# God's Last Day Israel [29] -Identifying the True Last-Day Remnant Church-

### \*Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin

INTRODUCTION: This past series of Bible lessons has thus far revealed an unbroken chain of glorious truth revealing who the real anti-Christ is, the real Seventh-day Sabbath, the judgment or cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary along with a host of other dynamic Bible facts. The question that remains with such undeniable Bible truth that has been revealed, is this: is there a special movement and last-day church that is proclaiming these truths in an organized way to the whole world? In a time when ecumenicalism and unification of religions and churches coming together for the sake of averting universal destruction of society, is it politically correct to teach that God has a specific organization that He wants to call people into? Does God have a special end-time church which He is providentially using to proclaim these precious messages to a world that is perishing in sin? Is there a Last-Day Ark for God's people to get into so-to-speak to be spiritually safe from the tribulation that is soon to hit our planet? Dive into this special Bible study and find out the answers to these most important questions!

1.) Was there another great event toward the earlier period of earth's history where God called people into an "Ark of Safety" before He judged and destroyed the world? Genesis 6:12 And \_\_\_\_\_\_ looked upon the \_\_\_\_\_, and, behold, it was \_\_\_\_\_\_; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ flesh is come before me; for the earth is \_\_\_\_\_\_ with violence through them; and, behold, I will \_\_\_\_\_\_ them with the earth. 14 Make thee an \_\_\_\_\_\_ of gopher wood; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 17 And, behold, \_\_, even \_\_\_, do bring a \_\_\_\_\_\_ of waters upon the earth, to destroy \_\_\_\_\_ flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and \_\_\_\_\_\_ thing that is in the earth shall

\_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: The world at that time became extremely wicked and evil and the world was full of violence. Sin and evil had become like a metastasized cancer that had to be cut out and completely removed before self-destruction overcame the planet. God in His mercy provided a shelter to come into from the worldwide catastrophe! A way of salvation was provided, but only ONE ARK was available to get into. In these last days there is another "ARK" to get into to be safe from the coming world-wide destruction!

2.) In what prophetic language does God portray His beautiful church? 2Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have \_\_\_\_\_\_ you to one \_\_\_\_\_\_, that I may present you as a chaste \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Christ. Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, \_\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ is the head of the \_\_\_\_\_\_: and he is the savior of the body. Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb is come, and his \_\_\_\_\_\_ hath made herself ready. 8 And to \_\_\_\_\_\_

was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: for the fine linen is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of saints. NOTE: Again, God's church is likened to a pure woman clothed with clean, white linen.

- 3.) What amazing scene does the prophet John see in Revelation 12 as portraying God's church? Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven; a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clothed with the \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_ under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: NOTE: Being clothed with the sun represents the glorious beautiful character of Christ shining out in His people. The moon represents the reflection of the Old Testament's ceremonial sacrificial system shining forward to the real source of Light, Jesus Christ. The twelve stars represent the twelve Patriarchs of the Old Testament and even the twelve Apostles of the New Testament. The number "twelve" is symbolic of God's church throughout the span of history.
- **4.)** Did Jesus come into this world through human birth in the midst of His chosen people or church? Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a \_\_\_\_\_ child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was \_\_\_\_\_ unto God, and to his \_\_\_\_\_.

5.) When the devil (dragon) couldn't harass Jesus anymore after He went back to heaven, what did he do then to continue his warfare against God? Revelation 12:13 And when the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_saw that he was cast down to the earth, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the \_\_\_\_\_that brought forth the man child. How do we know that by Satan hurting God's children he is able to hurt Jesus? Zechariah 2:8 For thus saith the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_of hosts: After glory hath he sent me unto the nations which plundered you; for he that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you toucheth the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_of his \_\_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 25:40 And the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of these my brethren, ye have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it unto \_\_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: Once Jesus went back to heaven, Satan the dragon could no more attack Jesus personally. So, since he knows that when he hurts any of Jesus' children, he is able to bring pain and grief to the Savior!

6.) What time period of persecution does Rev. 12 specifically refer to when Satan persecutes the woman, God's church? Revelation 12:6 And the \_\_\_\_\_\_ fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should \_\_\_\_\_\_ her there a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ days. NOTE: We've have already discovered and learned in previous studies that a woman in Bible Prophecy represents a church. We've also learned that this prophecy of the 1260 days with a day representing a year is plainly talking about the Roman Papacy's official rule from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. -1,260 (years). [You can review the lessons of "Identifying the Real Anti-Christ of Bible Prophecy" parts 1 & 2]. The Roman Papacy received a temporary deadly wound in 1798. What happens with God's church after 1798? Let's follow this sequence to its logical conclusion.

7.) According to the book of Daniel 7 & 8, the next event to take place sequentially after the

official reign of the Church of Rome is the judgment or cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary which we have already learned occurred in 1844 A.D. What was also to come on the scene during this time? [1st identifying mark] Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and went to make \_\_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of her seed, which keep the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God, and have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. NOTE: This verse is in the context of the dragon spewing water out of its mouth to go after the woman [church] as the "earth" helped the woman [church] by opening its mouth. We've seen from past study on "The United States in Bible Prophecy" that the North American continent afforded an asylum for Protestant Christians to flee persecution. Since the reign of the Papacy temporarily ended in 1798 A.D., the "seed" or descendants of Gods church which it calls "the remnant" will be keeping God's commandments (all ten of them) and have the testimony of Jesus. God's end-time remnant or last day Israel would come on the scene soon after 1798 A.D. The movement started in 1844 and officially organized in May of 1863. This last characteristic (Testimony of Jesus) is important which we will look at in more detail later.

8.) Since the Remnant Church will be keeping all of God's Commandments, why is it evident that this will be an important 2<sup>nd</sup> characteristic for the last-day church? John

**14:15** If ye \_\_\_\_\_ me, keep my \_\_\_\_\_\_. Matthew **5:18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_ or one tittle shall in \_\_\_\_\_ wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **Revelation 22:14** \_\_\_\_\_\_ are they that \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments, that they may have \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the tree of life, and may \_\_\_\_\_\_ in through the gates into the city. **1John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we \_\_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_\_: and his commandments are not grievous. **NOTE: The Word of God is so plain and consistent with itself! God's last day Israel [church] WILL BE KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS -ALL TEN OF THEM!! In a world where there is rampant evil and where lawlessness abounds, God will have a people who faithfully obey His moral precepts! They will shine as lights in a world of moral darkness!** 

9.) Let's look at Revelation 12:17 again. What is meant by the word "remnant" and what is the last important characteristic of this remnant church? And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: The word "remnant" means "remaining ones" or "the last part of." In textile shops where they sell bolts of cloth, when it gets mostly used up down to the last small segment of cloth next to the spool, the remaining part is called a "remnant." Keep in mind that at the factory, this last section on the spool is actually the first cloth that goes on after it is manufactured. So it is with God's sovereign will and plan from the beginning of time, that He desired for His last-day people to honor and glorify Him in the midst of some of the most troubling times of earth's history. It only makes sense that the Last-day Israel will resemble in principle, His faithful followers from Israel of old and even the early New Testament Christians and onward.

#### 10.) What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Identifying mark- "Testimony of Jesus" as further described in

**Revelation 19:10?** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_: worship God: for the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: The Spirit of Prophecy is actually the prophetic gift. In other words, the Remnant Church would have an end-time prophet who would help guide God's Remnant Church through written instruction and testimony for the challenging times before Jesus comes. [Whole subject devoted to this later in next Bible Lesson "The Modern-day Testimony of Jesus"]

11.) What special messages <u>must</u> the last-day church proclaim to be true to the prophetic mission of the book of Revelation? [4<sup>th</sup> Identifying characteristic]

1<sup>st</sup> Angel's Message -Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give \_\_\_\_\_\_ to him; for the hour of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is come: and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him that made \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the fountains of waters. NOTE: The Remnant Church will be giving the true gospel (a lot of false gospels out there). It preaches salvation by grace through a victorious faith on a worldwide basis with no one left out. This movement will be international and worldwide. And it will be urging earth's inhabitants to worship the Creator whose memorial of Creation is the Seventh-day Sabbath. It will be teaching and preaching a judgment-hour message that brings accountability to God's down-trodden law.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Angel's Message 8 And there followed another \_\_\_\_\_, saying, \_\_\_\_\_\_ is fallen, is \_\_\_\_\_, that great city, because she made \_\_\_\_ nations drink of the wine of the wrath \_\_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: This last Remnant movement will be identifying the false of her Anti-Christ as well as all the fallen churches that are clinging to some of her doctrines including the false day of worship -Sunday. It will be calling souls out of these fallen churches into its fellowship before the wrath of God commences in the 7 last plagues! 3<sup>rd</sup> Angel's Message -9 And the \_\_\_\_\_ angel followed them, saying with a \_\_\_\_\_ voice, If \_\_\_\_ man worship the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_, and receive his \_\_\_\_\_ in his forehead, or in his hand, **10** The \_\_\_\_\_\_ shall drink of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with and in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **NOTE**: The last-day church MUST PROCLAIM (loudly) the warning against receiving the Mark of the Beast. If souls are at stake, someone needs to proclaim a warning message that goes to all the world to save souls from eternal damnation and the destruction of hell. The end-time Remnant Church is the organization that is called to do it!
- 12.) Has Christ authorized His church to be organized and to fill an important role, in the saving of souls and preparing them in character for heaven especially in these last days before He comes? Ephesians 4:10 He [Christ] that descended is the same also that

ascended up far above all \_\_\_\_\_\_, that he might \_\_\_\_\_ all things.) **11** And he gave some, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and some, \_\_\_\_\_\_; and some, \_\_\_\_\_\_; and some, \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_; **12** For the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the saints, for the work of the \_\_\_\_\_\_, for the edifying of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ: **13** Till we all come in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the faith, and of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God, unto a perfect \_\_\_\_\_\_, unto the measure of the stature of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ: **NOTE:** If God had equipped His church in the times of the New Testament early Christian church, how much more would He want an equipped, organized church for these last days when the challenges and crisis will be proportionately greater than ever before?! The whole purpose of the gospel and the organized vehicle of the church is to not only save souls but to equip them to stand (character-wise) before a Holy God and to push forward throughout the length and breadth of the earth the triumphs of the cross!

13.) What would be the fifth important identifying mark that the Word of God clearly says the true last-day church should have? Matthew 24:14 And this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the world for a witness unto all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and then shall the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ come. Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nation, and kindred, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and people, 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy \_\_\_\_\_\_, and reap: for the time is come for thee to \_\_\_\_\_\_; for the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: According to the above scriptures and to be in harmony with God's character of love, the last-day remnant church has to be a world-wide (international) church and proclaim the gospel and 3 angel's messages to all the nations of the whole world. Any denomination or religion that is neglecting to perform this task is simply NOT God's true church no matter what they believe or profess! This point alone would probably eliminate many Christian denominations from being the true Remnant of Israel!

14.) Under point 4 above from the first angel's message, we are told to glorify God. One of the prominent ways we glorify God is through how we treat the bodies He has given us! How does God's Word state this? 1Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye \_\_\_\_\_, or

\_\_\_\_\_, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God. **1Corinthians 6:19** What? know ye not that your \_\_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a \_\_\_\_\_\_: therefore

\_\_\_\_\_ God in your \_\_\_\_\_, and in your spirit, which are God's. Since God's last-day people will have the "faith of Jesus," they will be involved in a healing ministry like Jesus had, endeavoring to restore the whole person back into God's image. Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_\_ and every \_\_\_\_\_\_ among the people. NOTE: Any religious movement or denomination that doesn't proclaim a health message as well as a healing ministry for restoring the broken bodies of mankind -following Christ's example, simply can't be the true end-time Remnant Church.

- 15.) So far, we have identified 5 very important identifying marks of God's true last-day church, His last-day Israel. It is as follows:
  - 1) It would arise shortly after 1798 A.D. after the beast power would receive its deadly wound. In fact, it was organized soon after 1844 in [1860].
  - 2) It would keep all the Ten Commandments of God including the Seventh-day Sabbath that Jesus also espoused.
  - 3) It would have the "Testimony of Jesus" which is the "Spirit of Prophecy" or the prophetic gift in its midst.
  - 4) According to Revelation, it has to be proclaiming the 3 angel's messages of Rev. 14.
  - 5) It would be preaching and teaching to every kindred, tongue (language) and people on a fully world-wide basis!
- 16.) How many Christian organizations or denominations truly fit the above identifying marks of God's End-Time Remnant Church? Can there be multiple churches that people can go into at the end of time? Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_\_, John 10:16 And \_\_\_\_\_\_ sheep I have, which are \_\_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_\_: them also I must \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall hear my voice; and there \_\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_\_ fold, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ sheepherd. NOTE: There is only ONE TRUTH; which means there can only be one church that proclaims the truth to all who will listen. A religious organization is either in possession of God's truth from His Word or it isn't. There is no half-way point in all of this! John 10:16 above uses the word "shall" denoting future tense. At the time of the end, scriptures clearly portray as stated in the second angel's message and Rev.18:4 that Babylon, constitutes all the fallen churches; those souls are to be called out of them so that they can be sheltered from the seven last plagues! If they are called out of these fallen systems, then they have to be called into an ARK of safety -the Remnant Church. Which Christian denomination meets all the above criteria from a fully Biblical perspective?? It is the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist Church!

#### 17.) What solemn message does Revelation 18:1-5 proclaim to the world in these end-

times? 1 And after these things I saw \_\_\_\_\_\_ angel come down from heaven, having great \_\_\_\_\_\_; and the earth was \_\_\_\_\_\_ with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, \_\_\_\_\_\_ the great is \_\_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_, and is become the habitation of \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every \_\_\_\_\_\_ and hateful bird. 3 For \_\_\_\_\_\_ nations have drunk of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the wrath of her fornication, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the earth have committed \_\_\_\_\_\_ with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come \_\_\_\_\_\_ of her, \_\_\_\_\_ people, that ye be not \_\_\_\_\_\_ of her sins, and that ye receive not of her \_\_\_\_\_\_. 5 For her \_\_\_\_\_\_ have reached unto \_\_\_\_\_\_, and God hath \_\_\_\_\_\_ her iniquities. NOTE: The Word of God does not mince words or cushion hard-core issues. This is a serious warning about

the spiritual condition of many religious organizations that have become corrupt with worldliness and false teachings! Not long before Jesus returns, a powerful message will sweep across this planet, not in whispered tones but in a loud or attention-getting way that will arouse the multitudes to repent and leave the fallen churches before probation closes and the 7 last plagues fall! An ARK of Safety in the providence of God has been prepared for such a time as this. What will be your response to come into this special movement that in the PROPHETIC PROVIDENCE of God was ordained to provide spiritual safety and nurture in preparation for the final crisis and citizenship into heaven? THERE IS ONLY 1 ARK THAT YOU CAN GET INTO BEFORE EVERYTHING BREAKS LOOSE IN THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES. WILL YOU COME ON BOARD?! THE DECISION IS YOURS!!

## **Brief Quiz**

Circle One

- 1.) True/False The Remnant Church of Bible Prophecy wouldn't appear until some time after the deadly wound of the Papacy in 1798.
- 2.) True/False There is no special reason to commit to a specific church or movement in these last days as long as it believes in most of the Bible.
- 3.) True/False God's true Church must keep all 10 of His commandments.
- **4.) True/False** God's end-time church will be proclaiming the true gospel of the free gift of salvation as well as victory over sin.
- 5.) True/False The Bible puts no special emphasis on a world-wide international movement of proclaiming the gospel.
- 6.) True/False This special end-time movement will proclaim the 3 angel's messages of Revelation 14 and carry a health message in caring for & restoring our physical bodies.
- 7.) True/False The prophetic gift with an end-time prophet or messenger of the LORD is unimportant for the true Church at the time of the end.
- 8.) True/False All the distinguishing marks as given in the Word of God points to only one denomination that fully fits this description and it is the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH!

## My Response

I see and understand that God truly does have an organized end-time movement that is fulfilling His will in proclaiming His salvation through the 3 angel's messages to the whole world. I recognize and acknowledge that this movement is the Seventh-day Adventist Church and I desire to become an active member and follower among its ranks. I'm ready to come on board this Ark of Safety!

Signed\_\_\_\_\_