1 - **God’s Remnant**

Jeremiah Chapter 42

2 - **Jeremiah Chapter 42**

**The request of Jeremiah**:

1. “***Pray for us… the remnant***” (vs. 2)
2. “***That the Lord your God may tell us the way in which we should walk and the thing that we should do***…” (vs. 3)

**Jeremiah’s promise**:

1. ***“I will tell you the whole message which the Lord will answer you. I will not keep back a word.”***(vs. 4; 26:2; Acts 20:20, 27)

3 - **Jeremiah Chapter 42**

**God’s reply:**

1. “***…Stay in this land… do not be afraid of the king of Babylon…***” (vs. 10-11)
2. “***If you really set your mind to enter Egypt and go in to reside there, then the sword, which you are afraid of, will overtake you there***…” (vs. 15-16)

**Jeremiah’s message:**

1. ***“Do not go into Egypt!”*** (vs. 19)
2. “…***you have only deceived yourselves***…” in saying, “***whatever the Lord our God says… we will do it***.” (vs. 20)

4 - **Jeremiah Chapter 43**

**The people’s response to God’s message:**

1. *“****You are telling a lie! The Lord our God has not sent you to say, ‘you are not to enter Egypt…”*** (vs. 2)

**Why would they do this?**

1. ***“Your God” vs. “Our God” - who is “Your God”?***
2. ***Seeking validation or truth?* (John 5:39)**

5 - **God’s True Remnant**

**Not just a small number!** (Romans 9:27-29; Isaiah 10:20-22)

…**meaning a survivor**. It is used to describe people who had survived the onslaught of an enemy (i.e., Nehemiah 1:2-3; Jeremiah 31:2).

**It’s our choice.** (Matthew 7:13-14)

**Why just a “few”?** (Luke 14:24-27)

1. **Many don’t “strive”** (vs. 24)
2. **Many wait too late** (vs. 25)
3. **Not just “going to church”** (vs. 26-27)

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**Whose spirit have been stirred to work for the Lord**.

**Haggai 1:14**, “*So* ***the Lord stirred up… the spirit of all the remnant*** *of the people; and* ***they came and worked*** *on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God.*”

* The “***steadfast and immovable***”. (1 Corinthians 15:58)
* Preceded by a “***mind to work***”. (Nehemiah 4:6)
* Are we God’s “***fellow workers***”? (1 Corinthians 3:9;   
  cf., 1 Samuel 14:45)

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**Whose faith is in God’s word and not man’s.**

Jeremiah 44:28, “*And those who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah few in number. Then* ***all the remnant*** *of Judah who have gone to the land of Egypt to reside there will* ***know whose word will stand, Mine or theirs****.*”

* It abides forever! (1 Peter 1:22-25; Jude 3)

Who are we paying attention to? (Hebrews 2:1-2)

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**Who develop deep spiritual roots and bear fruit**.

Isaiah 37:31-32, “***The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward****.* ***For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant and out of Mount Zion survivors****. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this*.”

* Day by day, (Psalms 1:1-3)
* Requires a good and honest heart (James 1:21)
* Firm roots precede our walk (Colossians 2:6-7)

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**Who are part of God’s flock and follow the Shepherd.**

Micah 2:12, *“…****I will surely gather the remnant of Israel****. I will put them together* ***like sheep in the fold****…”*

* John 10:1-16
  + *“****Hear His voice****…”* (vs. 3)
  + *“****Follow Him****”* (vs. 4; Matthew 17:5)

*“****One flock… one shepherd…****” (vs. 16)*

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**Who obey and display reverence for God in their lives**.

**Haggai 1:12**, “…***all the remnant*** *of the people,* ***obeyed******the voice of the Lord their God****…and the people* ***showed reverence*** *for the Lord*”.

* How do we honor God? (Leviticus 10:2-3; 1 Samuel 2:29-30)
* Reverence His word. (Malachi 2:5; Psalms 119:38)
* Worship in spirit and truth. (Psalms 2:11; Hebrews 12:28)
* Seeking first His kingdom and righteousness and not themselves. (Matthew 6:33)