

26. What Is the only church on the face of the earth that meets these identifying marks of the remnant?

The _____ Church.

NOTE: While God has people in every denomination, there is only one group on the face of the earth today that even professes to meet every one of these marks of identification. That church is the one that has sponsored this Prophecy Seminar. It is the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Please note the exhibit which demonstrates how the Seventh-day Adventist Church fits the Biblical identification marks.

27. What is the ultimate fate of the beast and the dragon that seek to destroy God's people? Revelation 19:20

Both the beast and the false prophet "were cast alive into the lake of _____."

NOTE: The final battle in the great controversy will be fought against the remnant church. If you should decide to be a part of God's remnant church, you will face the ire of the adversary, Satan. The Bible says that he is waging an all-out warfare against the remnant. If he could conquer them, his supremacy of the world would be complete. Instead, however, the devil and those who side with him will be destroyed in the lake of fire, while God's people will be delivered (Daniel 12:1).

28. God still has many people in Babylon who are not a part of the remnant church. What message does He send them? Revelation 18:4

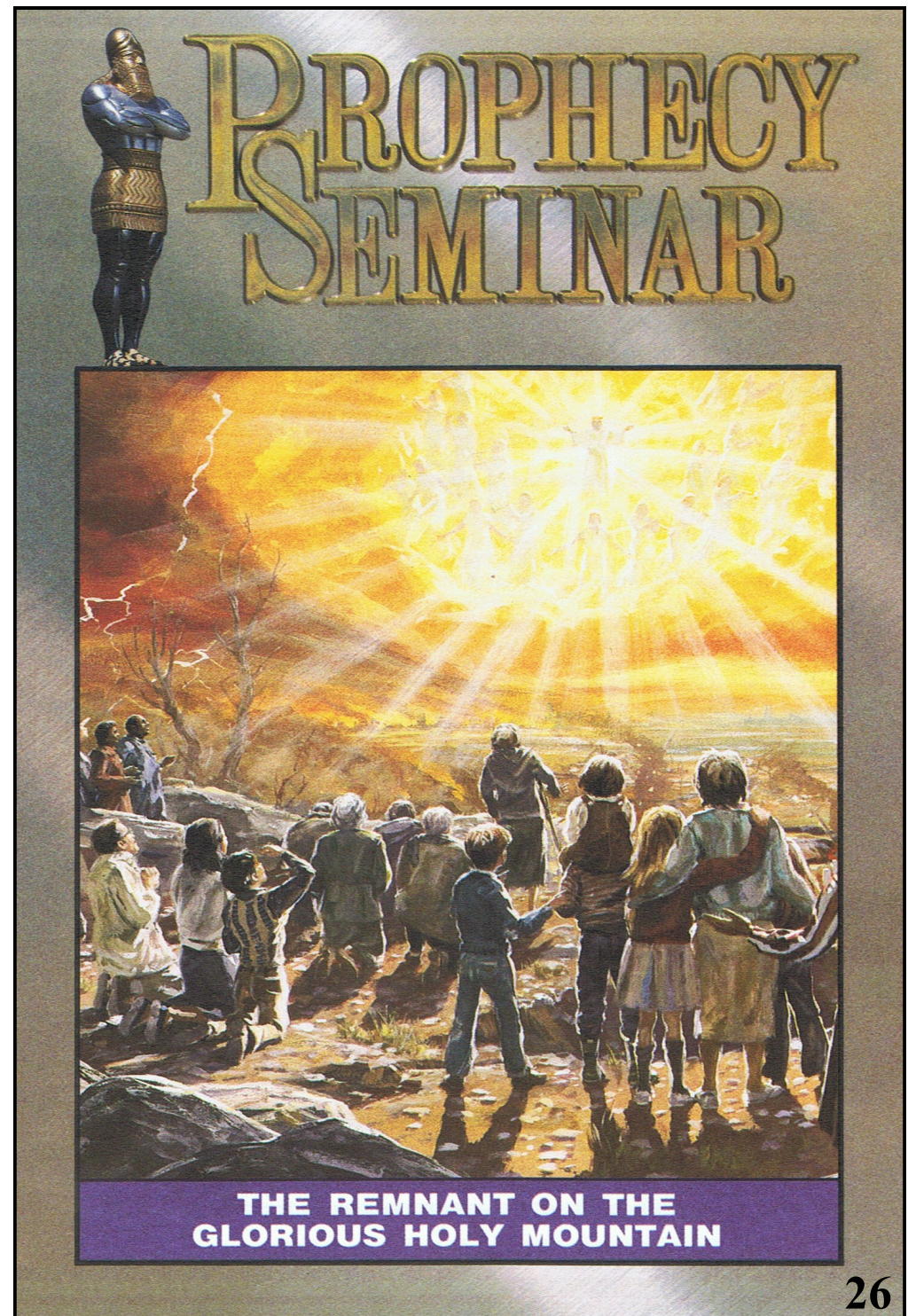
"Come _____ of her, my people."

NOTE: Today, God is calling His people to come out of Babylon and to become a part of the remnant church. The final plagues of God are about to be poured out upon this world. Before they are poured out, God in mercy sends this message, warning His people to get out of Babylon so that they will not receive the plagues. Will you heed the warning and come out?

29. Is it your decision to heed the pleading voice of Jesus to come out of Babylon and become a part of God's remnant people?

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What a mind-boggling revelation Daniel has had! He has seen the people of God go from apparent defeat to ultimate victory at the second coming of Christ. The book of Daniel has carried us down through the stream of history to the time of the deliverance for God's people. What an absolutely fantastic day that will be, when God delivers His final remnant.

Daniel 12:1-2 describes the faithful people of God who are ready to meet Jesus when He comes in the midst of this great time of trouble. The book of Revelation describes for us this same group of people in the last days. They are the people over whom earth's final battle will be fought. The devil is intensely angry with these people and wishes to destroy them from the face of the earth. In this lesson we will see how the Bible clearly describes the characteristics of God's final remnant people.

THE FINAL REMNANT

1. What is happening when God's people are delivered? Daniel 12:1

"There shall be a time of _____."

NOTE: The book of Daniel reveals that there is a major conflict occurring at the time of Christ's coming. Daniel 11:40-45 describes this as a great battle between the kings of the north and the south over God's people. It also calls it the great time of trouble, as Satan seeks to annihilate God's remnant people. If Satan could conquer them, his supremacy of the world would be complete. Thus he wages the final battle against the remnant.

2. In what words does the book of Revelation describe this same event? Revelation 12:17

He made _____ with the _____ of her offspring.

NOTE: The book of Revelation describes exactly the same event as portrayed in Daniel 11:45—12:1. It pictures the devil as waging one final, gigantic war against God's final remnant.

3. With whom is the devil angry? Revelation 12:17

"The dragon was enraged with the _____."

4. What does a woman symbolize in prophecy? Jeremiah 6:2

"I have likened the _____
_____ to a lovely and delicate woman."

NOTE: "Zion" is an Old Testament expression for the people of God (Isaiah 51:16). God's people, His Church, is symbolized in Scripture by a woman. A pure woman represents the true Church, whereas a corrupt woman represents the false or apostate church.

5. Is the woman described in Revelation 17 a symbol of the true church, or of the false church? Revelation 17:3-6

mark of identification of the last-day church. Thus, the second identification mark is that the remnant church will keep the commandments, including the Sabbath.

21. What other mark of identification does John give us in Revelation 12:17?

They "have the _____ of Jesus Christ."

22. What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10

"The testimony of Jesus is the _____ of _____."

NOTE: The remnant church will have in its midst the spirit of prophecy and through this gift, will bear testimony to Jesus Christ. Lesson 28 will explain the spirit of prophecy, which is the third identification mark of the remnant church.

23. What special message will the remnant church be proclaiming? Revelation 14:6-12

The message of the _____ angels.

NOTE: The remnant church will proclaim this special three-fold message:

- (1) "The hour of God's judgment is come." It will proclaim the beginning of the judgment in 1844.
- (2) "Babylon is fallen." It will proclaim the second angel's message, that Babylon is fallen, and call God's people to come out.
- (3) It will warn men against receiving the mark of the beast and worshipping the image of the beast. So the fourth identification mark of the remnant church is that it will preach the three angels' messages.

24. What is the center of every one of the three angels' messages? Revelation 14:6

"The everlasting _____."

NOTE: Please note that every one of the messages that the remnant proclaims is to be gospel-centered. The message of the judgment, beginning in 1844, the message of Babylon being fallen, and the message of the mark of the beast are all proclaimed to focus people's attention on the everlasting gospel. The fifth identification mark of the remnant church is that it is a Christ-centered, gospel-proclaiming movement.

25. How far will the remnant proclaim their message? Revelation 14:6

"To every _____, tribe, _____, and people."

NOTE: The remnant will be a worldwide movement that will be found in every nation of earth, proclaiming the good news and the full message of truth for the last days. The sixth identification mark of the remnant is that it will be a worldwide movement.

"The dragon was _____ with the woman, and he went to make _____ with the rest of her offspring."

NOTE: The devil was intensely angry that God's church found this place of refuge. His response is a final, vicious attack against the church.

WHO IS THE REMNANT?

18. Against whom does Satan specifically wage war In the end time? Revelation 12:17

"The dragon ... went to make war with the _____ of her offspring."

NOTE: The word "rest" or "remnant" means the remaining part of something, such as the "remnant" of a roll of carpet. Carpet remnants are what is left over at the end of the roll. The end of the roll looks exactly like the beginning of the roll. Likewise, the remnant church will look exactly like the church of the first century. It will believe the same thing as the church of the first century. The Bible clearly identifies the "rest" or "remnant" mentioned in Revelation 12:17. As we learn the identity of the remnant, let us keep in mind that God has faithful people in all churches. They love, honour and serve Him, yet He is calling them to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4) (1186) [1227]. Those whom He calls out of Babylon, the false system of worship, He calls into the remnant, the true system of worship in these last days.

19. When does the true church come out of the wilderness? Revelation 12:6, 14.

At the end of the _____ years.

NOTE: The true church stays in hiding in the wilderness for 1260 years. Only after 1798 can the remnant emerge. Remember that the remnant is not a new church coming on the scene of action in 1798; it is the true church coming out of the wilderness. Its roots go all the way back to the apostles and to Jesus Christ. Its history is not traced through a line of prominence, but through the obscurity of the wilderness. Thus, the first mark of identification is that the remnant church will arise sometime after 1798.

20. How will the remnant church be identified? Revelation 12:17

"Who keep the _____ of God."

NOTE: The remnant church will be a commandment-keeping church. In fact, Revelation 12:17 indicates that commandment-keeping will be the distinguishing mark of the remnant church. To be a commandment-keeping church, the church must be keeping all ten of the Ten Commandments, including the fourth commandment which requires the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Thus, the remnant church will be a Sabbath-keeping church. Revelation 12:17 indicates that this is to be a special

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The _____ church.

6. Does the woman described in Revelation 12 refer to the true or false church? Revelation 12:1, 2

The _____ church.

GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH HISTORY

7. Describe the woman of Revelation 12. Revelation 12:1, 2

- a. "Clothed with the _____."
- b. "The _____ under her feet."
- c. "On her head a garland of _____ stars."
- d. "With _____."

NOTE: The sun is used here as a symbol of Christ, the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2); (Psalm 84:11). The moon has no light of its own; it only reflects the light of the sun. The moon, therefore, suggests a shadowy system of types and ceremonies that pointed forward to the reality which was to come in Christ-an apt symbol of the Jewish system (Hebrews 10:1). The crown of twelve stars represents the twelve apostles and the twelve patriarchs. The Child whom the woman is about to bring into the world is none other than Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:5); (Revelation 19:15, 16); (Psalm 2:7, 9).

Here, then, is a picture of the church at the very beginning of the Christian era. It pictures the church of the Old and New Testaments as one. The New Testament church is laid on the foundation of the Old Testament; that's why the moon is under her feet. The New Testament church is built on that solid Old Testament foundation, but it clothes that foundation with the glory and reality of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

8. Who sought to destroy the woman and her child as soon as he was born? Revelation 12:3, 41

"A great... Red _____."

9. Who is this dragon that seeks to destroy the man child? Revelation 12:9

NOTE: Notice that the dragon had seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 12:3). Since Satan has used various political powers to persecute God's people throughout history, it would be logical to assume that the seven heads represent the outward organizations through which Satan worked. In this case, it was pagan Rome through which Satan worked in his attempt to destroy Christ as soon as He was born by having Herod pass the decree that all the babies should be killed. The ten horns would be the same as Daniel's ten horns (see Daniel 7:7). They represent the ten divisions of the Roman

Empire through which Satan worked.

**10. Was the devil successful in his attempt to destroy Christ?
Revelation 12:5**

"Her Child was _____ to God and His throne."

NOTE: Very quickly, the prophecy portrays the life and ministry of Christ and His ascension into heaven. Christ is victorious, and the devil fails to defeat Him.

11. As a result of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, what has happened to the devil? Revelation 12:7-12

"The accuser of our brethren... has been cast _____."

NOTE: By virtue of Calvary, Satan is a defeated foe. No longer can he accuse God's people in heaven. His activity is now limited to this earth.

12. When the devil was cast down to this earth, whom did he begin to persecute? Revelation 12:13

"The _____ who gave birth to the male Child."

NOTE: Having been denied access to heaven by virtue of the victory gained by Jesus on the cross, the devil now turned his vicious attacks upon the church that Christ left upon the earth.

During the first 300 years of the Christian era, the Christian church remained relatively pure. During this time, there was incessant persecution. Christians were thrown to the lions in the arena at Rome, many were burned alive as living torches, others had their limbs pulled from their sockets or their eyes gouged out. Yet they remained faithful to Jesus Christ.

When the devil saw that he could not accomplish his objective by persecution, he sought to destroy the church by corrupting it from within. In the fourth century, after the conversion of Constantine, great changes took place in the Christian church. It was during this time that the worship of the saints increased, taking the place of the household gods of paganism, and that Mary was elevated as the mother of Christ to take the place of the female goddesses of paganism. Pagan festivals were turned into Christian festivals and holy days, the sacrifice of the mass developed in place of the beautiful symbolism of the Lord's supper, and the doctrines of eternal torment and natural immortality were introduced into the church to provide a basis for urging people into submission to the authority of the church. Sunday-keeping began to spread as Roman Christianity began to exercise its authority over the rest of Christianity. In fact, it was Constantine who passed the first civil Sunday law in which he declared that all should rest on the venerable day of the sun.

Thus, the Christianity at the end of the fourth century was quite different from the Christianity at the beginning of the fourth century. Many Christians were greatly disturbed. They had been willing to die for their faith, and now they saw their faith compromised and changed.

13. When: did the true church flee at this time? Revelation 12:14

"Into the _____."

**14. How long was the church to remain in obscurity in the wilderness?
Revelation 12:6, 14**

NOTE: With Roman Christianity becoming the majority religion, the true church of Jesus Christ went underground. For 1260 years, from 538 to 1798, the true church was in hiding in the wilderness. During this time, there were always people who were faithful to the true gospel of Jesus Christ, who were obedient to His word and kept the Sabbath. In fact, one of the obstacles that Rome faced when it conquered some peoples and forced them to submit to Roman Christianity was that some of them were keeping the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Rome was unable to eliminate completely the true light of Jesus Christ. It was in obscurity, but the truth was kept alive by the church of the wilderness.

**15. What did the devil seek to do to the church in the wilderness?
Revelation 12:15**

"He spewed _____ out of his mouth like a _____
... that he might cause her to be carried _____ by the flood."

NOTE: The devil sent a flood of persecution in his attempt to flush the church out of the wilderness. Rome was not content as long as a remnant of the truth remained. She sent her armies out to the Piedmont valleys and other places where the wilderness church was hiding. Through vigorous persecution, she almost eliminated the church. But then the light of the Reformation, under teachers such as Martin Luther, opened the minds of people once again so that the true gospel could be proclaimed. Rome incessantly persecuted the reformers. During this terrible period of 1260 years, came the Inquisition, in which millions of sincere Christians lost their lives because of their allegiance to the truth of God.

16. How did the earth help the woman? Revelation 12:16

"The earth opened its mouth and _____ up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth."

NOTE: The earth is associated in prophecy with the United States (see Lesson 24). At the end of the 1260-year period, the United States opened her doors and became a refuge for the persecuted and distressed of all ages. Here was a place where people could come and worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Indeed, the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up this flood of persecution. It provided a time for the church to gain strength for the final conflict.

**17. In the last days, what will be Satan's attitude toward the church?
Revelation 12:17**