

(6) **The remnant movement is organized and world-wide in scope.**

Revelation 14:6 tells us that the final last day message of the remnant movement is carried to the whole world. Their mission is deliberate, unified, and global. There are only two Christian movements that are 100% global in their impact – the Roman Catholic Church and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Is this a coincidence? Absolutely not.

Only one movement on earth today fits the description of the Biblical remnant perfectly. Only one movement proclaims that the judgment is underway, keeps all of God's commandments including the Sabbath, proclaims that there is a danger that Christians could accept the mark of the beast, and carries their message to the world. It's a movement that answers Jesus prayer for unity and builds that unity on Biblical truth (**John 17:17; 10:16**).

The Seventh-day Adventist church is not merely another denomination. It is rather a *movement*. It is made of up Christians of all walks of life who are tired of tradition and want to stand on the Bible alone for what they'll believe. They carry their message world-wide, and every year, more than 600,000 Christians join the movement.

Why are there so many denominations? Over the years, God has restored truth progressively (**Proverbs 4:18**). John Wycliffe gave the Bible to people in their own language. John Huss declared the Bible to be the only rule of faith. Luther rediscovered righteousness by faith. Calvin emphasized the sovereignty and grace of God. The Anabaptists – immersion baptism and freedom of conscience. Wesley – the importance of devotion to Christ and personal holiness. William Miller – the second coming. Seventh-day Baptists – the importance of the sabbath.

But as each reformer died, some of their followers refused to progress any further. Luther's followers became "Lutherans," Calvin's followers became "Calvinists," and so on – and the search for truth halted. Then in the 1800's, during the Great Awakening, something remarkable happened. Christians from all walks of life got together and searched the Bible for truth. Everybody had things to contribute to the discussion, and everybody had beliefs they had to discard because they weren't biblical. And thus the last day remnant movement – that keeps up the struggle for Bible truth until the day Jesus comes – was born.

"When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" (**Luke 18:8**) The Bible's answer is *yes*. Is it a coincidence that you've been at this prophecy seminar? No. God is calling you to take your place in this final movement on planet earth! There are only two sides as history wraps up. Where will you stand?

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The Woman of Revelation

The 1st chapter of Revelation 1:1-3, says that this book is **not** hidden or perplexing. It says that it is "*revealed*"! **Ques:** Revealed to *show* what? **Ans:** "...*things which must shortly come to pass*..."

Vs.3 says, "*blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, ...*" and "*keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*"

Now we go to Revelation 12:1-6, 14,17.



"...*a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet...then being with child...the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born...And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there 1,260 days...*"

Now scripture reveals that "a day" in symbolic prophecy represents "a year". See: *Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34* "Each day for a year". The 1,260 days = 1,260 **literal** years of persecution of the church of God! Historians concur that this period of church history corresponds with the "Dark Ages" or middle ages when great apostasy came into the Christian church resulting in the worse era of persecution up to the 20th century. Estimates are that between 40-50 Million were put to death by the church/state power! **Why?** For believing the bible as God's word instead of church tradition!



Instead of spiritual unity based upon the truth of God's Word, we see Christianity splintering into small fragments or denominations based on tradition. Today, we need to "*earnestly contend for the faith which was once*

delivered unto the saints." – Jude 1:3

Revelation 12:17 says something very important. It says that after the persecution stops, God raises up another remnant from the woman – a people who will stubbornly stand by the Bible – and the Bible alone – for what they will believe. The dragon particularly hates this group! They won't stop preaching the everlasting gospel. They refuse to believe that the fight for truth isn't worth it any more. They won't quit until they hear from their heavenly Commander!

Who is this group? The Bible offers a number of very important clues:

- (1) **They keep the commandments of God.** (Revelation 12:17; 14:12). That means all ten of them, including the Sabbath commandment! Clearly, these remnant people do not worship contrary to scripture.
- (2) **They have the testimony of Jesus.** (Revelation 12:17). We studied this in detail a little earlier. Revelation 19:10 tells us that the "testimony of Jesus" is "the spirit of prophecy" (see lesson 23). This isn't just any group of Christians. All of the spiritual gifts are alive and well in this group, including the authentic Biblical gift of prophecy.
- (3) **They appear some time after the close of the Dark Ages.** (Revelation 12:16,17) The last day remnant movement takes place after the 1,260 years of persecution come to a close in 1798.

- (4) **This group first appears in the New World.** (Revelation 12:16,17). The woman first flees to the "earth", or the New World, to escape persecution, and then a remnant of the woman's seed appears. The remnant movement cannot possibly represent any group of Christians that got their start in Europe or that predates 1798!
- (5) **Like previous remnant movements, they have a special message for the world.** What is this message? The same as previous remnant movements: Get ready for Jesus to come! Yet the Bible is more specific about the content of their message and spells it out in **Revelation 14:6-12**:
 - a. **"The hour of His judgment is come."** (Rev. 14:6). This group doesn't declare that the judgment is coming – they declare that it's already here! There's only one group of Christians on earth today that teach that!
 - b. **"Worship Him that made."** (Rev. 14:6). The remnant movement calls for people to worship God as the Creator. It's no coincidence that this language comes straight from the fourth commandment.
 - c. **"Babylon is fallen."** (Rev. 14:8). They call the world away from superstition, tradition and spiritual confusion back to the simple truths of the Word of God. They have the courage to identify spiritual Babylon and address corruption – even among Christians.
 - d. **"Do not receive the mark of the beast."** (Rev. 14:9-11) They warn the world that the beast is deceiving them into accepting it as their spiritual authority. What is the mark of the beast's authority? The fact that the world worships the way the beasts dictates. But the remnant movement says that's not good enough – it's the Bible alone for them!