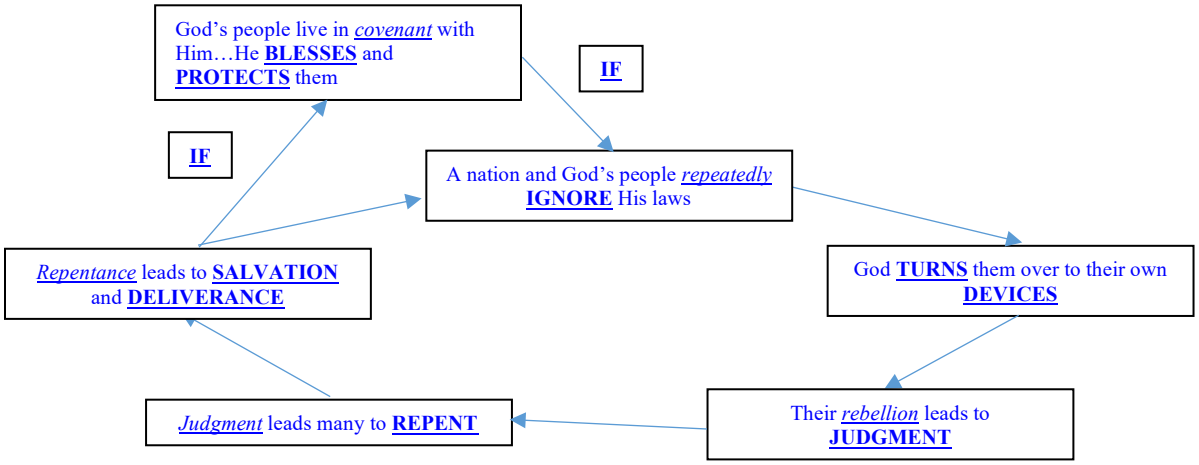
Thursology 117: The "Remnant"—Could EXILED People Really Be…POWERFUL*???!!!* (End-Times, Luke-Warm Church-Pt 9)

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--The three Entities that God uses to save the world:

--Entity #1: The _____

--Key Concept #1: The way God saves *nations*…is by *separating out* "a _____ from within the _____."

--Entity #2: *God's* people _____…or sent _____…a *nation*

--Genesis 12:1-3: Now the Lord said to Abram, Go forth from your *country*, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you *a great nation*, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you *all the families of the earth* will be blessed."

--Precept #1: God's *salvation* plan includes _____ in the *world!!!*

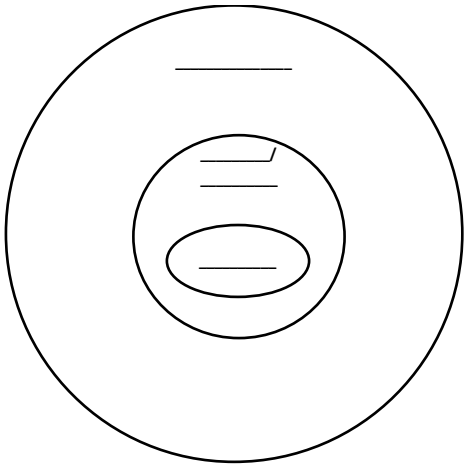
--Precept #2: God _____ a special "*called* people"…to _____ out His great purpose to *save* the world.

--Precept #3: Being *called*…and *separated* out…is all about _____…*not* about _____*!!!*

--Precept #4: The reason God *blesses* a _____ people…is so they'll be a *blessing*…to _____ people!!!

--Key Concept: #2: The way God saves the *world*…and saves *nations*…is by taking "a _____…within the _____…within the _____."

--Entity #3: The _____



--Isaiah 10:20: Now in that day, the *remnant* of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped…will *truly rely on the Lord*, the Holy One of Israel.

--Micah 4:7: I will make the lame a *remnant* and the outcasts a *strong nation*, and *the Lord will reign over them* in Mount Zion *from now on and forever*.

--Haggai 1:12: Then Zerubbabel…and Joshua…the high priest, with all the *remnant* of the people, *obeyed the voice of the Lord their God*…

--Romans 11:2-5: "…Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 'Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down Your altars, and *I alone am left*, and they are seeking my life.' But what is the divine response to him? '*I have kept for Myself* seven thousand men *who have not bowed the knee to Baal*.' In the same way then, there has also come to be *at the present time* a *remnant* according to God's gracious choice."

--Application #1: When the church becomes *worldly*, *intermingled*, and *lukewarm*…the *Remnant*…despite remaining *faithful*…isn't "off the _____"…and doesn't become _____ or _____ from the church*!!!*

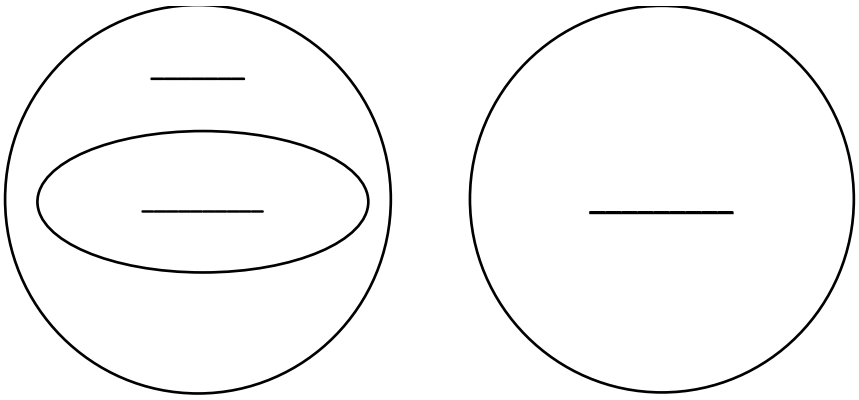
--Remnant Error #1: The "really _____ believers" should form special *groups* within the church structure…but be relatively (or absolutely) *separate* from the "_____ believers."

--Issue #1: _____ the "*holy*" believers…from the "*regular*" believers…can be found in many church _____.

--Issue #2: The theological implication of having "*holy*" believers and "*regular*" believers leads to the *heresy* that there are Christians who _____ the Word of Christ…and "regular" Christians who don't "_____ to."

--John 10:2-5 (excerpts): "…(His) sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and *leads* them out…he goes ahead of them, and *the sheep follow him because they know his voice*. A stranger *they simply will not follow*, but will *flee from him*, because they *do not know the voice of strangers*…My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and *they follow Me*."

--Issue #3: The true Remnant is fully _____ into the ***life*** of the church…even when the church isn't what it _____ to be***!!!***



--Application #2: When God judges a *nation*…and His people *within* that nation…both the *wicked* and the *righteous* go through the _____ …_____*!!!*

--Key Concept #1: When Judah was taken into Babylon…it wasn't just the _____ Hebrews who were _____…but many *innocent*, *faithful*, *righteous* people as well.

--Key Concept #2: When the _____ experiences judgment…it's *because* of _____ people's *evil*!!!

--Daniel 6:16: "Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and *cast into the lions' den*…"

--Here's how Daniel 6:16 *should* read:

--"Then the king gave orders, and *hundreds of thousands of Hebrews* were brought in and cast into the lions' den…"

--Key Concept #1: In Babylon…not only was the *faithful* Remnant not _____ from *persecution*…they were *persecuted* precisely _____ they were _____*!!!*

--Key Concept #2: In exile…*compromise* is _____…and *faithfulness* is _____*!!!*

--Daniel 6:19-23: Then the king arose at dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions' den. When he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions? Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime." Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

--The common take on the main point of the Lions' Den story: God _____ Daniel…and ***saved*** him from _____

--Daniel 6:25-27: "Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language who were living in all the land: 'May your peace abound! I make a decree that *in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; for He is the living God and enduring forever, and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and His dominion will be forever. He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth*, Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.'"

--Key Concept #1: If God hadn't allowed the ***Remnant*** to be exiled with the ***rest*** His people…then the _____ Babylonians would never have _____ of the One True God.

--Key Concept #2: Salvation comes through the _____ of the Remnant…when lost people see their ***faithfulness*** in the midst of _____***!!!***

--Key Concept #3: Once exile comes…not even the ***Remnant*** is truly _____…***until*** the world sees them live out their ***faith***…during _____***!!!***

Thursology 116: Great News…From EXILE?!? God's Amazing Cycle of REDEMPTIVE Judgment (Final, Luke-Warm Church-Pt. 8)

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--The pattern of God's "Prophetic Word" to His people…when they're lukewarm

--Prophetic Word #12: Even if you're *exiled*…do not DESPAIR…because ALL authorities ultimately serve *God*…whether they INTEND to or not.

--Jeremiah 25:9; 27:6: "…*I* will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, *My servant*, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants…Now *I* have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, *My servant*."

--Key Concept: It wasn't God's WEAKNESS that led to Babylon *conquering* His people…it was actually His SOVEREIGNTY*!!!*

--Prophetic Word #13: "When you've been EXILED…make sure you don't try to take a SHORTCUT…because you'll miss God's *perfect* plan for DELIVERANCE*!!!*"

--Key Concept: *Punishment* and *persecution* that lasted *less than* several GENERATIONS…would have been INEFFECTIVE*!!!*

--Prophetic Word #14: The reason I send My people through *exile* and *punishment* is because I LOVE them so much…and I still have a *plan* to SAVE them*!!!*

--Understanding God's plan to save His people *through* exile:

--A pervasive biblical theme: God's **LAW** has overarching **AUTHORITY** in His Creation.

--Galatians 6:7: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this they will also reap…"

--The scope and reach of God's Law is: **UNIVERSAL**, **RELENTLESS**, and **IRRESISTIBLE***!!!*

--It applies to *believers*…and *non-believers*!!!

--It applies to the *church*…and to the *world*!!!

--It applies to *individuals*…*families*…and *nations*!!!

--The Four-step Process of God's *Redemptive* Judgment:

--Step #1: When a nation repeatedly ignores God's laws…He TURNS them over to their own DEVICES

--Romans 1:24, 26, 28, 32: Therefore God *gave them over* in the lusts of their hearts to impurity…For this reason God *gave them over* to degrading passions…And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God *gave them over* to a depraved mind… and although they *know* the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only *do* the same, but also give *hearty approval* to those who practice them.

--Psalm 81:11-12: But My people *did not listen* to My voice, and Israel did not obey Me. So I *gave them over* to the stubbornness of their heart, to *walk in their own devices*."

--Ezekiel 20:39: "'As for you, O house of Israel', thus says the Lord God, 'Go, **SERVE** everyone his **IDOLS**…'"

--Step #2: JUDGMENT comes as direct *consequence* of REPEATEDLY disobeying God's Law

--Ezekiel 20:23-24: "Thus says the Lord, I swore to them…that I would *scatter them among the nations*…because they…rejected My statutes…and *their eyes were on the idols* of their fathers."

--Jeremiah 44:23: "*Because* you have…sinned against the Lord and not obeyed the voice of the Lord or walked in His law…*therefore* this *calamity* has befallen you…"

--Step #3: The *consequences* of God's JUDGMENT…lead His people to REPENTANCE

--Judges 10:6, 9, 13-14: Then the sons of *Israel again did evil* in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals…thus *they forsook the Lord and did not serve Him*…And the sons of Ammon crossed the Jordan to fight…so that *Israel was greatly distressed*…The Lord said to the sons of Israel…you have forsaken Me and served other gods; *therefore I will no longer deliver you*. *Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress*."

--Judges 10:15-16: The sons of Israel said to the Lord, "*We have sinned*, do to us *whatever seems good to You*; only please *deliver* us this day." *So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the Lord*; and *He could bear the misery of Israel no longer*.

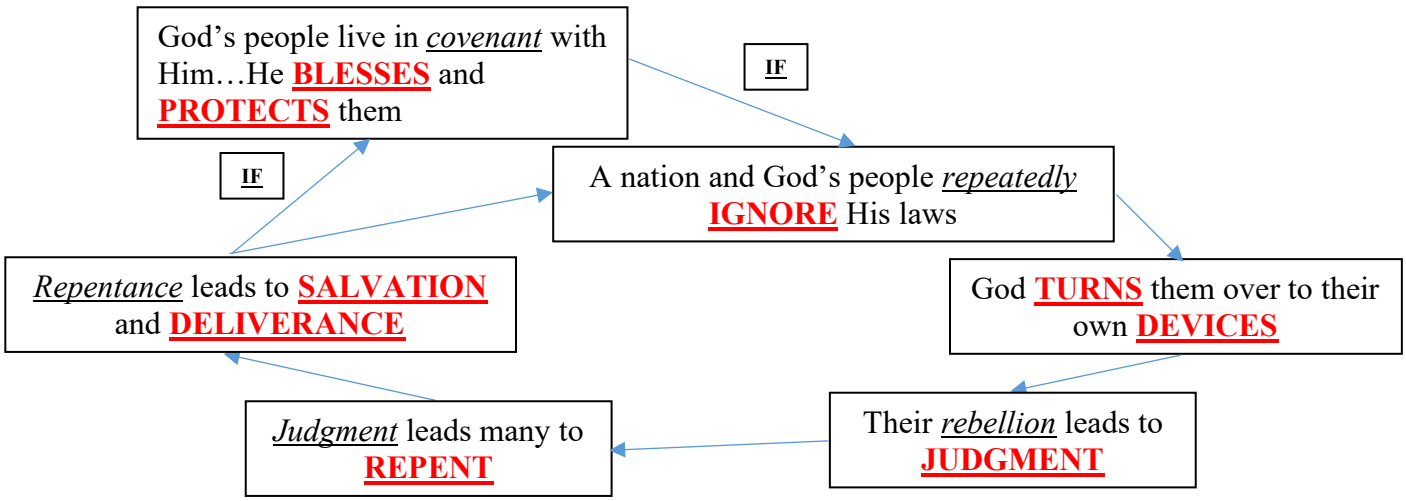
--Key Concept #1: When God's people live in *rebellion*…the only **HOPE** for them is to come to the point of **REPENTANCE**
--Key Concept #2: When God's people **REPEATEDLY** rebel…the *only* thing that will bring them to *repentance* is…**DISASTER**
--Key Concept #3: Even though God *hates* bringing **DISASTER**…if it's the *only* option left…then He'll *inflict* as much **PAIN** as it takes…to **SAVE** His people

--Step #4: Finally…after *repentance*…God DELIVERS them by His mercy…which has been His PLAN…from the very BEGINNING*!!!*

--Ezekiel 18:23, 27-28, 32: "'Do I have any *pleasure* in the *death* of the wicked,' declares the Lord God, 'rather than that he should turn from his ways and *live*?...when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness…and practices righteousness, he will *save* his life…For *I have no pleasure* in the death of anyone who dies,' declares the Lord God. 'Therefore, *repent and live*.'"

--Ezekiel 20:33-42 (Excerpts): "*I will bring you out* from the peoples and gather you *from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand*…*I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant*; and *I will purge from you the rebels* and those who transgress against Me…Thus says the Lord God, "*Go, serve everyone his idols*; *but later you will surely listen to Me*, and My holy name *you will profane no longer*…there *the whole house of Israel, all of them, will serve Me* in the land…*I will accept you when I gather you from the lands where you are scattered*; and I will prove Myself holy among you in the sight of the nations. *And you will know that I am the Lord*, *when I bring you into the land of Israel*…"

The cycle of God's Redemptive Judgment:



--Application: God's *relentless* desire to *save* people explains why the UNCHANGING God…can LOOK so *different*…at different *times*…and in different *places*!!!

--A Key Question: Why does it look like there's an "**OLD** Testament God"…and a "**NEW** Testament God???"

--A foundational understanding: While God *never* **CHANGES**…people…societies…nations…cultures…and circumstances…*do* **CHANGE**!!!

--Key Concept #1: God's *great purpose* in every *time*…every *age*…every *era*…is to **SAVE**!!!

--God's unchanging purpose:

--"I have come to seek and to *save* that that which was *lost*."

--"If you have seen ME…you have seen the FATHER."

--Key Concept #2: The *differences* in *the way God dealt with people* in the two Testaments…aren't because **GOD** changed…but because God adapts **HOW** He accomplishes His salvation plan…based upon people's **RESPONSIVENESS**…and their **CIRCUMSTANCES**!!!

--Romans 2:4: "…the *kindness* of God leads you to *repentance*…"

--The facts about Israel in the Old Testament:

--They were slaves whom God delivered

--The were chosen and blessed by God…despite their stiff necks and hard hearts

--Among all the peoples of the world…God gave *them* His Truth…and His Word

--He showed them stunning miracles…He sent them great leaders and deliverers…He sent them Prophets…again and again…and…He sent them outpourings of His grace and salvation in five sweeping national revivals

--And…after all of this…they rejected their God…*again and again*!!!

--Psalm 30:5: His *anger* lasts only a *moment*, but His *favor* lasts a *lifetime*; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

--The overarching summary of the God of the Bible: Because…at His *essence*…God is *Savior*…whether by grace, mercy, kindness, and compassion…*or*…by discipline, punishment, judgment, and exile…He will do *whatever it takes* to save **EVERYONE**…who is **WILLING** to be **SAVED**!!!

--A simple question: Will God's **KINDNESS** lead you to repentance…or…will it take **PAIN**???