

One True Church Series
3 - The Mountain of Truth
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Seth, the third child that was mentioned by name in the Bible, was faithful as his brother Abel who was murdered by Cain the oldest brother. He was a great blessing to the earth.

But over the course of time what happened to some of Seth's seed who chose to be seduced and no longer abide in the TRUE VINE?

Genesis 6:1-2

- 1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
- 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair (beautiful to look upon); and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Who are the sons of God in Genesis 6:2?

John 1:12

- 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name.

The sons of God were the faithful people of God who knew the will of God. They kept the commandments of God and his testimonies. They were part of the One True Church of God.

In Genesis 6:2, the sons of God are referring to the descendants of Seth who had a legacy of faith and knew the will of God, but sadly overtime there were some who departed from the faith. They detached themselves from the True Vine and married the “daughters of men.”

The “daughters of men” were the descendants of Cain. Cain’s seed had the same character of their murderous and disobedient father.

Psalms 14:1-3 is a good description of the character of Cain’s descendants.

Psalms 14:1-3

- 1 **To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.** The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good.
- 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the **children of men**, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.
- 3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

The “sons of God” in Genesis 6:1-2 apostatized from the one true church of God. They operated by the lust of the flesh instead of the spirit. Instead of seeing the evil character of the seed of Cain, they lusted after their beauty and married them. They may have looked beautiful on the outside but they were corrupt, evil, and ugly on the inside. They knew the judgment and righteousness of God but had pleasure in evil lust of the flesh.

Romans 1:21-22, 28-32

- 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Those who mingle with evil will be overcome with evil and in the end be destroyed.

What warning did God give to Israel on who NOT to marry?

Deuteronomy 7:2-4

- 2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:
- 3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.
- 4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.**

Sadly, this is exactly what happened to many in Israel who apostatized from the One true church, like apostates from the seed of Seth. Instead of operating within the spirit of truth they lusted after women of idolatry. They also looked at the outward looks of the evil women instead of discerning their evil character inside.

Many Israelites did not take heed to God's warning.

Judges 3:5-7

- 5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:
- 6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.
- 7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

The true faithful of God should not enter into a marriage covenant with others who do not believe in Bible truth.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

- 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
- 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Sadly, there are many who fail to take heed to God's warning and enter into marriages that lead them away from God's truth.

What was the result of the sons of God mingling and marrying with the woman seeds of Cain?

Genesis 6:5

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Whenever evil is mingled with truth, evil will have its sway! They cannot co-existent together like light with darkness.

It appeared that God's truth was wiped out! It appeared that His law and testimony was rejected by the entire human race, BUT God had a remnant faithful people throughout the old testament that continued to abide in the church of God by holding on to the law and the testimonies.

During the time before God was going to destroy this earth with a great flood...

Genesis 6:8-9

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

Why? Because Noah kept the law and the testimonies abiding in the true church of God.

What promise did God give Noah before and after the flood?

Genesis 6:17, 18

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I **establish my covenant**; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Genesis 9:8, 9

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

A covenant is a contract, but what is on the contract, what does it say?

What does God reveal to Moses on the MOUNTAIN?

Exodus 34:28

28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the **words of the covenant, the ten commandments.**

The covenant is the law of God, His Ten Commandments are the official document of the everlasting covenant. But remember even within the law, God reveals His testimonies.

The same covenant that God established with Noah he established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God also established it with Israel. Noah as a descendant of Seth remained faithful to God (see Genesis chapter 5).

Do you know that the symbolism of the preservation of God's law and testimonies were found in two arks?

The first ark (the flood)... Noah who kept the law of God in his heart and was a testimony of the saving power of God during the flood. Noah was able to pass this on to future generations.

The second ark (in the wilderness) known as the ark of the covenant which was in the MOST Holy Place in the sanctuary. This ark was symbolic of God's throne in heaven.

What was inside the ark? The Ten Commandments (the LAW), Aaron's rod that budded, and a pot of manna (The testimonies).

The LAW and TESTIMONIES is all throughout the OT!

In the last days, what does God call His last day church and what will they be taught?

Micah 4:1 (also Isa 2:2)

1 But in the **last days** it shall come to pass, *that* the **mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established** in the **top of the mountains**, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Where is God's ONE church in the last days?

On the MOUNTAIN of the house of the Lord! Established by Christ!

Jesus built HIS CHURCH on the ROCK, HIS MOUNTAIN, not man nor organizations.

In the last day church, who is the teacher on the Mountain of the house of the Lord, and what is being taught?

Micah 4:2 (also Isa 2:3)

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us **go up to the mountain of the LORD**, and to the **house of the God of Jacob**; and **he will teach us of his ways**, and **we will walk in his paths**: for the law shall go forth of Zion [a mountain of Jerusalem](The LAW), and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem ["teaching of peace"] (TESTIMONIES).

God will teach us through His word! All on the Mountain will walk in HIS paths.

Specifically, what does God teach us? THE LAW & TESTIMONIES (word of the Lord). Remember when the law and the testimonies are inseparable.

What is another name for the Mountain of the house of the Lord?

John 14:6

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 16:13

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 4:23

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

What does God called Jerusalem that is on the mountain?

Zechariah 8:3

3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and **Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth**; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. Jerusalem (spiritually) represents the one true church of Christ in the last days. Jerusalem (Hebrew) = teaching of peace.

Mountain of Truth!

The Mountain of the house of the Lord, God's last day ONE church, is ALL about TRUTH. **The city of truth highlights the mountain, so another name for God's mountain, last day church is the MOUNTAIN OF TRUTH.** There are NO ERRORS taught about this mountain, why the Holy Spirit is the teacher, Jesus is the Saviour, and the Father is the administrator that affirms the truth! All those on this mountain by faith worship God in spirit and in truth.

The MOUNTAIN of Truth teach both the law and the testimonies. All on the MOUNTAIN of truth keep the commandments of God including the fourth seventh-day sabbath commandment and are looking forth to the second advent of Jesus Christ.

But remember, **we are not saved through denominational structures. We are saved through Christ by remaining on the Mountain of TRUTH! If the structure or denomination is not in line with the Mountain of Truth it will fail, like Israel.**
Why did Israel fail? To be continued...Appeal.....