

Title: *“The Apologetics of the Remnant of Israel”*

Sub-Title: *“The Fulfillment of God’s Remnant”*

Key Verse: *Isaiah: 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”*

Introduction: The central focus of Isaiah chapter ten appears to be God’s chosen people the Hebrews. Throughout the history of Israel this Theocracy has been under attack from the surrounding, pagan countries, or on guard against attack almost continually.

Israel is the center of the earth. Israel is the holy land that God has chosen to introduce His Son, Jesus Christ, to the human race. Israel is the home land that God has chosen for His people, the Hebrews. Israel is the theater for which much of Bible history took place. Israel, in particularly Jerusalem is the place in which Jesus Christ will return in the day of the Lord.

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In Isaiah chapter ten we see God's anger and punishment towards the Assyrians for their persecution of the Hebrews. What is most noteworthy is the historical reference that our Lord makes relative to the Hebrews as His remnant.

The remnant is not only historical but also prophetic. God has demonstrated the preservation and promise of His people from the beginning of human history, to the present, and through the future time periods of God's timeline.

The historic remnant that God has shown throughout the Old Testament serves as an apologetic for skeptics and saints. All those who will look at the patterns and see the hand of God throughout human history, relative to the Hebrews, will have biblical proofs of what God will do in the future.

- Apologetic = Biblical proof
- Remnant = God's people
- Prophecy = Foretelling history

The Old Testament references to God's remnant in the past to His remnant in future things. As before mentioned, when Winston Churchill was asked why he believed in the existence of God, he simply responded, "The Jewish people." Here are some biblical references relative to the remnant.

Isaiah 1:9 "Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small *remnant*, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah."

Isaiah 11:16 "And there shall be an highway for the *remnant* of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt."

Jerimiah 39:9 "Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the *remnant* of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained."

Jerimiah 40:11 “Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a *remnant* of Judah,...

Jerimiah 42:19 “The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye *remnant* of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.”

Ezekiel 6:8 “Yet will I leave a *remnant*, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.”

Micah 2:12 “I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the *remnant* of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.”

Zechariah 8:12 “For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the *remnant* of this people to possess all these things.”

Romans 9:27 “Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a *remnant* shall be saved:”

Revelation 11:13 “And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the *remnant* were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

Revelation 12:17 “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the *remnant* of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

I. The apologetic of God's wrath.

A. Isaiah 10:5 “O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

B. Isaiah 10:6 “I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.”

1. If God's anger would come against the Assyrians in B.C. 713, the Lord would most certainly come against the enemies of Israel again.
2. Certainly if God had protected His people from the Assyrians He will always protect His people from the enemies of God.

II. The apologetic of God's punishment.

A. Isaiah 10:12 “Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.”

B. Isaiah 10:13 “For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:”

1. God punished the Assyrians for their sin of pride than and He will punish that today too.
2. God was there to protect Israel from the Assyrians and punish them for persecuting God's people.

III. The Apologetic of the Remnant of Israel.

A. Isaiah 10:20 “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.”

B. Isaiah 10:21 “The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.”

C. Isaiah 10:22 “For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.”

D. Isaiah 10:24 “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.”

1. The remnant of Israel is an apologetic of God's faithfulness to His people.
2. The remnant' are God's witness on earth.
3. The remnant is an apologetic that God is truth.

4. The remnant' are a fulfilled prophecy that the Jews will return to Israel.
5. The survival and return of the Jews to the land of Israel is proof positive that the Lord's return is eminent.
6. The Lord's protecting the remnant from her enemies' puts full confidence in God's people that He will always protect His people.

Conclusion: The Remnant is an important promise to God's people, namely the Jews, but also to the Christians. God made us to be image bears here on earth in order to reflect His love and righteousness.

The remnant fulfilled in the past, promised in the future, is significant because it is God's people who carry His Word to the ends of the world. It is God's people who are the salt and light in this dark world. It is the Holy Spirit in God's people who are restraining evil in this world.

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The remnant represents the Christians today who are faithful to the things of God, and are doing the work of God here on earth. God used the remnant throughout the dark ages to preserve and pass on the truth of the Word of God.

God used the remnant to spread the Gospel throughout the church age. God has promised a remnant during the first half of the seven year tribulation, and God has promised His remnant during the thousand year reign of Christ. The remnant is one of many promises from God to man that He has His people in his care throughout the ages, and that His remnant will be with Him into eternity.

Applications:

1. Trust Jesus Christ today, if you have not done so. Tell someone that you have become a Christian today!
2. Download Knight's Notes on: Excellent Way.tv.
3. Read Isaiah chapter eleven before we get together again.
4. Study and discuss Isaiah chapter ten with family and friends.
5. Share www.ExcellentWay.tv on you social media.
6. Subscribe to our YouTube channel, Dr. Andrew Knight, and share the videos with everyone.

Where we began:

- We discussed the importance of Israel.
- We discussed Isaiah ten at its apologetic passages.
- We reviewed some theological terms.
- We talked about the remnant in the Old and New Testaments.
- We covered numerous passages on the remnant.
- We talked about the apologetics of God's wrath towards Assyria.
- We talked about the apologetics of God's punishing Assyria.
- We concluded with the apologetic of the remnant of Israel.

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Next time:

- Further background and the Apologetics of Isaiah chapter eleven.
- We'll look at the Branch of Jesse.
- We'll look at the Davidic line of Christ.
- Apologetic applications offered.