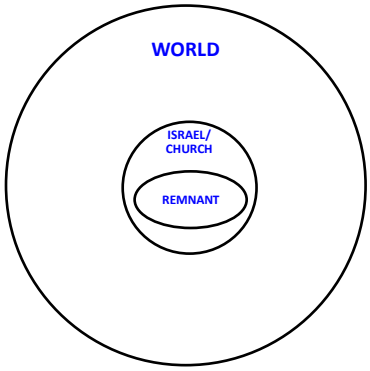
Thursology 118: The Remnant's "God-like" Calling: Willing to Take Others' Punishment…on Themselves (Lukewarm Church-Pt 10)

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

--Entity #1: The NATION
--Entity #2: *God's* people WITHIN a *nation*
--Entity #3: The REMNANT



--A Huge Marital Mistake:

--A true mystery…and…a sad truth: Jesus has the _____ bride in _____*!!!*

--Song of Solomon 4:1, 3, 7, 9: How beautiful you are, my darling, how beautiful you are! Your eyes are like doves behind your veil…Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely…You are altogether beautiful, my darling, and there is *no blemish in you*…You have made *my heart beat faster*…my bride; you have made my heart beat faster with a single glance of your eyes…"

--Key Concept #1: The book isn't *primarily* about Solomon and his wife…it's really a love story about _____ and His _____*!!!*

--Key Concept #2: If you _____ Song of Solomon from the Canon…then you have to remove _____ and many *other* texts as well.

--Key Concept #3: In the Song of Solomon…the most *ecstatic* expressions of *love* and *adoration* aren't from the _____…but from the _____*!!!*

--Song of Solomon 7:10: "I am my Beloved's, and *His desire* is for *me*."

--A take-home message from the Song of Solomon: We aren't _____ of truly understanding how much God *loves*…*adores*…and even _____ us*!!!*

--The *responsibilities* of the Remnant:
--They integrate fully with God's people…rather than becoming isolated, separate, aloof, or exclusive.
--They go into exile with God's people.
--They're willing to face hardship and persecution in exile…even when the rest of God's people won't.
--They engage in the great mystery…of imitating Christ…by *lavishly* loving the church…despite all of her flaws.

--The greatest RESPONSIBILITY…and the greatest IMPACT…of the Remnant:

_____

--The common understanding of being an "intercessor": Praying that the Lord will grant _____ and _____ to our spiritual leaders

--Definition of "inter"…"cede": To "_____ _____"

--Three great "intercessors":

--Intercessor #1: _____…for _____

--II Cor 11:24-27: Five times I received *from the Jews* thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers *from my countrymen*, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

--Rom 9:2-4: "…I have *great sorrow* and *unceasing grief* in my heart. For I could wish that *I myself were accursed*, *separated from Christ* for the sake of *my brethren, my kinsmen* according to the flesh, who are *Israelites*…

--Intercessor #2: _____…for _____

--Ex 17:1-4: The whole Israelite community…camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So *they quarreled with Moses* and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and *they grumbled against Moses*. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? *They are almost ready to stone me*."

--Exodus 32:7-14: Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for *your people*, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, *they are an obstinate people*. Now then *let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them*; and I will make of *you* a great nation." *Then Moses entreated the Lord* his God, and said, "O Lord, *why does Your anger burn against Your people* whom *You* have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, 'With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth'? *Turn from Your burning anger and change Your mind about doing harm to Your people*. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" *So the Lord changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people*.

--Intercessor #3: _____…for _____

--Genesis 18:16-17, 20-21: When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and *Abraham walked along with them* to see them on their way. *Then the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do*?...Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me…"

--Genesis 18:22-25: The men turned away and went toward Sodom, *but Abraham remained standing before the Lord*. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What *if there are fifty righteous* people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not *spare the place* for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? *Far be it from you* to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

--V. 32: Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if *only ten* can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, *I will not destroy it*."

--Intercessors "versus" God???

--A huge potential theological error when studying these "intercessory" passages: Thinking that *Paul* and *Moses* and *Abraham*…were more _____ than the _____

--An Incredible Reversal: A "Tiqqun Soferim" in the Text

--"Tiqqun Soferim": An "*emendation*"…or _____…of the biblical *text*…that occurred in the ancient scribal _____

--The three most common types of Tiqqun:

1) Removal of _____ expressions used in reference to God

2) In some texts…the Scribes apparently _____ they were "*safeguarding*" the Tetragrammaton

3) Removal of the names of _____ gods within Hebrew names

--Genesis 18:22: "…the men turned away and went toward Sodom, but *Abraham remained standing before the Lord*."

--The current rendering…representing the change in the text after the "tiqqun":

--"…_____ remained standing before the _____."

--The original rendering:

--"…the _____ remained standing before _____."

--Rabbi Rashi: "…It was viewed as inappropriate to say that God came and stood, or waited, before Abraham. Therefore, the verse was altered to say that Abraham stood before God. In other words, although the *original* text was different, the Scribes *changed* it so as not to *appear* offensive to God."

--A very common MIS-understanding: *Intercession* is talking God into something He doesn't _____ to do…for someone who doesn't _____ it.

--The biblical understanding: *Intercession* is where God draws _____ to *share* His deep *desire* to _____ undeserving, lost people*!!!*

--The reality about Paul, Moses, and Abraham: They didn't stand between *sinners* and _____…rather…they were _____ by God to stand between *sinners* and their _____ destruction*!!!*

--A common MIS-understanding about the Remnant: The more _____ a person is…the more *desperate* they are to see _____ people receive…_____*!!!*

--A biblical understanding of the True Remnant: The more _____ a person is…the more *desperate* they are to see _____ people receive…_____*!!!*

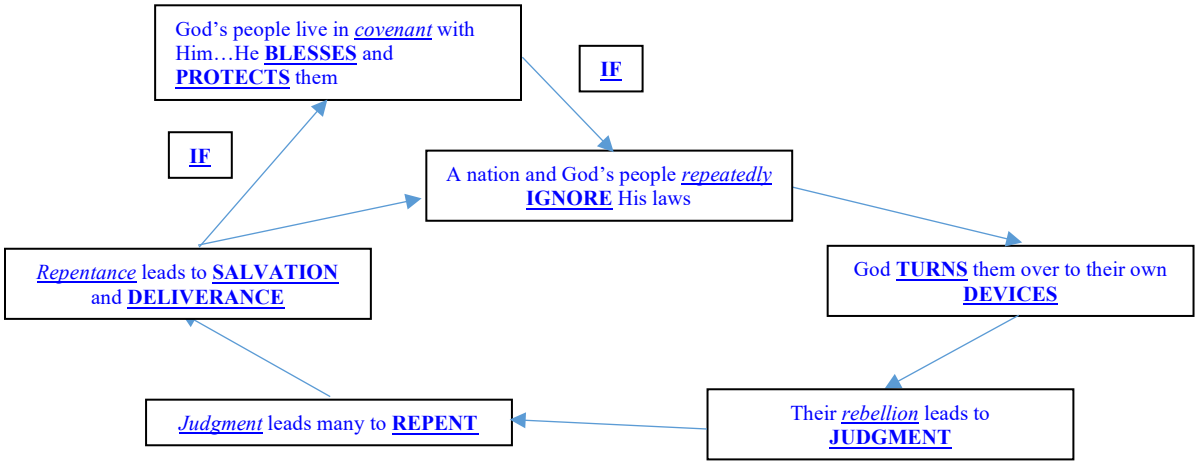
Thursology 117: The "Remnant"—Could EXILED People Really Be…POWERFUL*???!!!* (End-Times, Lukewarm Church-Pt 9)

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

--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*!!!*

--The cycle of God's Redemptive Judgment:



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

--Entity #1: The **NATION**

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

--Entity #2: *God's* people **WITHIN**…or sent **TO**…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 **EVERYONE** in the *world!!!*

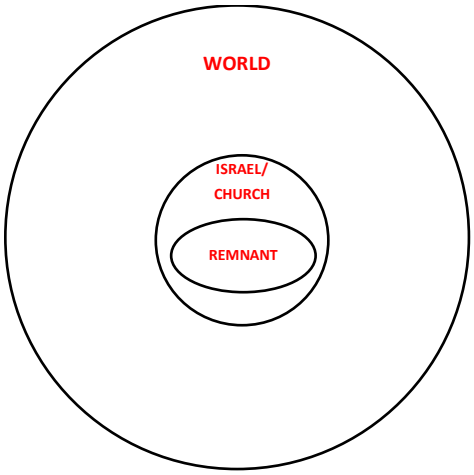
--Precept #2: God **ELECTS** a special "*called* people"…to **CARRY** out His great purpose to *save* the world.

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

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

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

--Entity #3: The **REMNANT**



--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 HOOK"…and doesn't become ISOLATED or ALOOF from the church*!!!*

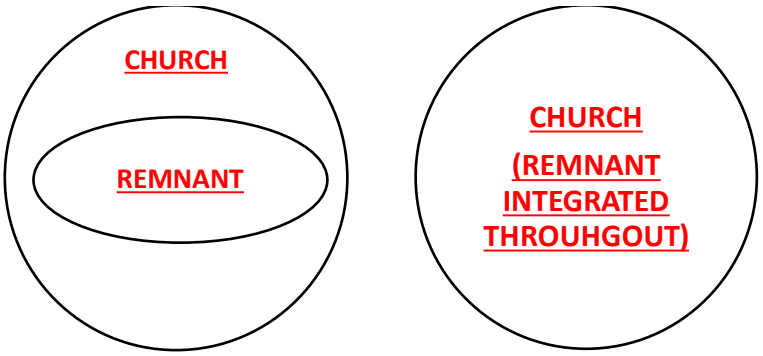
--Remnant Error #1: The "really **HOLY** believers" should form special *groups* within the church structure…but be relatively (or absolutely) *separate* from the "**REGULAR** believers."

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

--Issue #2: The theological implication of having "*holy*" believers and "*regular*" believers leads to the *heresy* that there are Christians who **OBEY** the Word of Christ…and "regular" Christians who don't "**HAVE** 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 **INTEGRATED** into the *life* of the church…even when the church isn't what it **OUGHT** to be*!!!*



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

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

--Key Concept #2: When the **REMNANT** experiences judgment…it's *because* of **OTHER** 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 **PROTECTED** from *persecution*…they were *persecuted* precisely **BECAUSE** they were **FAITHFUL***!!!*

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

--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 **VINDICATED** Daniel…and *saved* him from **DEATH**

--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 **LOST** Babylonians would never have **HEARD** of the One True God.

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

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