

# “Remnant—Part 1”

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**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Remnant-Part 1.” The short series will conclude next Wednesday evening.

## **Population of the world**

Have you ever wondered how many people are in the world?

The population of the world posted at [worldometer.info](http://worldometer.info) gives a list of 234 countries and/or territories. The list was updated on July 16, 2023. Instead of listing all 234, I listed below the top 10 and some others.

1. India—1,428,627,663
2. China—1,425,671,352
3. U.S.—339,996,563
4. Indonesia—277,534,122
5. Pakistan—240,485,658
6. Nigeria—233,804,632
7. Brazil—216,422,446
8. Bangladesh—172,954,319
9. Russia—144,444,359
10. Mexico—128,455,567
12. Japan—123,294,513
14. Egypt—112,716,598
17. Iran—89,172,767
18. Turkey—85,816,199
21. United Kingdom—67,736,802
29. South Korea—51,784,059
38. Canada—38,781,291
40. Saudi Arabia—36,947,025
41. Ukraine—36,744,634
56. North Korea—26,160,821
57. Taiwan—23,923,276
98. Israel—9,174,520
121. State of Palestine—5,371,230
136. Puerto Rico—3,260,314
231. Falkland Islands—3,791
232. Niue—1,935
233. Tokelau—1,893
234. Holy See—518

## Entire world at same time?

Is God directly working to save the entire world all at the same time?

- 1 Corinthians 15:20—Christ is risen from the dead and has become the firstfruit of those who have fallen asleep.

- 1 Corinthians 15:23—Each in his own order—Christ, the firstfruit, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

- Revelation 20:1-3—An angel puts the devil into a bottomless pit for 1,000 years.

- Revelation 20:4-6—Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection—reigning with Christ for 1,000 years.

- Revelation 20:11-12—At a great white throne, there will be judgment—for people who will be given understanding of the Bible.

## A "calling"

What does the Bible say about a "calling?"

The Greek word *klesis* (*Strong's* No. 2821) is translated as "calling" 11 times in the New Testament. Here they are.

- Romans 11:29—The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.

- 1 Corinthians 1:26-29—You see your calling—God has not called the mighty or noble, because He does not want any flesh to glory.

- 1 Corinthians 7:20—We need to deal with the circumstances into which we have been called.

- Ephesians 1:18—Our eyes have been enlightened, that we may know the hope of His calling.

- Ephesians 4:1—Paul encouraged disciples to walk worthy of their calling.

- Ephesians 4:4—We have been called into one hope of our calling.

- Philippians 3:14—Paul encouraged disciples to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

- 2 Thessalonians 1:11—We should continue to pray that our God will find us worthy of the calling.

- 2 Timothy 1:9—God called us with a holy calling (not according to our works) according to His own purpose and grace.

- Hebrews 3:1—Partakers of the heavenly calling should consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

- 2 Peter 1:10—Peter encouraged disciples to be diligent to make our calling and election sure.

## Judgment is based on comprehension

- John 12:47—If a person does not believe (understand), Christ said: "I do not judge him."

- John 12:48—If a person does reject Christ and does not receive His words (based on understanding), Christ said: "The word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

## How small is the remnant?

Next time, we are going to consider the small size of the remnant.

- 1 Kings 19:18—The Lord mentioned 7,000 in Israel.

- Romans 11:4—After Paul quoted the scripture mentioning the 7,000, he mentioned that there was a remnant.
- Revelation 7:4-8—The vision in the book of Revelation mentioned 144,000 being sealed.
- Revelation 14:1-5—The Lamb will stand with 144,000 firstfruits, who have His Father's name written on their foreheads.