

church. It is established in 192 countries of the world, and has nearly 5,000,000 members. More than 1,000 people a day are coming from all races, cultures and religions to be baptized and unite with God's people who are preparing for the coming of Jesus.

20. Once you recognize God's true church, should you become a member? Acts 2:47

"And the Lord _____ to the _____ daily _____ as _____ be _____."

- a. We are called into one body (Colossians 3:15).
- b. That body is the church (Colossians 1:18).
- c. We enter the church by baptism (I Corinthians 12:13).

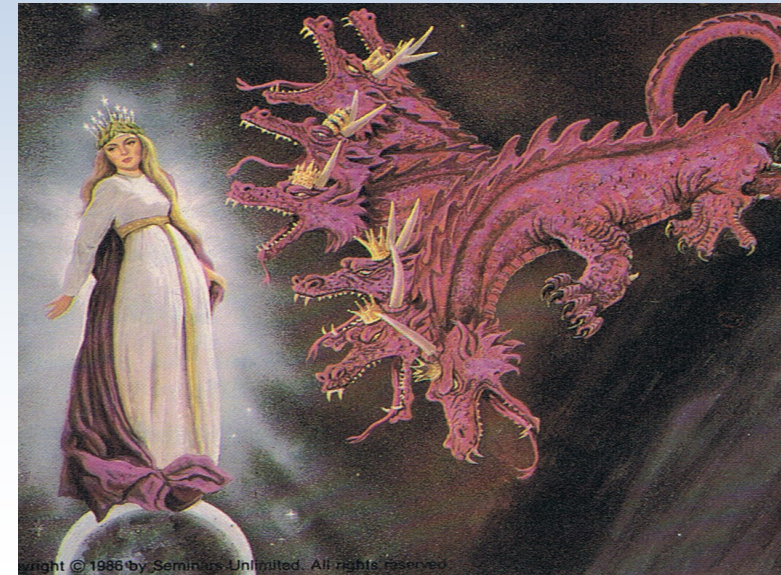
NOTE: It is just as imperative to enter God's ark or church today as it was to enter the ark in Noah's day. Remember that Jesus intends to save the church (Ephesians 5:25-27).

21. Is holding onto salvation very important to you?

Ans: _____

22. Now do you sense the importance of belonging to God's remnant church?

Ans: _____



GOD'S CHURCH REVEALED

Recently someone cried out in anguish, "I'm trying desperately to find God's church but what hope do I have? There are hundreds of denominations and sects in the world. Most claim to be God's true church, and all are alike in certain areas, yet different in others. I could never in my entire lifetime examine the teachings of all these groups. I feel frustrated and traumatized. It is almost as if God were playing 'games with me. It all seems so futile and so pointless." Tragically, millions share such sentiments. Perhaps you, yourself, feel the same way.

Did you know that in Revelation God so clearly describes His church for these last days that once you know what He says you can as easily select His true church from among all the churches as you could select your country's flag from among all other flags?

This is dynamite! No wonder Satan panics when people begin studying the book of Revelation. He knows that God's church` is clearly described in Revelation and he utilizes every imaginable tactic to prevent our

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getting serious over its study. If everyone understood the book, Satan's kingdom would be in immediate jeopardy and God's great name and His noble church would be Exalted in a most exciting manner.

Let's look at Revelation's amazing description of God's church. It is found in chapter 12. Please read the entire chapter before beginning this lesson.

GOD'S CHURCH TODAY

1. In Noah's day, how many ways of escape were there? Genesis 7:1

There was only _____

NOTE: Jesus said the time just before His second coming will be just like Noah's day (Luke 17:26). So we should expect only one way to safety today.

2. How many faiths or churches did Paul say Jesus has?

Ephesians 4:5

One Lord, one _____ and, one baptism.

NOTE: As in Noah's day, God has only one "Ark of Safety" to avoid coming destruction in these last days.

3. What happens to sincere Christians of other churches?

John 10:16, 27

"Them _____ I must _____ ...and there shall be one _____ and one _____"

NOTE: Here Jesus is pictured as the Good Shepherd, His people as sheep and His church as the fold. Jesus plainly says that some of His sheep are not yet in His church but that He will call them, and they will follow Him into His church (John 10:27).

GOD'S CHURCH SYMBOLIZED

keep My commandments." John 14:15. It is impossible to really love Him and not love His commands (1 John 5:3).

There are many loving Christians in churches which do not observe the Sabbath or have the gift of prophecy. However, none of these churches can be God's remnant church into which He is calling all His people, because His church must qualify in both areas.

GOD'S CHURCH IDENTIFIED

17. According to Revelation chapters 12 and 14, the following seven points identify God's church, into which He is calling all of His people.

1. Appears after Dark Ages (the wilderness) persecution.
2. Teaches same Bible truths as apostles.
3. Keeps ten commandments, including Sabbath.
4. Has the gift of prophecy.
5. Preaches end-time messages of Revelation 14.
6. Is a worldwide missionary church.
7. Teaches salvation through Jesus Christ.

NOTE: Jesus gives you these seven points and says, "Go find My church."

18. What does Jesus promise when we seek? Luke 11:9

"Seek and ye shall _____."

19. Now many churches in the world fit these seven points? Ephesians 4:5

Only _____

NOTE: The church which is bringing you this Revelation Seminar fits all seven points. It is the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist

the mark of the beast.

God's true church for today will be presenting these **three powerful messages worldwide**. Many devout and loyal Christians are members of churches which do not teach this three-point message. However, **such churches cannot be God's special church for today, into which He is calling all His people**, because **God's last-day church must be preaching these three messages world wide**.

14. What else will God's true last day church stress? Revelation 12:11

"And they _____ ...by the _____ of the _____"

NOTE: God's church will make it very clear that salvation and righteousness come by faith in Jesus Christ alone (Acts 4:12).

GOD'S REMNANT (LAST-DAY) CHURCH

15. Study the symbols of Revelation 12:17.

- a. **DRAGON** - Devil (Revelation 12:9)
- b. **WOMAN** - True Church (Jeremiah 6:2)
- c. **REMNANT** - Last-day or end-time church
- d. **COMMANDMENTS** -The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17)
- e. **TESTIMONY OF JESUS** - Gift of Prophecy (Revelation -19:10)

16. Name two identifying marks of God's last-day church.

Revelation 12:17; 19:10.

"Keep the _____ of God; have _____ of Jesus." "Testimony of _____ is _____ of prophecy."

NOTE: So God's last-day church will have the gift of prophecy and will keep all the commandments, including the seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment. Jesus is still saying, "It you love Me,

4. How does God symbolize Zion, or His church, In prophecy? Jeremiah 6:2; Isaiah 51:16

"I have likened...Zion to a comely... _____."

NOTE: The Bible repeatedly symbolizes God's church as a virtuous woman.

5. Jesus introduces His church as a woman in Revelation 12:1.

a. **What did John see in heaven?** "A _____."

NOTE: This woman represents God's Church of all ages.

b. **What was her clothing?** "The _____."

NOTE: The sun represents Jesus and His righteousness (Malachi 4:2)

c. **What was she standing on?** "The _____."

NOTE: The moon only reflects light from the sun. This represents the old Testament sacrificial system which only reflected light from the Gospel of the New Testament as it is in Jesus (Hebrews 10:1).

d. **What was on her head?** "A _____ of 12 stars."

NOTE: The crown of 12 stars represents the work of the 12 disciples which crowned the early years of the church (Matthew 10:1-4).

SUMMARY: Since the sun and the moon make a complete whole, this symbolism represents the sum total of the church in history: the church before the cross and the church after the cross.

6. What takes place next in this great prophecy of God's church? Revelation 12:2-5

A _____ is born into the church. The child is later caught up to God's _____.

NOTE: Jesus Christ is the baby who was born predestined to rule all nations and who ascended up to heaven. (Psalm 2:7-9 Revelation 19:15)

THE GREAT RED DRAGON

7. Next appears the great red dragon. Read Revelation 12:3, 4, 7-9

Who is this dragon? "The _____."

Where did he come from? "He was cast out of _____."

8. Who was cast from heaven with Satan? Revelation 12:3, 4, 7-9

His _____ were cast out with _____.

9. Who did Satan try to kill? Revelation 12:3, 4

Ans: _____."

NOTE: Satan, through Herod, tried to kill Jesus at His birth. The dragon represents Satan, and secondarily the pagan Roman government, who was his agent on earth.

GOD'S CHURCH PERSECUTED

10. After failing to kill Jesus what did Satan do to His church?

Revelation 12:13

"He _____ the woman."

11. How long was this persecution to last? Revelation 12:6, 14

"_____ days," a period of 1260 years.

NOTE: This period equals 1260 years according to the rule of one prophetic day equals one literal year (Ezekiel 4:6).

12. What did the church do when the persecution began?

Revelation 12:6

"The woman _____ into the _____."

NOTE: The wilderness typifies the deserted and remote places of earth. God's people fled for their lives and hid in solitary places of the earth.



THREE SPECIAL MESSAGES

13. God's true church will preach the gospel worldwide plus three special messages. What are these? Read Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-10; 18:2-4

a. "The hour of God's _____ is come... worship him that made _____ and _____."

NOTE: God's church will be teaching that God's judgment is now in session and that we must worship and honor Him as Creator by keeping His Sabbath, the sign of His creative power.

b. "Babylon is _____ . . . Come of _____, my _____."

NOTE: Is it possible that you are in Babylon? God's church for today must be calling people out of Babylon. We will take up a detailed study of Babylon in Lesson 21.

c. Beware of the beast and his image and his _____.

NOTE: God's church for today will be telling people how to avoid