

4. *Speaks about the judgment of God's people. Rev 14:7*
5. *The commandments of God. Rev 14:7*
6. *True Sabbath worship. Rev 14:7*

*The second angel's message: Rev 14:8*

1. *Babylon is a symbol of religious confusion. Rev 14:8, Genesis 11:9*
2. *The wine of Babylon represents false doctrine. Rev 14:8, Luke 5:37*
3. *Babylon has committed spiritual fornication with the world. Rev 14:8*

*The third angel's message: Rev 14:9-10*

1. *The mark of the beast issue is over loyalty and worship Rev 14:9*
2. *Church and State will unite and enforce Sunday worship. Rev 14:9, Rev 13:12, 15-17*
3. *The Sabbath becomes the symbol of loyalty to Jesus. Rev 14:9-10, Rev 13:15-17*

*The Seventh-day Adventist Church (SDA) is the only church that fits this description.*

1. *Arises after 1798. Rev 12:13-14*  
*-The official date for the formation for the SDA movement is 05/21/1863.*
2. *Keeps all 10 commandments. Rev 12:17*  
*-The SDA Church is one of the few Sabbath keeping protestant churches.*
3. *Guided by gift of prophecy. Rev 12:17*  
*-SDA's believe this gift was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White.*
4. *Is a worldwide movement. Rev 14:6*  
*-There are only 2 universal churches in the world today.*  
*-The Roman Catholic Church & the SDA Church.*
5. *Has a special message. Rev 14:6-12*  
*-The SDA Church is the only protestant church that focusses on the three angel's message of Revelation 14. The SDA Church is a basically a combination of the all the truths the protestant reformers taught with the addition of the Sabbath and health.*



The November 2005 National Geographic Magazine highlights the lifestyle and longevity of SDA's. On page 28, this article discusses SDA hospitals, health principles, and how faith enables these people to live happier, healthier, and longer lives.

MY CHOICE: Because I love Jesus, I want to be a part of God's last day remnant people. I desire to be baptized, re-baptized, profess faith and become a member of the SDA Church, God's last day movement.



## Lesson #19 The Remnant Revealed

It is unsettling to many people that there are so many Christian churches today. Many churches claim to be God's true church. Does God have a true church today? If He does, how can we identify it?

1. What did Jesus say of His church? Matthew 16:18

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*Note: Notice that Jesus said, "I will build my church," so to say that Christ has no church on Earth today is to say that Christ failed His mission. If Christ has no church on Earth today, then the gates of hell prevailed against it.*

2. What has been the sign of God's people down through the ages? Genesis 26:5, Deuteronomy 11:1

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*Note: God has always had an identifiable body of believers down through the ages who have loved Him and kept His commandments.*

3. Does the Bible say that we need to go to church? Hebrews 10:25

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*Note: God doesn't want us to be Lone Ranger Christians. Does a boxer have to go to the boxing ring in order to be a boxer? Does a baseball player have to go to the baseball diamond in order to be a baseball player? YES! In all ages God has worked through a visible body of believers that assembled together for corporate worship (see also Acts 7:38, Prov 18:1).*

4. Are the big churches the true church just because they are popular? Matthew 7:13; Deuteronomy 7:7

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*Note: So when you are looking for the true church, you don't look for the church that is the largest and you certainly don't look for the church that is the most popular. Look for the church that is faithful to Jesus and the Bible.*

5. Did Jesus believe in the pluralism that we see today? John 8:32, 14:6 (see also Lk 11:23, Matt 7:21).

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*Note: Biblically speaking, there is no such thing as: "That is true for you and this is true for me." No Bible author believed or taught anything like:*

1. *There is no definite or distinct truth.*
2. *There is no such thing as right and wrong.*
3. *Everyone will end up in the right place as long you believe in Jesus.*
4. *Doctrine doesn't matter as long as you love Jesus.*
5. *All churches are good, just pick one.*

6. How is it possible to know the truth? John 7:17; Jeremiah 29:11-13

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*Note: Your I.Q. has very little to do when it comes to understanding scripture. The best way to know the truth is to be honest with God and yourself. Different levels of finding come from different levels of seeking.*

*As an eternal principle, you do not go to the CHURCH to find the truth, you go to the BIBLE to find the truth. When you find the truth, you look for a church that TEACHES the truth.*

7. How does God picture His true church? Revelation 12:1-2

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*Note: This woman is "clothed with the sun," which represents the glory of the gospel of Christ, and have "the moon under her feet," the reflected glory of Christ as foreshadowed in the Old Testament sanctuary services and rituals. The "crown of twelve stars" represents the twelve apostles.*

**The four episodes of Revelation 12 reveal who God's true church is.**

*Episode 1: The war in heaven. Revelation 12:7-9*  
*- Satan couldn't win the war in heaven.*

*- Jesus 1 Satan 0.*

*Episode 2: The birth of Jesus. Revelation 12:3-5*

- Satan used King Herod to try to kill baby Jesus and failed.*
- Jesus 2 Satan 0.*



*Episode 3: The dragon vs. the woman. Revelation 12:6, 13-14*

- one day = one year in Bible prophecy (Eze 4:6, Num 14:34).*
- 1260 days = 1260 years.*
  - In 538 A.D. Emperor Justinian crowns Pope Vigilius II leader of civil & religious activity. In 1798 Napoleon took the Pope off the throne and the church lost its temporal power. During this 1,260 year period God's true people had to go to the wilderness for protection.*
- Satan attacked God's people, but God provided a place for them to go.*
- Jesus 3 Satan 0.*

*Episode 4: The dragon vs. the remnant. Revelation 12:17*

- Satan makes war with God's last day people, but fails to get rid of them.*
- Jesus 4 Satan 0.*

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

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*Note: The testimony of Jesus is the spiritual gift of prophecy. In other words, God's remnant church would not come short of any spiritual gift (see also 1Cor 1:7). Therefore, God's last day remnant church would be blessed with a modern day prophet. So who is this this remnant church of Bible prophecy?*

**Identifying the Remnant Church:**

1. *Arises after 1798. Rev 12:13-14*

*"There are many loving, genuine Christians in churches that were officially in existence before 1798. But none of these churches can be God's end-time church into which Jesus is calling all His people, because Jesus' end-time church had to arise after 1798. This means that most of the popular Protestant churches cannot be God's end-time church because they existed officially before 1798." Albert Barnes, Notes on Daniel, comment on Daniel 7:25, p. 328.*

*-God's true church arises after 1798 because the Papacy ruled from 538 to 1798. During that time God did not have an identifiable body of believers due to Papal persecution.*

2. *Keeps all 10 commandments. Rev 12:17*

3. *Guided by gift of prophecy. Rev 12:17*

4. *Is a worldwide movement. Rev 14:6*

5. *Has a special message. Rev 14:6-12*

*-what is this special message?*

*The Three Angels Messages of Revelation 14:6-12*

*The first angel's message: Rev 14:6-7*

1. *Includes the gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev 14:6*

2. *God's true church is a worldwide movement. Rev 14:6*

3. *Fear/love God and care for our bodies. Rev 14:7, 1Cor 10:31*