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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 delivere	d? Daniel 12:1	
	"There shall be a time of	·,	
	NOTE: The book of Daniel reveals that there is a major the time of Christ's coming. Daniel 11:40-45 describes between the kings of the north and the south over God the great time of trouble, as Satan seeks to annihilate CIf Satan could conquer them, his supremacy of the word Thus he wages the final battle against the remnant.	s this as a great battle 's people. It also calls it God's remnant people.	
2.	In what words does the book of Revelation describe Revelation 12:17	e this same event?	
	He madewith the	of her offspring.	
	NOTE: The book of Revelation describes exactly the sportrayed in Daniel 11:45 —12:1. It pictures the devil gigantic war against God's final remnant.		
3.	With whom is the devil angry? Revelation 12:17		
	"The dragon was enraged with the	,,,	
4.			
	"I have likened the		
	to a lovely and delicate woman."		
	NOTE: "Zion" is an Old Testament expression for the 51:16). God's people, His Church, is symbolized in Sc pure woman represents the true Church, whereas a cor the false or apostate church.	ripture by a woman. A	
5.	Is the woman described in Revelation 17 a symbol of the false church? Revelation 17:3.6	of the true church, or	

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Adventist Church considers the doctrine of righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ to be the very heart and center of its faith. The truth of the Sabbath, for example, is a precious, Christ-centered truth because it leads the individual believer to deepen his personal relationship with Jesus Christ by spending special quality time with Him. The remnant is a gospel movement..

f. It must be a truly international, worldwide organization.

Today it is proclaiming its message in just about every country of the earth. Only about 12 percent of its nearly six million members live in the United States. It is truly an international movement.

The	church.	
Does the woman de church? Revelation		12 refer to the true or false
The	churcl	h.
GOD'S P	EOPLE THRO	UGH HISTORY
Describe the woma	n of Revelation 12. Re	evelation 12:1, 2
a. "Clothed with the		
b. "The	under her	feet."
c. "On her head a ga	rland of	
d. "With	,,, 	
reflects the light of t of types and ceremo come in Christ-an ap crown of twelve star patriarchs. The Child	he sun. The moon, there nies that pointed forward to symbol of the Jewish is represents the twelve the woman is a	s no light of its own; it only efore, suggests a shadowy system rd to the reality which was to system (Hebrews 10:1). The apostles and the twelve about to bring into the world is ::5); (Revelation 19:15, 16);
era. It pictures the cl Testament church is the moon is under he	nurch of the Old and Ne laid on the foundation or feet. The New Testar dation, but it clothes that	very beginning of the Christian ew Testaments as one. The New of the Old Testament; that's why nent church is built on that solid at foundation with the glory and
Who sought to dest Revelation 12:3, 41	roy the woman and h	er child as soon as he was born?
"A great Red		,,,
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.

church that Christ left upon the earth.

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 por and His ascension into heaven. Christ is defeat Him.	
11.	As a result of the crucifixion and result happened to the devil? Revelation 12	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	"The accuser of our brethren has been	cast"
	NOTE: By virtue of Calvary, Satan is a accuse God's people in heaven. His acti	
12.	When the devil was cast down to this persecute? Revelation 12:13	earth, whom did he begin to
	"The	who gave birth to the male Child."
	NOTE: Having been denied access to h	

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.



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"GODS IDENTIFYING MARKS"

Notice briefly how the Seventh-day Adventist Church meets every one of these identification marks:

a. It must arise after 1798.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church emerged in the mid-nineteenth century, among people of various religious persuasions who attempted to come back to the pure faith of the Bible. It did not invent new truth, but simply sought to restore all the lost and neglected truths that had been preserved by the church in the wilderness throughout the Dark Ages. (For the full story of the rise of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, see Lesson 29).

b. It must keep all the commandments of God, including the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday.

This is not a new truth discovered by Adventists, but a truth that was taught by Christ and the apostles and by the church in the wilderness, a truth finally recaptured and proclaimed once again by the remnant.

c. It must have the spirit of prophecy. (See Lesson 28.)

d. It must preach the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12.

There is no other church on the face of the earth that proclaims the beginning of the judgment in 1844. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is not afraid to proclaim the fall of Babylon, and to warn people against the mark of the beast.

e. It must be a gospel-centered movement.

As you have studied in this Daniel Seminar you have found the gospel of Jesus Christ to be a basic foundation of the Bible. In fact, the Seventh-day

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.
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).
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?
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?

13.	When: did the true chum 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 ligh 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

	"The dragon was	with the woman, and he	
	went to make	with the rest of her offspring."	
	NOTE: The devil was intensely angry refuge. His response is a final, vicious		of
	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" is such as the "remnant" of a roll of carpe over at the end of the roll. The end of to of the roll. Likewise, the remnant church the first century. It will believe the same century. The Bible clearly identifies the Revelation 12:17. As we learn the identiated God has faithful people in all church Him, yet He is calling them to come of [1227]. Those whom He calls out of Believe the true system.	et. Carpet remnants are what is left the roll looks exactly like the beginn the will look exactly like the church the thing as the church of the first the "rest" or "remnant" mentioned in tity of the remnant, let us keep in m thes. They love, honour and serve that of Babylon (Revelation 18:4) (11: abylon, the false system of worship.	ning of nind 86)
19.	When does the true church come ou Revelation 12:6, 14.	of the wilderness?	
	At the end of the	/ears.	
	NOTE: The true church stays in hiding after 1798 can the remnant emerge. Re church coming on the scene of action i out of the wilderness. Its roots go all the Jesus Christ. Its history is not traced the through the obscurity of the wilderness is that the remnant church will arise so	member that the remnant is not a new normal state in 1798; it is the true church coming the way back to the apostles and to rough a line of prominence, but at Thus, the first mark of identification.	ew
20.	How will the remnant church be ide	ntified? Revelation 12:17	
	"Who keep the	of God."	
	NOTE: The remnant church will be a c Revelation 12:17 indicates that comma distinguishing mark of the remnant chu church, the church must be keeping all including the fourth commandment wh seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Thu Sabbath-keeping church. Revelation 12	ndment-keeping will be the nrch. To be a commandment-keepin ten of the Ten Commandments, ich requires the observance of the s, the remnant church will be a	ıg

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

	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 theof"
	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.