. There are only 2 worldwide churches, the first is the Catholic church (Babylon in Rev 17) and the second is the SDA church (The bride of Rev 12)
8. Christ and His cross is the center around which all truths cluster, and this is the center of the message of the SDA church

Why is this important? Especially if you already believe this?

**If the SDA church is the FINAL movement.** If they are the 7<sup>th</sup> church of Laodicea, which the Spirit of Prophecy says will last until the end of time, then **we should not expect another movement to arise.** Therefore, if any person brings a doctrine **which separates you from the SDA church** you can know that is from the evil one. It is a deception from the devil. The only event that will separate people from the SDA church **is the shaking.** The shaking removes those from the SDA ranks who are not grounded in the truth. The seal of God is a settling into the truth...

- "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. Indeed, **it has begun already**; the judgments of God are now upon the land, . . . that we may know what is coming." {FLB 287.7}

**Therefore we can conclude that any wind of doctrine that separates you from the SDA church or doctrine that sows discord or brings division into the church proceeds from the evil one.** Two of the major doctrines entering the church at this stage is the call to keep the feasts and that the Trinity doctrine is false. These 2 doctrines are leading people to start their own small groups and they have their own camp meetings, even their own leaders. So without us even studying these 2 doctrines in detail we can already see from which spirit these doctrines originate.

“I tell you, my brethren, the Lord **has an organized body** through whom He will work.... When **anyone is drawing apart from the organized body** of Gods commandment- keeping people, when he begins to weigh the church in his human scales and begins to pronounce judgement against them, then you may know that God is **not leading him. He is on the wrong track.**” 3SM 17,18.

In our next study we will study the shaking....

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