

SEMINAR 06 – REMNANT EPISTLES AND TRIBULATION

REMNANT DOCTRINE, AUTHORS, AND AUDIENCE

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered ...”

~1 Peter 1:1

1. Doctrine for the Remnant

- a. First, let's be clear: content is king, the doctrine in the books matters most. Even if we cannot know the author, even if the audience is not explicitly stated (but can be inferred), we can read and understand the doctrines in each epistle. (and it ain't doctrine for the church the body of Christ)
- b. Fulfillment of promises delayed/future (why-Israel rejected Christ, the Holy Ghost, and Jesus revealed a mystery to Saul/Paul)
 - i. They crucified their King – Acts 3:14-23, Acts 2:22-23, 36
 - ii. Stephen, full of the Holy Ghost, was martyred, others persecuted and murdered – Acts 7:55-58
 - 1. James killed by Herod – Acts 12:1-2
 - iii. Therefore, they shall be saved ... but are not yet – 1 Pt 1:5, 9
 - iv. Therefore, the city is not here, but it will come – Heb 13:14
 - v. Therefore, they are still labouring to enter into His rest – Heb 4:9-11
 - vi. Therefore, their walk mattered, works are required – 1 Jn 1:7, 1 Jn 3:6-10
- c. A Scattered Remnant (only scattered if there is a place they are supposed to be)
 - i. Scattered from Jerusalem – Acts 2:42-47, Acts 8:1, Acts 11:19
 - ii. Not in Kingdom, but scattered and strangers – 1 Pt 2:11-12 (Jam 1, 1 Pt 1)
 - iii. This scattering was prophesied – Zec 13:7-9
 - 1. The house of the Shepherd's friends (Israel) must be punished
- d. Future Punishment, Trouble, and Tribulation for Israel (remnant = not the whole, but what remains after judgment)
 - i. The Remnant suffers a fiery trial and judgment – 1 Pt 1:6-7, 4:12, 17
 - ii. Endurance, patience, keep commandments, works/walk required (able to lose, don't have it yet)
 - iii. Trying of their faith works patience and ends with eternal life – Jam 1:3, 12
 - iv. The Lord chasteneth, for their holiness and righteousness – Heb 12:6-11
 - v. Patient unto the coming of the Lord, they endure = happy – Jam 5:7-11
 - vi. Keep yourselves ... looking for mercy (to come) – Jude 1:21
 - vii. Can lose their reward if they do not abide in Christ's doctrine – 2 Jn 1:6-9

2. What's missing – the Mystery

- a. Something different happened
 - i. Paul's writing hard to be understood (but the Unction?) – 2 Pt 3:15-16
 - ii. The Remnant ministry purposefully limited – Gal 2:7-9
- b. You won't find these things in the Remnant epistles:
 - i. The body of Christ, A new creature, not Jew nor Gentile – Eph 2:14-16, 2 Co 5:17, Gal 6:15
 - ii. Christ preached according to the revelation of the mystery, the head of the body – Col 1:18, Eph 5:23, and in you – Col 1:27
 - iii. Salvation when Israel is fallen, counted in unbelief – Rom 11:11-12, 32
 - iv. Righteousness without the law – Rom 3:21-22
 - v. A complete position and work – Col 2:10, Eph 1:13-14
 - vi. Deliverance, Quickening, Redemption, Forgiveness now – Col 1:13-14, 2:13

3. Authors and Audience = Remnant

- a. Peter (1st and 2nd)
 - i. Author: Peter, the apostle, Simon Peter – 1 Pt 1:1, 2 Pt 1:1
 - ii. Audience: Scattered strangers (Remnant) – 1 Pt 1:1, 2 Pt 3:1
- b. John (1st, and 2nd, and 3rd) and Revelation
 - i. Author: "the elder" See: Acts 15/Gal 2, Revelation – John – Rev 1:9
 - ii. Audience: Those with the Unction, who believe on the name of Jesus and keep his commandments– 1 Jn 2:20, 3:22-24
 - 1. 2 Jn – elect lady/children, 3 Jn – Gaius (he that doeth good – 3 Jn 1:11)
 - 2. Revelation – Christ's servants, seven churches, John's brothers/companions in tribulation and the kingdom – Rev 1:1, 4, 9
- c. James
 - i. Author: James, a brother – Jam 1:1-2
 - ii. Audience: Twelve tribes scattered abroad – Jam 1:1
- d. Jude (brother to James)
 - i. Author: Judas, brother of James, one the 12 apostles – Lk 6:16
 - ii. Audience: called, sanctified and preserved, but still waiting – Jude 1:1, 21
- e. Hebrews
 - i. Author: unknown, many speculations ... does not matter (content is king)
 - ii. Audience: ... Hebrews, the house of Israel and Jacob to whom the New Covenant/Testament was given – Heb 8:8