



# Remnant

Updating The Remnant

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All Faithful Christians?

The SDA Church?

Faithful SDAs?

Arrogant?



# The Identity of The Remnant

The Close of Daniel's Time Prophecies (Rev 10:5-7)

A Prophetic Visionary Gift (Rev 12:17, cf. 1:2)

Object of Worldwide Attention (Rev 13:15-17)

Message of Worldwide Significance (Rev 14:6-7)

The End of Earth's History (Rev 12)

# The Message of the Remnant

The Gospel (Rev 10:7; Rev 14:6)

Daniel and Revelation (Rev 10:5-11)

The Heavenly Sanctuary (Rev 11:1-2)

Keep All the Commandments (Rev 12:17:  
14:12)

Warning of End-Time Deception (Rev 13)

Relationship with Jesus (Rev 14:1-5)

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Sabbath (Rev 14:7)

# Remnant in the Old Testament

Covenant with Abraham Was Universal and  
Everlasting (Gen 17:7)

Gen 12:1-3– “A Blessing to the Nations”

Gen 17:7– “An Everlasting Covenant”

Exod 19:5-6—“A Kingdom of Priests”

Israel’s Call Was For the Nations

Not Fulfilled by Joshua

**Goal: Restoration of Eden**

# Remnant in the Old Testament

## OT Israel Failed to Obtain the Promise

Judges

Solomon

Jeroboam

Ahab

Manasseh

Captivity

Occupation

A History of  
Failure and Disgrace



# Remnant in the Old Testament

## God's Response to that History: Three-Fold Remnant

### 1) Historical Remnant (Past Tense)

Noah from the Flood

Abraham from the 70 Nations

Israel from Egyptian Slavery

Israel from Assyrian Conquest

### 2 Chr 30:6

O people of Israel, return to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may turn again to **the remnant** of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.

# Remnant in the Old Testament

## God's Response to that History: Three-Fold Remnant

### 2) Faithful Remnant (Present Tense)

Within the Invisible Historical Remnant

#### 1 Kings 19:14, 18

He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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### 3) Eschatological Remnant (Future Tense)

Big, Unpredictable, Surprising

#### Isaiah 66:19-20

And from them I will send **survivors** to the nations, . . . that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. **And they shall declare my glory among the nations.** <sup>20</sup> **And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD . . . to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.**

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#### Isaiah 19:23-25

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. <sup>24</sup> ¶ In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, **a blessing in the midst of the earth,** <sup>25</sup> whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

# Remnant in the Old Testament

## *The Remnant of Isaiah*

Historical Remnant

Israel of the Exodus

Faithful Remnant

Faithful in Babylon

Eschat. Remnant

Return (The Church)

**Bigger, More International, Unpredictable**

# Remnant in the New Testament

## The Remnant in Paul's Day (Also Three-Fold)

### Rom 11:1-5

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? <sup>3</sup> "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." <sup>4</sup> But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." <sup>5</sup> So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.

# Remnant in the New Testament

## The Remnant in Paul's Day (Also Three-Fold)

### Rom 11:12-15

Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, **how much more will their full inclusion mean!** <sup>13</sup> ¶ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, **what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?**

# Remnant in the New Testament

## *Paul's Picture of the Remnant*

Historical Remnant

OT Israel

Faithful Remnant

Followers of Jesus

Eschat. Remnant

The End-Time Church

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# Remnant in Revelation

## Also Three-Fold

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Eschatological Remnant of the Church

An End-Time Historical Remnant

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# Remnant in Revelation

## Also Three-Fold

### Rev 2:24

But to **the remnant (*loipos*)** of you in Thyatira, as many as do not hold her teaching, those who have not learned the “deep things of Satan,” as they call them (I place no other burden upon you). . . .

**An Example of a Faithful Remnant**

# Remnant in Revelation

## Also Three-Fold

### Rev 14:6-7

And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, **to every nation, tribe, language and people**. Saying with a loud voice, **“Fear God and give glory to Him**, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water.

**Bigger, More International**

# Remnant in Revelation

## *The Remnant of Revelation*

Historical Remnant

Historic Adventism

Faithful Remnant

Bearers of Identity

Eschat. Remnant

Still Ahead

**Bigger, More International, Unpredictable**

# The Remnant Today

More Than One Remnant in  
Scripture and History

No Guarantee for Historical  
Remnants

What Counts Is Faithfulness to  
the Message and the Mission

There's Something Way Bigger Coming



# A Short History of Christianity

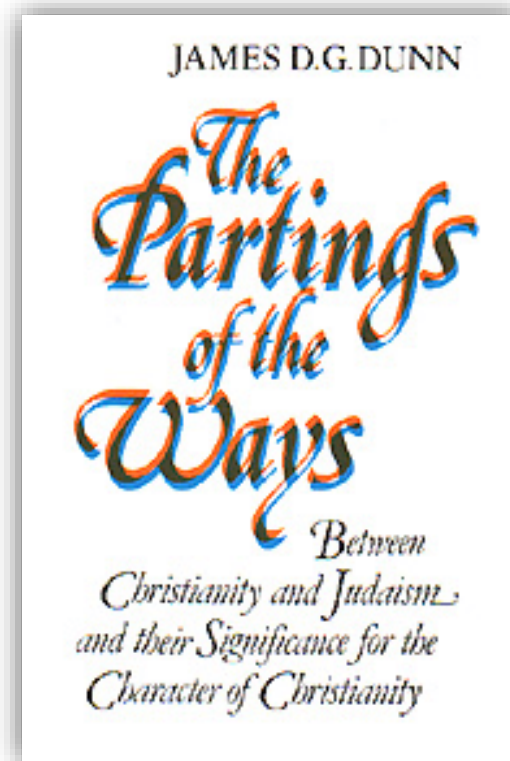
## Christianity Emerged From Judaism

Same God

Same Scripture

Same Temple

One People

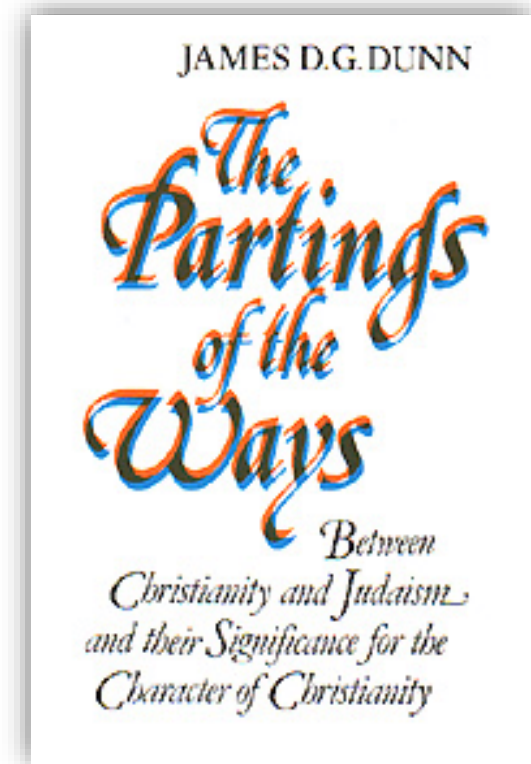


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Began parting ways in  
First Century already

Decisive Period  
(70-135 C.E.)





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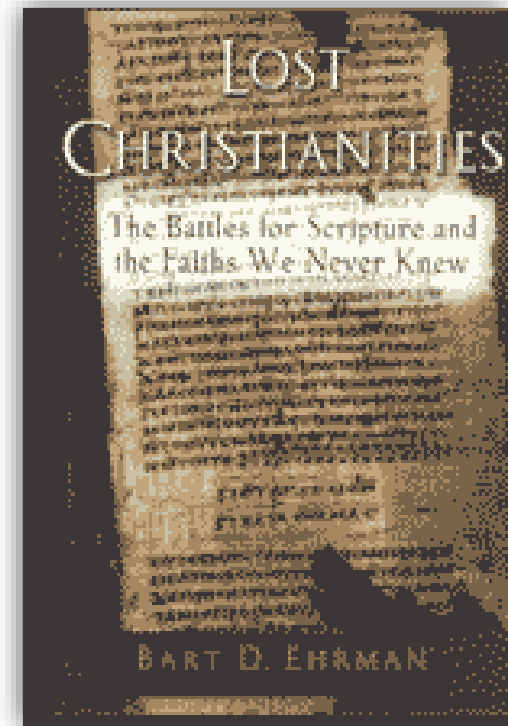
## Five or Six Versions of Early Christianity

One Became “Orthodox”

Jesus’ Family

New Testament Support

Constantine



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## Jewish Christianity Did Not Survive

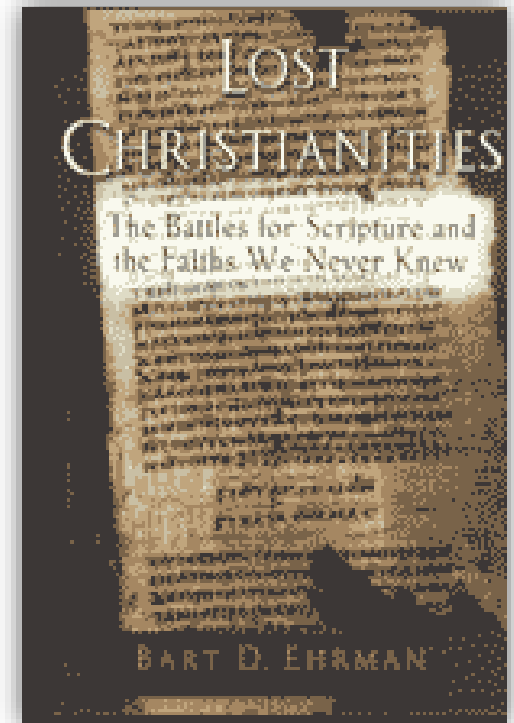
Though Accepted by Jesus' Family

Kept Sabbath

Emphasized Obedience

Emphasized Importance of OT

For Christian Faith



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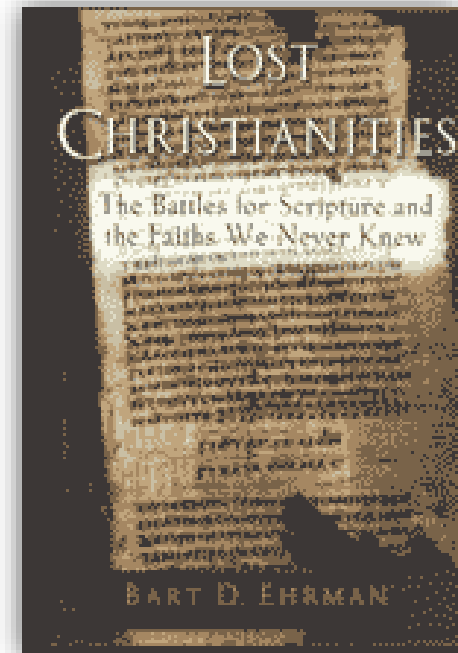
## Consequences

Parting of the Ways with Judaism

Narrow and Selective  
Readings of the NT

General Ignorance of the OT

Precipitated Islam



# A Short History of Christianity

Prophets of Judaism and Christianity  
to be Respected as Equals



*Al Baqarah 2, 136*

*We believe in Allah, and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the descendants (of Jacob), and that given to Moses and Jesus and that given to (all) prophets from their Lord: **We make no difference between one and another of them,** and we bow to Allah.*

# A Short History of Christianity

## Prophets of Judaism and Christianity to be Respected as Equals



*Al Nisa' (4) 150-152:*

*“Those who deny Allah and His Messengers, and (those who) wish to separate Allah from His Messengers, saying, ‘We believe in some but reject others:’ They are in truth Unbelievers. . . To those who believe in Allah and His Messengers and make no distinction between any of the messengers, we shall soon give their (due) rewards. . .”*

# A Short History of Christianity

Scriptures of Judaism and Christianity  
are Normative for the Muslim:



*Al 'Imran (3) 3-4:*

*"It is (Allah) Who sent down to thee (step by step) in truth, the Book, **confirming what went before it;** and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this as a guide to mankind."*

# A Short History of Christianity

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*Yunus (10) 94:*

*“If thou wert in doubt as to what We have revealed unto thee, then ask those who have been reading The Book from before thee . . .”*

# A Short History of Christianity

## Judaism and Christianity Valid Expressions of Islam:



*Al 'Imran (3) 20:*

*"Say to the People of the Book and to those who are unlearned: 'Do ye not also submit yourselves?' If they do, they are in right guidance, but if they turn back, thy duty is to convey the Message: and in Allah's sight are (all) His servants . . . ."*



# A Short History of Christianity

Judaism and Christianity Valid  
Expressions of Islam:



*Al 'Hajj (22) 40:*

*"Had not Allah checked one set of people by means of another, there would have been pulled down monasteries, churches, synagogues and mosques, in which the name of Allah is commemorated in abundant measure."*

# A Short History of Christianity

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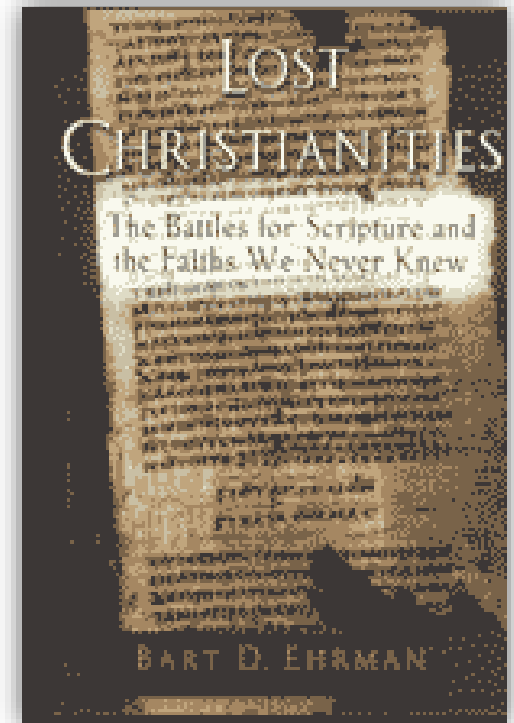
Parting of the Ways with Judaism

Narrow and Selective  
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General Ignorance of the OT

Precipitated Islam

Led to Monotheistic Division



# A Short History of Christianity

## **Christianity**

Gospel

Grace

Jesus

## **Judaism**

Law

Obedience

Sabbath

## **Islam**

Submission

Judgment

Eschatology

# A Short History of Christianity

## Jenkins: *The Next Christendom*

The Geographical Movement of Christianity

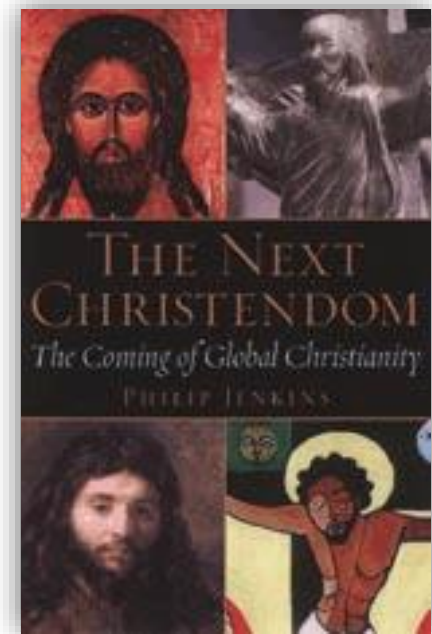
Middle East

Europe

North America

Developing World (East)

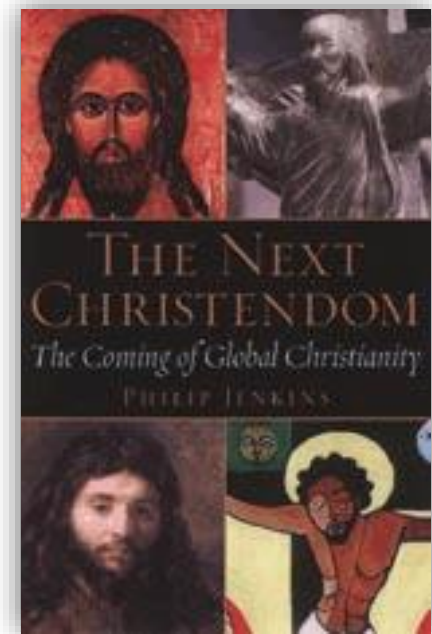
Returning to Its Roots!



# The Way Back

Jenkins: *The Next Christendom*

Focus on the Book  
of Revelation!



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## **The Remnant**

of

Revelation!

## **Judaism**

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Sabbath

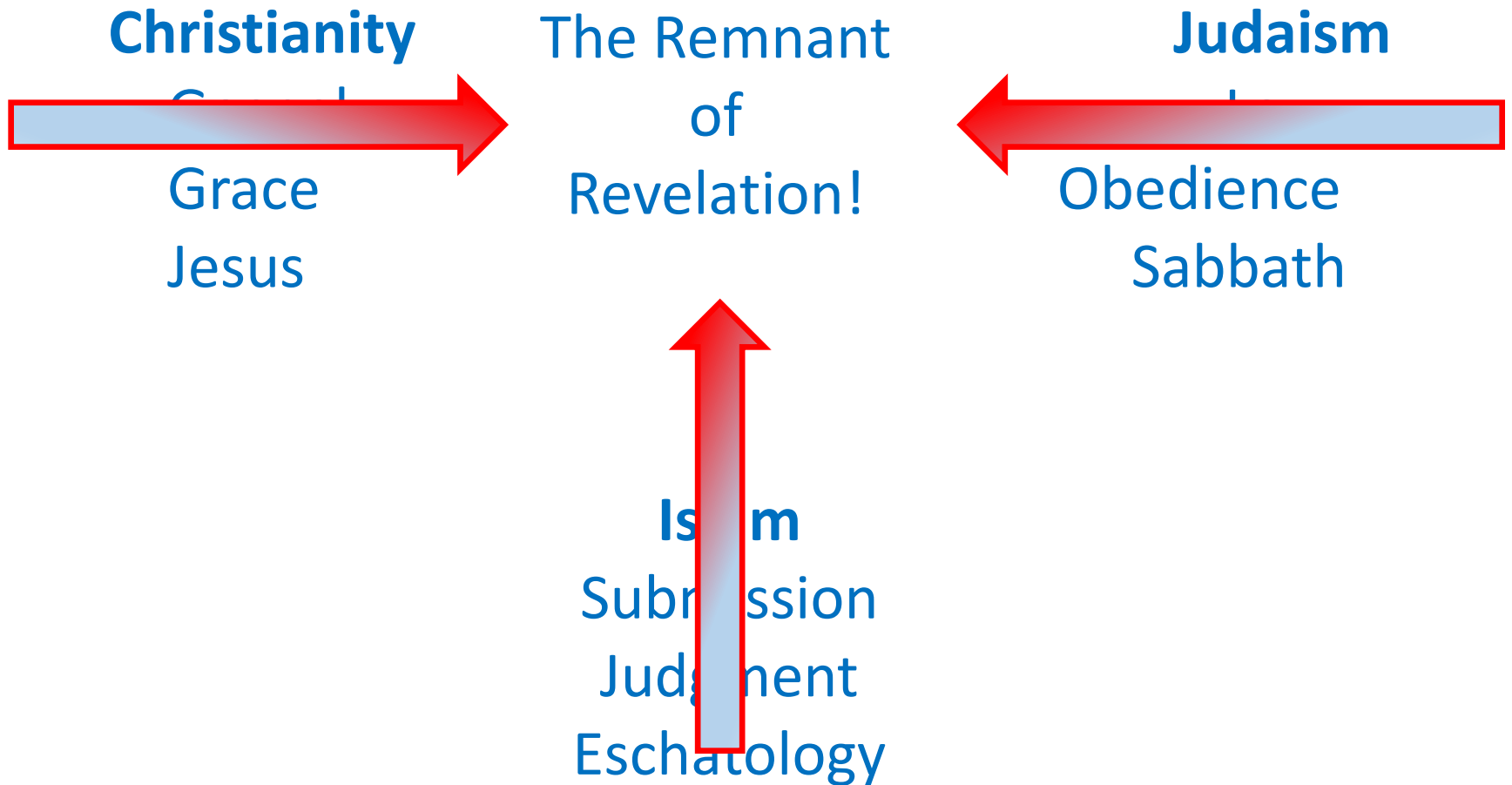
## **Islam**

Submission

Judgment

Eschatology

# The Way Back





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## Division Points Between Christianity and Islam in the Middle East

Alcohol

Pork

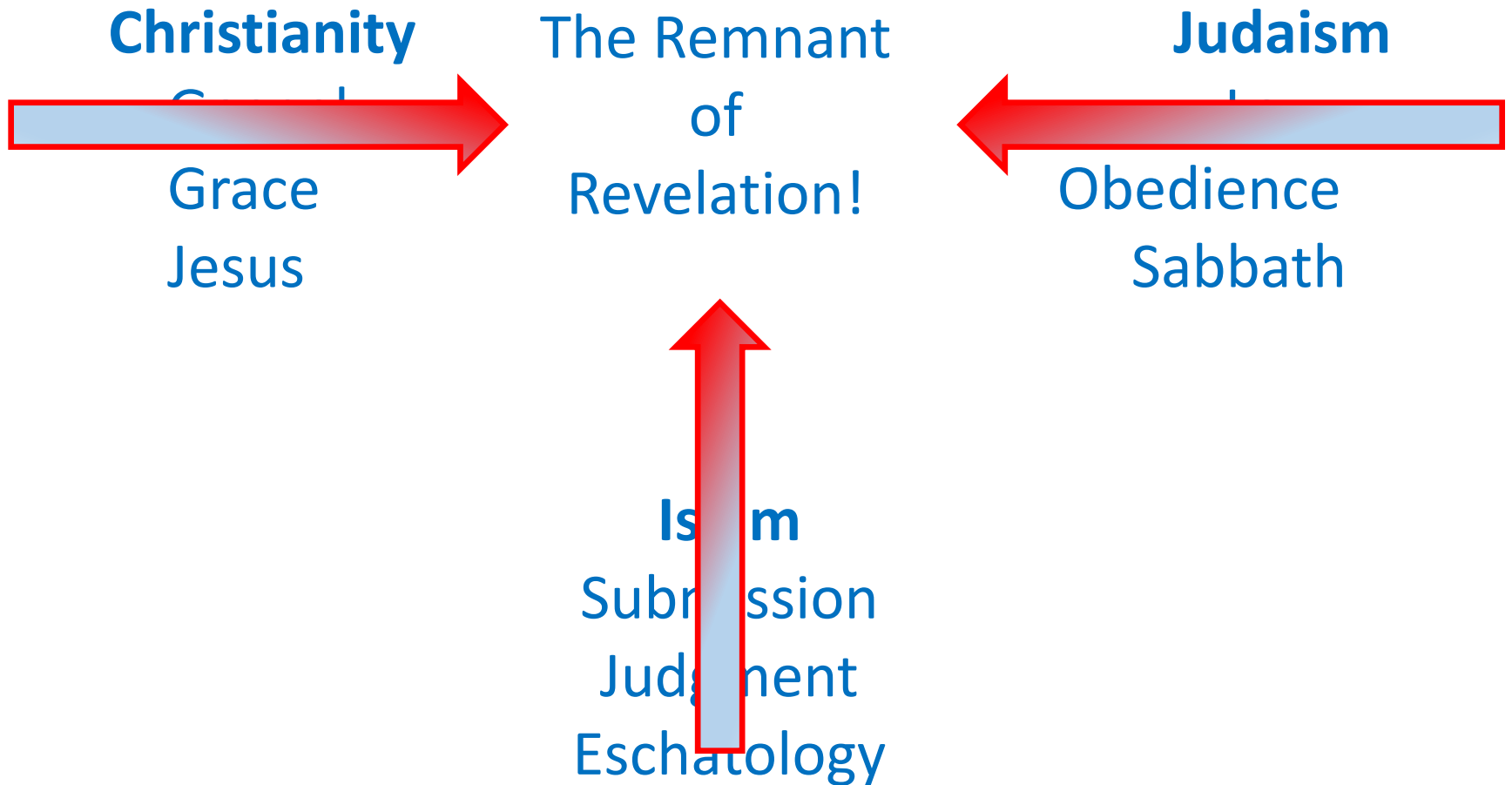
Modesty

View of Papacy

View of America



# The Way Back



# The Open Remnant

**To Be an Adventist is Both/And**

Bearers of a Vital and Unique Message

A Divine Calling and History

No Reason for Boasting or Arrogance

Something Big Is Coming



The End