Remnant

In Intro:

① a Central doctrine, emphasis Thruout Old & New Testaments
Matt 13 - Kingdom; not, tares
Def of Remnant - Survivors of Great Judgments or Catastrophe -

It is maintained By G

I- G maintains the Remnant - It is a Work of G -
"I will assemble, assemble, assemble"
His Truth, His grace - G never without a witness - Keeps promise
a people - Church, Divine institution - G does it
"I will leave 7,000 of Kings 19

Time = more would be than enough - not women not tithe, mention my name in N.T. How many have to be "Remnant" - Narrowing Issues? Time G

II - It is a minority - higher standard, fewer people - Bible fully supplies - Judah -

III It is a means of Salvation - "great voice."
Multiplies - Gen 18:32; Jud 2:32
Transmit life & promises of G - How many do you know? Few
service is purpose

IV - It is marked -
1- By its Separation - "together" - "as sheep in fold"
Different from others -
2- By its Suffering, Sacrifice ① "sheep of Boyrah" Examples -
of Jeremiah, John Bapt, Jesus, etc.
② Those out of Babylon = Ezekiel valley of dry Bones -

V - It is The Messiah vs 13 - Jesus -
Branch -
Def. of Remnant - 1- alone ② Survived Judgment
③ Transmits life to others.

V- It Lives In The Messiah - v. 13 - "The Branch."

1- Remnant referred to as a new shoot bursting forth with new life from an old trunk - Isa 6:13 - Messiah also compared to a new Branch - (Isa 4:2; 11:1; 53:2; Psa 80:15 LXX)

2. The Central & life-giving element in the remnant is the messiah. The Remnant can only exist in so far as it revolves around Him (Text), in so far as all its other members are grafted on to Him & share His life - (Jer. 23:3-6

Ultimate for The Church in N.T.

(1) alone = narrowed, deserted by friends

(2) Survived Judgment, Death - He who is the true righteous Remnant "survived" the ultimate catastrophe, "death", by resurrection - In that survival life was maintained & indeed made available by the act of God. (3) Transmits Life They who participate in this new life are the new Israel, the remnant according to the election of Grace - (Rom 11:5)

3- Ezek & Jer = Born again -

4- The reason for the choice of 12 disciples was to claim by symbolic action, that X was leader of new Remnant. X Thought of Church as the Remnant that should inherit the mission of Israel.

Paul - Rom 9:6, 7, 27, 29; 11:4; 4:16; 2:28f; Gal. 3:29, 4:28f; 6:16; 1 Cor. 10:18; Eph. 2:11f, 19

only those who accept Him can claim to be the "Israel of God."

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Intro: Bible a book of surprises - O does best expected - ways not our ways - Gentiles & Jews

Big Surprise = many not saved - Matt 7:13, 14

IV - Marked -

1 - By its Separation from world - vs 12 - "put together - as flock in the midst of their fold." gathered into one place

① a distinct characteristic, different from others — Remnant characterized by a new loyalty. to ⊖ -

③ Amos - Remnant not spared by accident but because of its repentance it is returning to a faithfulness. But makes it the heir of the promises (Amos 9:15)

④ The call to choose between ⊖ & other claimants comes at about the same time as the era of the faithful Remnant, in days of Elijah. The prophet's call to Israel always to the same time as the revelation to the prophet that there are 7,000 left in Israel who've not bowed knee to Baal.

⑤ In N.T. saint rarely is singular - saints - together

⑥ united into one flock -

2. By Its Sacrifice - "sheep of Bozrah." —

① Bozrah, capital City of Edom, arch enemy of Israel - in midst of enemies - Amos prophecies of its destruction - 1:12; 9:12

② Isa 34:6 - massacre which ⊖ will inflict upon Edom & Bozrah is described as a sacrificial slaughtering of lambs - etc. —

③ In midst of enemies, yet "in a fold" - protected, denoting how believers should be fenced within the Church, as by a strong wall, against which the powers of darkness should not prevail. — over →

Bozcah destroyed — but Remnant, sheep in a fold — protected, escape the judgment of world. "in presence of mine enemies."

(3) Amos describes it as a torn, bruised Remnant — Amos 3:12; 4:11

(4) In Ezek. 11:14-20, prophet rebuked the self-~~satisfied~~ satisfaction of those who remained in Palestine, & announced that the hope of future ~~to~~ lay with the exiles, to whom a new heart would be given.

(5) The Spiritual Kernal had not enjoyed any miraculous deliverance from the calamities which overwhelmed the Kingdom. They suffered more accutely than the rest of the people.

Ex of Jeremiah's life.

→ Exile was a death, self-sacrifice — only thru this could you be part of O's people.

Ex of Jesus, early Church.

(6) The Remnant saves by self-sacrifice & suffering.

(7) Again & again Jesus told disciples that discipleship is synonymous w/ sacrifice & suffering & the cross itself. X is always the type, model, example of the Remnant & the Church — Remnant finds its fulfillment in X — Everything Remnant was X is, & so the Church.

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II- A minority - "vs 12 - "a remnant."

1- Bible fully surprises - would expect it to be tribe of Joseph, most remarkable of all Jacob's sons. Or Ephraim, the most populous. - but it is Judah.

2. G's method: always thru the few - Elijah "alone" on Mt Carmel, Jesus & 12 - finally Jesus only

3. Nor is it those who remain in Promised Land, but the first immigrants, the unfortunate, the poor - Micah 4:6,7 Isa 16:14 - Isa 10:21,22

4- Narrowing process -

(1) Relation between G & His people simple — what is required of them is exclusive loyalty to Him & obedience to His Will as revealed in the Law & prophets - so long as the requirements of G aren't made too exacting, this works well: So long as the standard is not pitched too high, the majority of people can attain to it. But as the standard of loyalty & obedience is raised, the number of people who attain it decreases. It ceases to be an ideal for the nation & becomes an ideal for an elect few within the nation -

(3) → Thoroughgoing observance of the Law, etc was a task for which not many would have the inclination -

(2) → The faithful community ought to include the whole of Israel. but Israel as a whole comes short of the standard.

(4) - From first humanity to Noah; from this second humanity to a family again, that of Abraham; from nation of Abr's descendants to smaller groups.

(5) Moses only elite saved from slaughter of children - who G would have destroyed people because of idolatry, moses spared - wilderness generation dies, but Caleb & Joshua alive of next generation enter Promised Land. Eli, priestly community who took care of Ark (G's presence) destroyed - Samuel alone survives.

This is why mountain Peak that every one in Church is saved — the standard of church membership known Thru G's Salvation.

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Minority - narrowing process

(6) Compare to a cone, base is exodus from Egypt - becomes more narrowed thru centuries to an ever decreasing Remnant, until its apex is constituted by the sole "remaining" one Jesus X, who "remains" triumphantly thru the death of Cross & resurrection.

→ Exodus was beginning of People of O - Cross beginning of Church.

→ The infant Jesus alone (as Moses) escapes the slaughter of the innocents; the circle of His followers progressively diminishes, then He is abandoned in turn by several of His disciples, till He remains alone & desolate hanging on a Cross.

(His Cross is pattern & prophecy of Church)

(7) O always having to start again - after flood with Noah, Abl, Jacob, Judah (Psa 78:67ff), with children of captivity (Ezra 4:1-3, 8ff), then w/ Son of Man (Dan. 7:13) who represents 'Saints of the most High' (Dan. 7:18, 29). This Remnant, Son of Man gets narrowed down at last to Lord Jesus Himself alone, & then as from Pentecost begins to grow like the grain of mustard seed (Jer. 18:4)

The Tough demands of Jesus - How He was always sifting, dwindling, narrowing -

III — Means of Salvation — vs 12 — "noise —"
Multiplies — noise made by densely packed & numerous flock. — maintains G's witness in world —
1 — Thru Remnant the old Israel prolongs its life & by its means the life & people safeguarded — realizes the life, & promises once made to the whole are focused within it.
2 — Joel 2:32 — it is a bridge between the two moments (Past & present) in history of G's people. The Remnant exists for sake of the eschatological community to come.
Numbers 14:12 — Ex 32:10 — Isa 6 v: 9, 22 —

(1) The life of the ancient people which in a hidden form has been transmitted to the Remnant is one day to blossom forth in the people of the future — Life of Jesus has been transmitted to us — Work spirit — moses would have been = Ex. 32:10

(2) Important function of Remnant: it is the instrument of grace of G toward others, the narrow channel thru which G mediates His grace — G's grace flows thru us to others — Sal. comes from G, but thru man (Jesus) → us → Jesus was Remnant & We are the Remnant — Very few (only a remnant) in Church who transmit life to those dead in sin.

Gen 15:2 G — Jer 5:1

3 — Temptation existed in Israel & in us — Keeping jealously the monopoly of spiritual life — Then it has ceased to be an organ for the transmission of Divine life; its principle is self-Conservation. Since arise its characteristics — pride, egoism, & lack of brotherly love — Pharisees — Not just Saved, but Saving

(1) The danger of the Remnant idea is that the members should build walls round itself & be satisfied. The Remnant is not a safe enclave, but a cell, seed of future growth, restless thrust that must blossom forth & produce fruit — not Sanctuary Place but Launching Pad —

(2) The Church is not an end in itself, but a means to an end. Must always be pushing down its walls &

reaching out; Its purpose is to bring "a light to the Gentiles," & G's Sal. to the end of the earth

(3) when the people of G cease in any age to do This — G starts again with another Remnant.

4- It is Thru the faithful Remnant That again & again G has to fit His hope for the future — It is Thru Them That He carries on His Saving work — Salt, earth which preserves the whole — (1 Cor — Paul says if 1 woman in home, all are sanctified.)

The faithfulness of the few can save the rest — Gen 18:32

5- Remnant survives not only That its members may live, but That Thru Them, & in Them the life of the people to whom they belong can go on. — Remnant is a "depository" of Life & G.

6- Service, not Sal., purpose of Israel's election — Israel & Edom — Jacob & Esau — Birthright justified That Christ.

7. In Isa 66:18-20 the Remnant is first saved, Then sent on a mission to the World.

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I- Maintained By Θ — vs 12 "I will assemble,
1- assemble" — "gather together, gather together."
"I will put." - Θ said it twice - once would've been
enough - all women didn't believe in Tithing cause
mentioned only once in N.T. - Pastor - "How many times
Θ have to tell you?" - How many Times Policeman
have to tell you? —

2- Θ has always kept for Himself a People — never → Ezek. 6:8 → Father, Sunday, Wakefield
without a witness — preserved — 7,000 ✓ 1 Kings 19:18
No matter how wayward people were, there will still be 7,000 in Israel.

3- It is a work of Θ — Grace, mark of Mercy - Jer 1:9; Amos 9:1-5 -
Church Divine institution or couldn't've survived the
way we've run it! Anything else would've been dead —
→ They survive not because of resourcefulness or strength of
the few, which enables them to escape the disaster
by their own initiative. The fact that some survive
is a miraculous event - which Θ alone is the author
Ezek 36:22 - a spared People
→ The important factor, not size or who — but that it still
exists.
→ Remnant is what is left when Judgment is over —

Maintained by Θ's Grace & by His Wrath
Wrath - In O.T. it nearly always springs from some
Catastrophe which has brought ~~on~~ destruction on the people
as a whole. Suggests at once the anger of Θ against the
Sin of His people. The smaller the remnant the
greater the destruction, & the more serious the sin. What
remains therefore stands as a witness to the Wrath of Θ.
def = Survivors from disaster - escaped Remnant.

Θ is always having to start over again.

Remnant not spared by accident, but saved by Θ for His
own purposes.

Over → ~~Christ~~

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