



Who is the YE of Jn. 20:31?

Jn. 6; 20:31; Acts 2-5

1. John says he wrote the signs so that YE might believe Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah King of Israel), the Son of God (the fulfiller of the Davidic Covenant) (Ps. 2), and that believing you might have life (He is the source of Life and Light for humans--Jn. 1:4, 9) through His Name (as the embodiment of the I AM Jehovah Name, the true God of Israel) (Jn. 20:31).

- 2. But who, exactly, is the YE?
  - -- Members of the Body of Christ in Disp. Of Grace? NO!!
  - --Israel, especially Believing Israel in Transition Period and Tribulation Period? YES!!

 John is writing to the circumcision—to those Jews and proselytes in the Temple and synagogues along with the God-fearing Gentiles associated with God's Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel.

- 4. This is during the Transition Period, a special ministry in the light of God setting aside God's Prophetic Program with Israel, esp., the Believing Remnant of Israel (Gal. 2:6-9; the 12 tribes of Israel (James 1:1); scattered Jews among the Gentiles (1 Pet. 1:1).
  - --those Jews (Gentile proselytes/God-fearers) who believed in God and now needed to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, receiving Him as the Father's Sent One, who came in the embodiment of God's I AM Jehovah Name to fulfill all the promises God made to Israel.

- 5. After the Transition Period this ministry ceased and as Peter was nearing death, he handed over his mostly 2<sup>nd</sup> generation followers to Paul (2 Pet. 3:15-16).
  - --Now there was no more "YE" again until God restarts His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel after the Disp. Of Grace (Rom. 11:25-26).

- 6. Just think of Peter at Pentecost.
  - a. As Jesus's ministry in our John study, so too Peter's ministry at Pentecost was not *primarily* evangelistic preaching for individual salvation and personal forgiveness sins by faith without works before God.
  - b. No doubt there were many "just and devout" Jews who came to Jerusalem from distant lands who had never heard of Jesus but believed in the God of Israel.
  - c. Malachi, the OT book just before the Gospel Accounts of Jesus's earthly ministry, actually talks about Jews outside the Land of Israel and Jerusalem being more faithful than those in the Land (Mal. 1:11-12 cp. Mal. 3:11-12).

- c. In other words, they were already "saved" individually, they were already justified before God and His Tribunal Judgment.
  - --Being individually saved qualified them to participate in another salvation, Israel's NATIONAL salvation, Israel's NATIONAL forgiveness of sins, and become God's own saved and restored DEBT-FREE Nation of Israel in the Kingdom.
- d. As ones justified before God and His Tribunal by faith without works, they could now be justified before Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming for entrance into the Kingdom.

- 7. Peter was preaching about what God had been doing in Christ's earthly ministry. Their hearts of faith were pricked or pierced, they recognized the Father in the Son and believed and received Jesus as His Sent One, the embodiment of the I AM Jehovah God of Israel, the Christ, the Son of God.
  - --What must we do? Be water baptized and receive the Spirit, who would equip them to participate in Israel's NATIONAL salvation and be separated from their association with Israel's NATIONAL debt of sin (esp., putting Christ to death, which none of them were personally involved in) by faith plus works—which began with being "saved" from that evil generation (Acts 2:36-41; 3:20-26; 5:31).
  - --Peter is preaching salvation from the coming wrath upon the evil generation that had taken over the Nation—apostate Israel.

- 8. Jewish believers in God from around the world came and not only saw the signs that the apostles did but would have also heard about the signs that Jesus did. They would hear the content of John's Gospel.
  - a. Those who didn't believe in God needed to believe in God through Peter's preaching thereby participating in individual salvation—justification before God and His Tribunal.
  - b. Those who believed in God and were individually saved (Jn. 14:1a) would "see" the signs of the apostles and "hear" about the signs Jesus in His earthly ministry as Peter preached in accord with God's Scriptures (Acts 1-3), and they needed to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, the Father's Sent One—the Prophet like unto Moses (Jn.14:1b' Jn. 5) thereby participating in Israel's NATIONAL salvation.