

Hidden Treasures/ Living Truth Bible Studies

BIBLE STUDY 29

GOD'S PEOPLE IDENTIFIED

Introduction: Throughout history God has had a special people with a special message. In this lesson we will discover who God's people are in this age.

1. Who did God say would be His people? Ezekiel 34:30, 31

➤ **Isaiah 51:16 (Note: "Zion" was the hill on which Jerusalem was built and is used often as a symbol to refer to the descendants of Israel. See also, Isaiah 10:24; 37:22; Micah 4:8)**

2. What was the sign that a person gave to become part of the House of Israel (or part of God's people)? Genesis 17:9-14

➤ **Exodus 12:48 (Note: It is important to understand that becoming part of the house of Israel was available not only to the blood descendants of Abraham but to all peoples and nations who were willing to come under the covenant relationship as Exodus 12:48 says.)**

3. What did this sign represent? Deuteronomy 30:6

➤ **Jeremiah 4:4**

4. What New Covenant sign replaced the old covenant sign of circumcision and makes us a part of Israel? Galatians 3:26-29

➤ **Colossians 2:11, 12**

5. We belong to Christ by baptism and are Abraham's seed or part of Israel when we are baptized, so how is Spiritual or professed Israel organized today? Galatians 1:2

➤ **Galatians 3:7; 6:16; Ephesians 2:18-22**

6. What happened to those of Israel who rejected Jesus as the Messiah? Matthew 21:43

➤ **Matthew 23:37, 38**

7. Does God always have a people, a true and faithful remnant of Israel even in times of apostasy? 1Kings 19:18

➤ **Romans 9:27; 11:5**

8. What symbol does God use to represent Israel (or Zion) in prophecy? Jeremiah 6:2

➤ **Ephesians 5:23; Revelation 19:7 (Note: the woman is used to symbolize the church in general, including the pagan church represented by the woman sitting on the scarlet beast in Revelation 17:3. The difference is always how they are dressed – in robes of white (Christ's righteousness) or in many colors (paganism, false doctrine, the church of Satan, etc.)**

9. What are the two identifying marks of God's people in the last days? Revelation 12:17

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

➤ **Revelation 1:2 (Note: The two texts in question eight and nine show that God's people in the last days will be a Sabbath-keeping people and will have the gift of prophecy in their midst.)**

11. How do we know that God's professed people in the last day will be a worldwide fellowship or church? Revelation 14:6, 7

➤ **Matthew 24:14**

12. How do we know that God's professed people in the last days will be a Christian people? Revelation 14:12

As revealed in the last lesson, the professed people of God today who meet all of the foregoing criteria are Seventh-day Adventists. This is so because (1) they are professed Christians; (2) profess to keep all of the commandments of God, including the fourth or Sabbath commandment; (3) are a worldwide church preaching the everlasting Gospel worldwide; and (4) have the gift of prophecy in their midst. This gift of prophecy rested upon the person of Ellen G. White, who was called of God at the age of 17 and continued till her death in 1915. Her ministry and qualifications will be discussed in the next lesson to show that God does not fail His church and will make provision for them, even unto the end. Matthew 28:20

As responsible human beings in search of salvation, we must find the predicted remnant people of God in the last days and the reformation messenger God promised to send before His second coming. In Jesus' day, because of the apostasy among God's chosen people, Jesus' disciples had to be organized separately from the Jewish organization. In the same way, because of apostasy from the commandments of God and the instruction of His reformation prophet, it has become necessary for the remnant to be organized separately from God's chosen people of today in many places where the inspired truth of the Everlasting Gospel and the warning message of Revelation 14 as given to us by God is not being presented. If there is not a congregation of the true and faithful remnant meeting the specifications of Revelation 12:17 and 19:10 in your area, you can still be a part of the worldwide movement which is coming into harmony with every Word of God. We would welcome you to join us today.

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