

## LESSON #21 - THE REMNANT OF HER SEED

### Introduction

Amplify the **four elements** of this verse

**Genesis 3:15:** “And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Show how the four elements are in this verse and explain what the “remnant of her seed” is.

**Revelation 12:17:** “And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

The remnant is the **seed’s seed** or the remnant of Jesus

**John 12:23, 24:** “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain [the seed’s seed].”

### Who is the seed?

**Galatians 3:16:** “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.”

And who is the Seed’s seed?

**Galatians 3:29:** “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

### Babylon and Jerusalem

Babylon at the end is a **worldwide system** that is opposed to the **people of God**. The **woman** is symbolic, her **wine** is symbolic, her **fornication** is symbolic and her **river** is symbolic. She has **universal sway** because **she sits** on all nations, tongues and peoples.

Therefore **Israel** must also be **symbolic and worldwide**. The two parties at the end are described in **Revelation 12:17**. The dragon then goes and **recruits** a sea beast and a land beast to do his dirty work.

**The dispensationalist/futurist idea:** God has two **mutually separable** peoples with **different plans** for each—the Christian **Church** and Literal **Israel**. After the rapture, God will once again deal with the **literal Jewish nation**.

We will examine **at least ten different avenues** to determine if this is so. We will clearly see that Israel is **defined in Christ**, not by its location or ethnic makeup

God has only **one fold** with **one shepherd**—Jesus Christ

**John 10:16:** *“And **other sheep** I have which are **not of this fold**; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be **one flock** and **one shepherd**.”*

**John 11:51, 52:** *“ Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and **not for that nation only**, but also that He would gather **together in one** the **children of God** who were scattered abroad.”*

God has only **one Israel** [those who are **baptized** into Christ].

This Israel is not defined **geographically** or **ethnically** or **genetically** but **relationally**. Jesus is the only faithful Israelite and when we receive Him we too become Israelites indeed, THE SEED'S SEED

**Galatians 3:16, 26-29:** *“Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” **who is Christ**. ...<sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through **faith in Christ Jesus**.<sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have **put on Christ**.<sup>28</sup> There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for **you are all one** in Christ Jesus.<sup>29</sup> And **if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise.”*

**Romans 2:28, 29:** *“For he is **not a Jew** who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;<sup>29</sup> but he is a Jew who is one **inwardly**; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”*

**Romans 9:6-8:** *“But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are **not all Israel** who are of Israel<sup>7</sup> nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.”<sup>8</sup> That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.*

Before **Jacob's name** was changed to Israel he was certainly a **liar**. But after his struggle with the Angel his name was changed because his **character had changed**.

**John 1:47-49:** “Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an **Israelite indeed** [alethinós: ‘genuine’], in whom is **no deceit!** [pseudos: ‘falsehood’; the same is said of the 144,000 in Revelation 14:5]” <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the **fig tree**, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the **Son of God!** You are the **King of Israel!**”

**God has only one body [of Christ] that is composed of both Jews and Gentiles**

**Ephesians 2:13-18:** “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were **far off** have been brought {NIV} **near** by the **blood of Christ**. <sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who has **made both one**, and has broken down the **middle wall** of separation, <sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself **one new man** from the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in **one body** through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. <sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through Him we **both have access** by **one Spirit** to the Father.”

**I Corinthians 12:13:** “For by **one Spirit** we were all baptized into **one body**--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into **one Spirit**.”

**Ephesians 3:6:** “. . . that the Gentiles should be **fellow heirs**, of the **same body**, and partakers of His promise **in Christ** through the gospel.”

**Colossians 1:18, 24:** “And He is the head of the **body, the church**, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. . . .<sup>24</sup> I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of **His body, which is the church**.”

**God has only one chosen city composed of Old and New Testament saints. It is the Lamb's City and its Light is the Lamb**

**Revelation 21:2:** “Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as **a bride adorned for her husband**.”

**Revelation 21:12:** “Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the **twelve tribes of the children of Israel**.”

**Revelation 21:14:** “Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the **twelve apostles of the Lamb**.”

**Hebrews 11:9, 10, 13-16:** *“By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God....<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims** on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For those who say such things declare plainly that they **seek a homeland**. <sup>15</sup> And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But now they desire **a better, that is, a heavenly country**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has **prepared a city** for them.”*

Conclusion: The city is composed of the **redeemed from all ages** because the names of the **twelve tribes** are on the gates and the names of the **twelve apostles** are on the foundations.

**The church of the Old and New Testaments is illustrated by only one woman who is garbed with the sun**

**Revelation 12:1, 2, 5, 6:** *“Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars <sup>2</sup> Then being **with child**, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.... <sup>5</sup> She bore a **male Child** who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was **caught up to God and His throne**. <sup>6</sup> Then the **woman fled into the wilderness**, where she has a place prepared by God that they should feed her there **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**.”*

The number twelve (12) is vitally important because it is the **number of God’s people**—Israel. By **choosing twelve apostles** Jesus was announcing that **Israel was continuing** in them. The story of **Acts 1** reveals the importance of the number 12.

**The kingdom is illustrated by only one olive tree that bears good fruit**

- There are **natural branches** that are **retained** in the tree (the literal Jews who **believed** in Jesus)
- There are **natural branches** that are **cut off** (the literal Jews who **rejected** Jesus)
- There are **natural branches** that are grafted **once again** into the tree (Literal Jews who rejected Jesus and **then accepted** Him)
- There are **wild olive branches** that are **grafted into** the tree (Gentiles who believe in Jesus)
- There are **wild olive branches** that can potentially be **cut off** the tree (Gentiles who **abandon** their relationship with Jesus)
- The key is in **Romans 11:20** where we are told that to be part of the tree means **to believe** in Jesus. To be cut off from the tree means to **reject Jesus**. The root and the trunk of the tree symbolize Jesus. If we are connected to the trunk and the root, we will bear fruit

**Romans 11:17-26:** “And if some of the branches were **broken off**, and you, being a wild olive tree, were **grafted in** among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,<sup>18</sup> do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.<sup>19</sup> You will say then, “Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.”<sup>20</sup> Well said. Because of **unbelief they were broken off**, and you **stand by faith**. Do not be haughty, but fear.<sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, He **may not spare you either**.<sup>22</sup> Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.<sup>23</sup> And they also, if they do not continue in **unbelief, will be grafted in**, for God is able to graft them in again.<sup>24</sup> For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?<sup>25</sup> For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to **Israel** until the fullness of the **Gentiles** has come in.<sup>26</sup> And so all **Israel will be saved**, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;”<sup>27</sup> For this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

### **There will be only one banquet table in the kingdom for all of the redeemed**

Immediately before the following passage is the story of the **Roman centurion** who was a Gentile

**Matthew 8:11, 12:** “And I say to you that many will come from east and west [**Gentiles**], and sit down [**Jesus says: ‘at my table’ in Luke 22:30**] with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven [**literal Israel**].<sup>12</sup> But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

### **God has only one spiritual temple that is composed of the apostles and the prophets and Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone**

**Ephesians 2:19-22:** “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens** with the saints and members of the household of God,<sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the **apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ Himself being the **chief cornerstone**,<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a **holy temple** in the Lord,<sup>22</sup> in whom **you also** are being built together for a **dwelling place** of God in the Spirit.”

### **The redeemed from every nation, kindred, tongue and people will sing only one song—the Song of Moses and the Lamb**

**Apocalipsis 15:3-4:** “They sing the song of **Moses**, the servant of God, and the song of the **Lamb**, saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!”<sup>4</sup> Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested.”

**The redeemed have only one Father and that Father is defined in Christ. Only those who have received Jesus are sons and daughters of God**

**Galatians 3:26:** “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

**We become brothers and sisters of Jesus and as a result we are sons and daughters of God**

**John 1:12, 13:** “*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*”

**Hebrews 2: 11 He is not ashamed to call us brethren**

**John 14:6:** “Jesus said to him, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*”

**John 8:32-44:** “*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” <sup>33</sup> They answered Him, “*We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free'?*” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.*” <sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. <sup>37</sup> “*I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.*” <sup>38</sup> I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.” <sup>39</sup> They answered and said to Him, “**Abraham is our father.**” Jesus said to them, “**If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.**” <sup>40</sup> But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. <sup>41</sup> You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “*We were not born of fornication; we have one Father--God.*” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “**If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.**” <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. <sup>44</sup> You are of **your father the devil**, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

According to Paul the Jews are descendants of **Hagar** and **Ishmael** while the believing Gentiles are the children of **Sarah** and **Isaac**.

**Galatians 4:24-26:** “*For these are the two covenants [Hagar and Sarah]: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—<sup>25</sup> for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—<sup>26</sup> but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.*”

**The Gathering and the Scattering Prophecies**

**Deuteronomy 28:63-64:** Promised to scatter if unfaithful

**Deuteronomy 30:3-5:** God promised to gather them if they **repented** and **returned** to the Lord. The important thing in the gathering and scattering was **not the land**. God had chosen to make **His dwelling** in the land of Israel. When Israel was **scattered from the land**, they were **scattered from the Lord**. When Israel was **gathered to the land**, they were **gathered to the Lord**.

Jesus gave a **profound interpretation** of the gathering and scattering prophecies.

**Luke 11:23:** *“He who is not **with Me** is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me **scatters**”*

**Caiaphas** said that it was expedient that **one man should die** for the people and not that the **nation perish**. What this means is **explained by John**:

**John 11:51, 52:** *“ . . . he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and **not for that nation only**, but also that He would **gather in one** the children of God who were scattered*

When Jesus was about to **leave the Jewish temple** for the last time, He said:

**Matthew 23:37, 38:** *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem. the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to **gather** your children together as a hen **gathers** her chicks under her wings, but you would not willing! <sup>38</sup> See, **Your** house is left to you desolate.”*

To His **disciples**, Jesus said:

**Matthew 18:20:** *‘For where two or three are **gathered together** in my name, **I am there** in the midst of them.’”*

**The Holy Land is where two or three are gathered in Christ’s name**

This gathering to Christ was fulfilled on the **Day of Pentecost** when the believers in Christ were **all gathered together** with one accord

**Acts 2:1, 7-11:** *“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. . . .<sup>7</sup> Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?<sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,<sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs — we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”*

What makes you a **true Israelite** is not that you are gathered to the **Holy Land** but rather to the **Holy Lord**! If your are **in the Holy Land** but have rejected the Holy Lord, then **you are scattered**

**God was faithful in rejecting literal Israel as His chosen people and His plans did not fail because of literal Israel's failure:**

**2 Timothy 2:11-13:** *“This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. <sup>12</sup> If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. <sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.”*