

A Remnant Returns

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“For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return...” – Isaiah 10:22

1. Israel's Prophesied Return

- a. 200yrs ago, dispensationalism (BoC ≠ Israel) recovered by Bible literalists studying prophecy:
 - i. Either there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled or God is a liar (prophecies spiritualized)
 - ii. No shortage of prophecies re: Israel above all nations in an everlasting earthly kingdom
 - iii. God gathers Israel *again* to finally dwell in the land for ever–Isa60:21, Ezk37:21-28, Joel 2:32
- b. OT is very clear, not all Israel returns, but a believing remnant— Isa 10:22/Rom 9:27, Jer 23:3, Isa 11:10-12, Ezk 20:33-38 & 37:16-28, Zec 8:11-13, Mic 4:6-7 & 5:3-4
- c. Remnant returns in tribulation–Jer30:1-11, Dan12:1, Book of Psalms(Darby), Zec13:8-9, Rev 12:17
- d. The remnant of Israel returns believing Jesus Christ – Zep 3:1-13, Neh 1:9, Deu 4:24-31, 1Jn 4:2-3
- e. It will be no small thing – Ex 15:13-18; Deu4:31-35; Jer16:14-15, 23:7-8; Isa11:13-16, 43:18-19
- f. Remnant gathered by God's working–Mat24:31, Jer31:10, 32:37; Deu30:4, Ezk36:36, Mic 7:18-20

2. Israel Today

- a. Paul doubles down on literal prophetic fulfillment: a remnant shall be saved – Rom 9:27-28
- b. In Paul's day, a previous remnant of Israel was still alive – Rom11:5, 15:26, 2Pe3:9-16, Act 15:11
- c. Paul reveals a mystery that national/covenantal Israel is blind until a future time – Rom 11:25
- d. The falls of Israel were never due to no one believing, but the rulers of the nation without faith
- e. Blindness = national, not individual | In part = Jews can be saved today in the BoC – Rom 11:1
- f. Body of Christ=one new, not Jew *and* Gentile, but *neither* Jew *nor* Greek–Ep2:15, Ga3:28, Col3:11
- g. Any saved person today wanting to continue in Jewishness is the weaker brother–Rom14, Gal 3-5
- h. No remnant within the new creature: all believe in 1 body w/ 1 calling – Eph4:1-16, 1Cor12:12-13
- i. BoC was a mystery hid in God, not revealed before Paul→Remnant prophecies not about BoC
- j. Remnant prophecies can't be fulfilled today → diff. message, mission, operation, criteria, time

3. Remnant Prophecies Fulfilled

- a. WARNING: Even with the aid of prophecy, looking into the future is a hard thing – 1Pet 1:6-13
 - i. Predicting future prophetic fulfillment is the Achille's heel of dispensationalists
 - ii. There are things that can't & won't be known (Mat 24:36), yet theories abound.
 - iii. You can't know everything you want to know about the remnant & future fulfillment.
 - iv. We can know what has been revealed. Be content. Recognize & beware speculation.
- b. If there is no remnant/Israel of God today, how does the prophetic program resume?
 - 1) The stage being set ≠ God is setting the stage; 2) God prophesying it ≠ God causing it
- c. When God needs something to happen, he makes it happen – Abe/Sarah (Gen12:1,17:19), Moses (Exo 3), Temple Rebuild (Hag 1:14), JohnBapt (Lk 1:13, Mk 1:2), Paul (Acts 9), 144k (Rev 7), Elijah & Moses, again (Lk 9, Rev 11), angelic activity (Lk 2:8-18; Rev 11:15, 14:6), resurrections (Ezk 37:12, Mat 3:9, Rev 20:4-6)

- d. Who returns? Not every Jew that ever was (Rom 9:6). Not OT Israel. Only all believing (NT) Israel.
- e. When all of Israel is tried & unbelieving Israel is destroyed, the believing remnant is all that remains and turns into Israel's fulness, and so all Israel shall be saved (Rom 11:26)
- f. When believing Israel reigns with Christ in Jerusalem is the time of restitution of all things (Mic 7:18-20, Ezk 36:22-38, Act 3:19-21, Rom 11:27), then Christ through Israel brings salvation to the world (Rom 11:12)