

he had called them to an outstanding position before all their enemies. Without fear of those enemies, they had responded to God's invitation, "Come on up here." (Revelation 11:11, 12) They have not been ashamed of bearing the divine name, the name most holy. Their preaching and prophesying from house to house and from city to city on the basis of that name has resulted in magnifying that name all around the earth. Here at last are modern champions of the greatest name in the universe! Sad to say, the ancient nation of natural Israel failed to be what the prophecy of Isaiah 43:10-12 said, first of all, to them: "'You are my witnesses,' is the utterance of Jehovah, 'even my servant whom I have chosen, . . . there was among you no strange god. So you are my witnesses,' is the utterance of Jehovah, 'and I am God.'" Hence the present-day remnant of spiritual Israelites gladly accept the obligation to be Jehovah's Witnesses.

<sup>26</sup> Now that the remnant of spiritual Israelites have been revitalized by the "spirit of life from God," they do not want to relapse into that condition that was illustrated by the congregation in ancient Sardis, Asia Minor. Jesus Christ said to it:

"These are the things that he says who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars, 'I know your deeds, that you have the name that you are alive, but you are dead. Become watchful, and strengthen the things remaining that were ready to die, for I have not found your deeds fully performed before my God. Therefore, continue mindful of how you have received and how you heard, and go on

<sup>26</sup> Into what spiritual condition as illustrated in the congregation of Sardis, Asia Minor, do the revitalized remnant not want to relapse?