

Remnant and Renewal, a Review

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I once heard someone say: “The only power the Iron Curtain could not keep out was the Spirit of G-d.” This is again proven in the book “Remnant and Renewal” by Mitch Glaser and Alan Shore. The book is published by Chosen People Ministries, and is well worth the \$14 price for a book of only 171 pages.

The book is broken up into four excellent chapters. Each chapter is kept strictly to the theme of the chapter and kept me wishing more had been added. But the purpose of each chapter has been achieved, and very well.

Chapter 1 is called “The Jews of Russia”. This is a history of the Jewish people in Russia from the Babylonian Captivity to World War I. This essay had much valuable information, while eliminating unnecessary words.

Because my maternal grandparents born and raised in Kiev I found this section especially informative. Throughout the chapter we are told of all the things the Jews suffered at the hands of the Russians, which is a perfect introduction to Chapter 2.

This chapter deals with the “History of Russian Jewish Missions, 1850-1920.” This was turbulent time for Jews in Russia but as in other times of Jewish Tribulation, G-d is moving to save His people. Of course Chosen People Ministries is mentioned a lot, but they did write the book. And they, among, others do any excellent job of reaching out.

Chapter 3 deals the “Russian Jewish Diaspora.” This, as the title suggests follows the immigration of the Russian Jews and the expansion of ministry to these people and growth of Chosen People Ministry.

All of these chapters are good in content and context. But it is chapter 4 that stood out to me.

Chapter 4 follows 14 people and families who are Russian Jews but migrate to different parts of the world. It is these testimonies that are the proof of all ministries. Many theological concepts can be argued for or against, but personal stories are real and powerful.

All in all this is a book not only worth reading but worth sharing with others. My life has been made a little bit more complete by this book. It again shows that G-d, who made promises to His People Israel, continues to keep His promises.

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