

A Tale of Two Women: Churches

In Bible prophecy: God's church is symbolized by a pure woman (*Jeremiah 6:2*). In *Revelation 12:1*: this woman is clothed with the sun, moon, and stars. The sun represents the light of Jesus: *Psalms 84:11; Malachi 4:2*. The moon under her feet represents the types of the Old Testament sacrificial system: *Colossians 2:16, 17; Hebrews 10:1*. The 12 stars above her head symbolize leadership of God's people -12 tribes in the Old Testament and 12 apostles in the New Testament. The one who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron is Jesus (*Psalms 2:7-9; Revelation 19:13-16*).

Please read *Revelation 12*: During the Dark Ages, the woman (God's church) fled (**v6**) into the wilderness (caves and solitary places of earth) to hide from her enemies (Papal church). The 1,260 days (42 months or 3&1/2 years) refers to 1,260-years (538-1798AD) of persecution / Inquisitions (headquarters in Lisbon Portugal) **by Papal Church during which millions were killed for their faith – v14**. **God's people later fled to the shores of America** (discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492), to seek religious freedom and protection from Papal persecution (Papal Church) - **v16**.

- **1st of many, 102 persons fled on Mayflower: Plymouth, England on Sept. 16, 1620 for America.**
- **Lisbon Inquisition headquarters: destroyed by a triple calamity on All Saints Day the 1st Nov 1755 - 1st Earthquake destroyed, 2nd Tsunami - tidal wave & 3rd Fire consumed it, all in one day**

God restores the true church through the Sanctuary articles that Satan & Papacy trampled:

In the 1300's John Wycliffe translated the Bible for all to have - Table of Showbread - **Reformation**

In the 1400's Martin Luther taught Justification by faith in Jesus - Alter of Sacrifice - **Lutherans**.

In the 1500's John Calvin taught to Pray to God alone - Alter of Incense - **Presbyterians**.

In the 1600's John Smith taught to confess, repent and Baptism by Immersion - Laver - **Baptists**.

In the 1700's John Wesley started missionaries to the world - 7 Branch Candlestick - **Methodists**.

In the 1800's Seventh-day Adventists taught keep all 10 Laws of God - Ark of the Covenant - **SDA**.

God's true Church have all of above: Alter of Sacrifice - Justification by faith, Laver - Confess, repent & be baptised by immersion, Table of Showbread - Whole Bible, 7 branch Candlesticks - Witnessing, Alter of Incense - Pray to God only, Ark of the Covenant - Keep 10 Commandments

What specifications God gave in His Word to help positively identify His end-time Church?

1. **Appears**, does visible work after it emerges from wilderness in 1798 (*Revelation 12:6, 13-17*).
2. **Teaches** the same truths the apostles taught, and will agree with the Bible (*Revelation 12:17*).
3. **Keeps** the 10 Commandments, including the Bible Creation Sabbath: 7th day (*Revelation 12:17*).
4. **Has** the Testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy (*Revelation 12:17; 19:10*).
5. **Proclaims** God's three end-time final messages of love with a loud voice (*Revelation 14:6-14*).
6. **Will** be a worldwide movement of every nation, kindred, tongue and people (*Revelation 14:6*).
7. **Teaches** to come out of Babylon by power of Holy Spirit: Jesus the only way (*Revelation 18:1-4*)

Many denominations call themselves Christian. Does that make them God's true church?

Isaiah 4:1 - Bread is a symbol of the Word of God (*John 6:35, 51, 52, 63*), and apparel is a symbol of righteousness (*Revelation 19:8*). The seven women in this prophecy have their own bread (concept of truth) and want to keep their own clothing (own righteousness). They do not want the spotless robes of Christ's righteousness. All they want is to take the name of Jesus and think all is well. **Not So, as per the Bible** - *Acts 4:12; Acts 2:47; John 3:16; Isaiah 8:20; 1 John 2:3-4; 3:4*.

God calls His end-time church "the remnant" (*Revelation 12:17*) because it is identical in doctrine & characteristics to the apostolic church and teaching & practices of Jesus. (*John 14:15; 1 John 5:3*). Many lovely Christians are members of churches that do not meet the above seven specifications. No such church can be God's remnant into which He is calling all His sincere children (*John 10:16*)

Only one church in the entire world fits all the specifications: Seventh-day Adventist church

Once a person discovers God's true end-time church, is it necessary to become a member?

Joining in God's end-time church is imperative. Jesus calls all of His faithful, honest followers to come out of Babylon. They will hear His voice, respond, and enter His one true, end-time church: *Colossians 1:18; 3:15; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Luke 17:26; John 10:16; Revelation 14:6-12; 18:2,4*.

Will you choose now to live with God forever? Answer: _____