

MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH & URIAH
#13 - THE REMNANT & ITS MISSION
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REMNANT





The time had come for their meeting to begin. Jeniah was nervous and Uriah was a bit apprehensive because this was the first time they scheduled a formal meeting with their pastor. After a passionate discussion about church with their friends, they wanted to talk with Pastor Johnston to get some answers. A few of their classmates belonged to other churches and they asked Jeniah and Uriah what made their church so unique. Jeniah did not feel comfortable with the answers they provided.

She felt there were a few things she was missing and she wanted assistance with the best way to respond. They sat down in the office and jumped right in.

1. Will the people in this church be the only ones that are saved? Jeniah blurted out. Let's start by reviewing Jesus' words about those that are saved and lost" Pastor Johnston said. "The key for all that will be saved, is if they hear and obey Jesus' voice.
 - a. **John 10:16** - *"I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."*

2. "Ok, that's a good start," Uriah chimed in. "We have heard about the concept of the remnant. Does that mean that is the only group that is going to be saved? "The remnant is a group of God's people that serve him through difficulties, calamities, and sometimes persecution. They lovingly serve God and trust Him," Pastor replied.
 - a. "Follow the Lamb wherever He goes" (Revelation 14:4).

Their purpose of the remnant is to be an example for others to see what happens when we trust God and share with others what God has done in their lives. It is a special group, yet it is open for all to join.

The story of Rahab and the fall of Jericho was a great example of the purpose of the remnant. Rahab and her entire family were saved as a result of the children of Israel coming to destroy Jericho. She knew what God did for them and she wanted to serve their God. They welcomed her into the camp because although they did not belong to the Israelites by birth, they joined them by faith (see Joshua 2:6-13). As a result, she became a part of the lineage of Christ (Matthew 1:5)." Pastor Johnston explained.

“Oh ok. It sounds similar to when Grandma let us taste the drink before she brought it to the family for a party. We got to tell them how good it was! They wanted to drink it because we said it was so good!” Uriah said excitedly. “Exactly!” Pastor Johnston said with a smile.

3. “Notice there are a few other aspects of the remnant,” Pastor continued.

a. Revelation 12:17 identifies the remnant as people who:

- i. Keep the commandments of God
- ii. Have the testimony of Jesus Christ

4. “We know about the commandments, but can you explain the testimony part? Jeniah asked sheepishly. “Sure!” John defines the “testimony of Jesus” as the “spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:10). This remnant group will be led by a special outpouring of the Spirit through the prophetic gift. This gift aids God’s last day people to understand prophecy and share that truth with the rest of the world.”

5. “Ok. Anything else?” Uriah asked. “Yes sir!” Did you know that Revelation mentions this special group of people several times? Revelation 14:12 provides similar descriptions concerning this group. They...

- Keep the commandments of God
- And the faith of Jesus.

6. So... they trust God and His Word implicitly, just as Jesus did when He was on the earth! Uriah said excitedly. "That's it! Pastor Johnston said with a smile. "Here's the key about the remnant, she continued. "This group keeps the commandments of God not to be saved. They keep them because they love God and they are saved. Their obedience is founded on a love relationship with the Creator."

- a. Jesus said if you love me, keep my commandments (John 14:15).

7. The remnant also believe and teach the 3 angels message of Revelation 14. These are the final warnings to the world before Jesus comes.

1st Angel – Revelation 14:6-7 - *"Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal _____ to proclaim to those who live on the earth-to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the _____ of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."*

- This is a call to proclaim the everlasting Gospel and warn that judgment time is near and we are to worship the Creator. In fact this is similar language that is used in the 4th commandment (Exodus 20:8-11).

8. This second warning message is a reminder of the confusion found in building the tower of Babel (Genesis 11) which started in direct defiance of the authority of God. This religious system of confusion is worldwide and it influences all nations of the earth.

- 2nd Angel – Revelation 14:8 - *"A second angel followed and said, "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,' which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."*

9. The third angel's message is a warning to those that submit to human authority rather than that of our Creator. It brings to a climax the distinction of who we will serve -- God or man. One group will keep the commandments of God (Revelation 12:9,12) and the other will accept false worship. The consequence of this decision will impact eternity.

- 3rd Angel – Revelation 14:9 - *“A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its _____ and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand.”*

10. “The people that will be saved, will be those that “follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They will have faith in Him and His word in spite of what is popular. We hold on to the promise that God rewards those that trust Him!

- Without faith it is impossible to please Him, but he that comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

“Wow. That seems a little intense,” Jeniah said reviewing what she just heard. “You know it’s only scary if we refuse to accept the provision God has made for us,” Pastor Johnston said. “Everyone will have to choose whom they will worship. For those that follow God, they will have faith that Jesus saved them and made the atoning sacrifice when He died on Calvary.”

God never intended death for us. From the beginning of time, He demonstrated that He will provide for everything we need. Our job is to trust His provision. It is by faith we believe God will give us everything we need!