

UNLOCKING PROPHECY #20

Revelation's Remnant

God's Church throughout History

- † Jeremiah 29:13, "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."
- † Isaiah 55:2, "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance."
- † Luke 12:15, "And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."
- † In the days of Noah God called a man. Noah appealed to men and women to enter into the ark of safety. The majority rejected God's call but God still had a few faithful people who entered the ark. They were "His church." There was a call to step out from the majority. There was a call to take a step in faith. Today there is a call to obey God and get into God's ark of safety, His church.
- † In the Old Testament God called Abraham out of the popular majority. See Genesis 12:1-2. Abraham kept the commandments of God (Gen 26:5)
- † God chose another man named Moses to lead His people, to be faithful to Him and keep His commandments. (Deut 11:1) . God has a special people today as well (1 Peter 2:9).
- † God's Church throughout history kept God's commandments. His church today will also keep His commandments:

How to Find the True Church

- † You do not go to the Church to find the truth; you go to the Bible to find the truth. And when you've found the truth of God's Word in the Bible then you find a church that squares up with the Bible.
- † 1 Timothy 3:15, "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." Here's a good biblical definition of the church. The church of the living God is the pillar and ground of truth. The church is the custodian of truth.
- † 2 Tim 2:15, Study to show yourself approved of God, rightly dividing the word of truth. It was never God's intent for the Christian Church to be divided into different denominations — each one teaching something different.
- † John 17:21, "That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."
- † John 17:17, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." John 7:16-17—Doctrine is very important to God.
- † John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
- † 1 Corinthians 12:25, "There should be no schism in the body . . ."
- † So why are there so many different denominations? 2 Thess 2:4—tells us there would be a time of "falling away" (Literally Apostasy). Acts 20:30, "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves."

Revelation 12 Reveals God's True Church

- † "Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars" (Revelation 12:1).
- † What does a woman represent in Bible prophecy? A church. (Jer 6:2, Isa 51:16, 2 Cor 11:2)
- † Rev 12:7-9-- Episode 1: Satan Rebels against God in Heaven.
- † Rev 12:4-5—Episode 2: Satan tries to destroy the Son of God.
 - The woman is the church. The Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron is Jesus (see Ps. 2:7-9; Acts 13:33). The dragon is the devil. Did Satan try to destroy Jesus when He was born? Indeed he did.
 - After Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection he eventually did ascend back to heaven (He was "caught up to God and His throne").
- † Rev 12:6, 14, 15—Episode 3: Satan Tries to Destroy Christ's Church--Woman fled into the wilderness for 1,260 years.
 - The church, fled into the wilderness. The church went into hiding. God prepared a place for her.
 - How long would the church be in hiding? 1260 days. Now remember—In Bible Prophecy, one prophetic day equals one literal year. Ezekiel 4:6, Numbers 14:34.
 - So the church is in the wilderness for 1260 years. The exact same amount of time the sea beast power of Rev. 13 & little horn power of Dan 7 persecuted the church. This time period began in AD 538 and ended in

1798. The Roman church pontiffs had more power during much of this time than the kings of Europe themselves.

- The History of the Popes vol. 2, p. 334—“Great numbers were driven from their habitations with their wives and children, stripped and naked . . . many of them inhumanly massacred.”
- God’s true church during this period of time was in the wilderness. Faithful men and women of God clung to the truths of God’s word in seclusion.
- The wilderness period ended in 1798 with the capture of the pope by Napoleon’s general, Berthier.
- Rev 12:16- says, “the earth helped the woman...” –The USA arose at this time and was a safe haven for Protestant Christians fleeing persecution in Europe.
- So, sometime after 1798 God would raise up His end-time people.
- Rev 12:17--Episode 4: Satan Attacks God’s Remnant people. But He loses (Rev 14:12).

7 Identifying Features of God’s End-Time Church

† Episode 4: God Attacks God’s Remnant People, but ultimately He loses (Rev 12:17; 14:12) This verse reveals 2 key characteristics of God’s End-Time church:

1. **It will recapture the pure faith and love of the disciples.**
 - "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).
 - It is the remnant (or the offspring) of the pure women who hid in the wilderness (Rev 12:17)
2. **They keep the commandments of God.** See Exodus 20:3-17 to see God’s 10 Commandments.
 - God says of them: Hebrews 10:16 “. . . I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them.”
 - God’s End-Time church will even keep the 4th commandment, the seventh-day Sabbath. (Ex 20:8-11)
 - Jesus said in John 14:15, “If you love me, keep my commandments.”
3. **Have the testimony of Jesus.** The Bible defines the testimony of Jesus: they “have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17) and “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:10).
 - God’s End-Time church will have the spirit of prophecy, or the spiritual gift of prophecy.
 - God’s church will not come behind in any spiritual gift: “So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7).
4. **The End-Time church will be a worldwide mission-driven movement** committed to Christ and obedient to His word.
 - 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, tongue, and people— Is this a little, non-denominational movement? Not at all. Here is a worldwide, global movement that is preaching the gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue and people.
 - God’s last-day church will preach the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6-13, including the fall of Babylon & the mark of the beast, making one final appeal to the world to follow God before Jesus returns.
5. **God’s church would come out of hiding after 1798 (Rev. 12:6).** As we’ve already mentioned the 1260 day prophecy—God’s church was in hiding during that time, and since it ended in 1798, God’s true church must come up after that time.
6. **God’s true church will glorify God all that they do, including their diet & lifestyle.** To glorify God means to honor Him in how we live, both in our diet and lifestyle. The Bible says, “Whatever you eat or drink do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20, “Know you not that you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body.”
7. **God’s church must have the faith of Jesus (Rev. 14:12).** What kind of faith did Jesus have? An unshakeable and unwavering faith. Jesus relied on His Father for strength to overcome Satan. Likewise we must rely on Christ to have victory over Satan. Luke 10:19 tells us Jesus has given us “authority to overcome all the power of the enemy.”

† **The Seventh-day Adventist Church Meets All 7 Identifying Features of God’s End-Time Church.**