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Introduction to the Text:

Isaiah 51:1-23

The Remnant Will Return

IN Noah' Webster's 1828 Dictionary, he defines the word "Remnant"

REM'NANT, noun [contracted from remanent. See Remain.]

1. Residue; that which is left after the separation, removal or destruction of a part. The remnant that are left of the captivity found in **Nehemiah 1:3**.

“The survivors who are left from the captivity.”

I like to think of this church as being a
“Remnant Christian Fellowship”

Revelation 3:7-13

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia (Gentiles) write, “These things says He who is holy, He who is true, ‘He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens’”: **8** “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, you have **kept My word**, and **have not denied My name**. **9** Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, **who say they are Jews and are not**, but lie - indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you :**10** Because you have **kept My command to persevere**, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. **11** Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. **12** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. :**13** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

The Lord knows those who are His and He has reserved for Himself a Remnant. He has a Remnant from among the “church” and He has a Remnant from among “Israel”.

Now here in Isaiah chapter 51, God announces to his people that after their Babylonian captivity is over, they would be returning to their promised land.

(In or around 538bc. & at the command of Cyrus) was the “near” fulfillment of this - when Israel made it’s exodus out of Babylon and back into the land of Israel, but more specifically, back to the area of Judah, in Jerusalem.

(You can read the details of this in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah)

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1.) At the appointed time

vs. 1-2

1 “**Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look** to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.

1st. The Qualifier **is not** that you’re Jewish here.
The 1st. Qualifier **is** those who “Follow after Righteousness”

The 2nd. Qualifier **is not** that you are religious here.
The 2nd. Qualifier **is** those who “Seek the Lord”

Look to Abraham your father, **and to Sarah** who bore you;

Many, not all, of the Jewish people had forgotten
That the work of God in the calling of Abram was of grace.

Abram was a pagan gentile living in Ur of the Chaldea’s.

Matthew 3:7-9

But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up **children to Abraham from these stones.** (not a joke – God knows no partiality)

John 8:37-41, 52-53, 56, 58

“I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father...” :39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father.” :52 Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ 53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”... 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”... :58 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

2 for I **called** him **alone**, (the sovereign act of God in calling the sinner to repentance) and **blessed** him and **increased** him.”

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2.) In the second coming

vs. 3-5

At His Second Coming and Into the Millennium

3 For the Lord will comfort **Zion**, **He will** comfort all her **waste places**; **He will** make her wilderness like **Eden**, and her desert **like the garden** of the Lord; **joy** and **gladness** will be found in it, **thanksgiving** and the **voice** of melody.

“Eden, The Garden of God”

We do not know what this really means

4 “**Listen** to Me, My **people**; (the believing remnant of the Jews) and give ear to Me, O My nation: (the believing remnant of Israel) for law will proceed from Me, and I will make My justice rest as a light of the peoples. (nations)

5 My **righteousness** is near, (invitation)
My **salvation** has gone forth, (available) and My arms will judge the peoples;
(nations) The coastlands will wait upon Me, and on My arm they will trust.

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3.) At the end of days

vs. 6-8

At The Conclusion of the Millennium, Before New Heavens

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will **vanish away** (tear and fragment) like smoke, the earth will grow **old** (wear thin, wear through) like a garment

2 Peter 3:10-13

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 **Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

6b and those who dwell in it will die in like manner;

News of the Death of Steven Hawking

"I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark.'
- Steven Hawking

ABC News Reported;
Famed physicist Stephen Hawking dies 55 years after being given 2 years to live.

How Much Time Has God Given You Tonight?

:6c-8 but **My salvation will be forever**, (never ending salvation) and **My righteousness will not be abolished**. (an always-provided righteousness)

I love this because – it answers all of our fears and insecurities, forever!

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

John 10:27-29

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

:7 “**Listen** to Me, you who know **righteousness**, you people in **whose heart is My law**: do not fear the **reproach** of men, nor be afraid of their **insults**.”

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

This has been my personal experience in my young life & old

What critics say about you should only have a positive influence on you. I refuse to let the opinions of people bother me. because there's only one judge who's opinion matters to me.

Psalm 56:11

In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

:8 For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but My **righteousness** will be forever, and My **salvation** from generation to generation.”

Family:

Choose your battles wisely. Know what to fight for and when.
As you get older, many things become less important or of no importance.
Fight for those things that matter most for God.

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4.) At the cry of His people

vs. 9-10

9 Awake, awake, (is the cry of people) put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. **Are You not the arm that cut Rahab apart, and wounded the serpent?**

Job 26:12 kjv

He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the **proud**.

Job 26:12 nlt

By his power the sea grew calm.
By his skill he crushed the **great sea monster**.

Job 26:12 nasb

“He quieted the sea with His power, And by His understanding He shattered **Rahab**.

Ra’hab = The Proud One = The One that is Crushed = The Sea Monster = Laviathan = Devil.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leviathan#/media/File:Destruction_of_Leviathan.png

In ancient Jewish lore it is the demonic power that was Egypt.
Ra’hab was a sea-dragon under Satan’s rule.

<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/a6/Leviatan.jpg>

Revelation 13:1

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

:10 (the people cry) **Are You not the One who dried up the sea**, the waters of the great deep; **that made the depths of the sea a road** for the redeemed to cross over?

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5.) By the power of God

vs. 11-12

Again, At His Second Coming and to David's Throne.

11 So **the ransomed of the Lord shall return**, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away. 12 "I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you **that you should be afraid** of a man who will die, and of the son-of-a-man who will be made like grass?"

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6.) At the word of His command

vs. 13-16

It's better to Fear God and to Obey Him

13 And **that you forget the Lord your Maker**, who **stretched** out the heavens and **laid** the foundations of the earth; you have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he has prepared to destroy. And where is the fury of the oppressor? 14 The captive exile hastens, that he may be loosed, that he should not die in the pit, and that his bread should not fail. 15 But I am **the Lord your God**, Who divided the sea whose waves roared—**The Lord of hosts** is His name. 16 And **I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered** you with **the shadow of My hand**, (*protection*) that I may plant the heavens, lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, "You are **My people.**"

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7.) At the call of His voice

vs. 17-23

The Lord Calls Them to "Revive" Their Faith in Him.

17 Awake, awake! Stand up, **O Jerusalem**, you who have drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of His fury; you have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, and drained it out. (*are you not tired of it all – obey and live*) 18 There is no one to guide her among all the sons she has brought forth; nor is there any who takes her by the hand among all the sons she has brought up.

19 These two things have come to you; **(#1)** Who will be sorry for you? - - Desolation and destruction, famine and sword - - **(#2)** By whom will I comfort you? **20** Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, like an antelope in a net; they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of your God.

If today's events are teaching you anything - - it is that Jerusalem is the focal point issues of the nations of the world.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/04/middleeast/guatemala-jerusalem-embassy/index.html>

(CNN) Guatemala will move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem in two months, just two days after the United States plans to relocate its embassy to the city.

Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales made the announcement Sunday at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual policy conference in Washington. His remarks were greeted with cheers and applause.

"As a sovereign decision, we recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel," Morales said. "In May of this year, we will celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary, and under my instructions, two days after the United States moves its embassy, Guatemala will return and permanently move its embassy to Jerusalem."

21 Therefore please hear this, you afflicted, and drunk but not with wine.
22 Thus says **your Lord, The Lord** and **your God**, Who pleads **the cause** (*intercedes*) of His people: **"See, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, the dregs of the cup of My fury;** you shall no longer drink it. 23 But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to you, "Lie down, that we may walk over you.' and you have laid your body like the ground, and as the street, for those who walk over."

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What about you tonight, Where are you in your relationship with God tonight ?

End of Study

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