



## Who is the YE of Jn. 20:31? Pt. 3

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

- 1. But who, exactly, is the YE of Jn. 20:31?
  - -- Members of the Body of Christ in Disp. Of Grace? NO!!
  - --Israel, especially Believing Israel in Transition Period and Tribulation Period? YES!!

- 2. John is ministering and 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.
  - a. He recognized their ministry was limited to the circumcision, believing Jews (Acts 15 (45AD); Gal. 2:6-9 (58 AD); Jms. 1:1; 1 Peter 1:1).
  - b. After the Transition Period, Peter handed what was left of the Believing Remnant over to Paul (2 Pet. 3:15-16 (65 AD)).
  - c. There John's YE ended and will not return until God restarts His Prophetic Program with Israel after the Rapture of the Body of Christ.

## THE TRANSITION PERIOD (CIRCA 35 TO 64 AD)

John's YE belongs here.

Peter \_

And The

God's Prophetic Program With the Nation of Israel: DIMINISHING

God's Mystery Program
With the Body of Christ:
INCREASING

Not here.

Paul Wrote Romans 60 AD

Transition
Period
Over Col. 1
Circa 64 AD

Israel's

Proph.

Prog.



Night of Israel's Prophecy under Gentile Darkness

Gentile Darkness is Set Far Spent, Rom. 13 Aside

> Salvation Is nearer. Day is at Hand. Rom. 13

Body of Christ Salvation And Day Are here P A U

- 3. Just as as Jesus's ministry in our John study wasn't <u>primarily</u> evangelistic for individual salvation and forgiveness of personal sins but to call out the Believing Remnant of Israel to ready them for participating in Israel's NATIONAL salvation and Israel's NATIONAL forgiveness of sins, so too was Peter's ministry at Pentecost.
  - a. Luke tells us that Peter's <u>primary</u> audience was the "devout," believing Jews who came to Jerusalem from distant lands who had never heard of Jesu but believed in the God of Israel (Acts 2:5).

- --In other words, Peter's *primary* goal was to introduce the Believing Remnant scattered among the Nations (those who ALREADY believed in God and were saved individually with all personal sins forgiven) to the advance in God's Prophetic Program by the sending of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to carry it out.
- --In other words, those who had ALREADY received individual salvation and forgiveness of personal sins, were the ones qualified to also participate in Israel's NATIONAL salvation and forgiveness of their association with Israel's NATIONAL debt of sin.

--In other words, those who were ALREADY justified before God at His Tribunal, justified unto eternal life by faith WITHOUT works, were now being invited by Peter to participate be justified before Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming by faith PLUS works for entrance into the Kingdom and receiving a privileged position there.

b. 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).

## 4. Let's skip through Acts 2:

Acts 2:5—Luke announces Peter's <u>primary</u> audience—"DEVOUT Jews out of every nation under heaven." Obviously, Peter cannot read hearts, so his preaching goes out to the whole Household of Israel—whether living in the Land or outside of it (2:36).

--But just as Jesus taught in Jn. 5:37-47, he knows that for the most part, those who respond will be those who ALREADY believe in God, who know and belong to Him personally, and when they hear Peter preach about the Son, they recognize the Father in the Son and will receive, believe and follow Him.

- --Of course, any unbelievers in God there, who after hearing God's Word through Peter and believed, would receive INDIVIDUAL salvation, which would qualify them to receive Israel's NATIONAL salvation.
- b. In short, Peter's main purpose at Pentecost was to convict all Israel of their national sins and to introduce those living outside the Land, esp. those who ALREADY believed God, to the fact that God has advanced His Prophetic Program to bring about Israel's NATIONAL salvation by sending His Son, who as their Shepherd, will prepare and lead them through the coming Day of Wrath (Trib. Period) and into the long-prophesied Kingdom of God established on the Earth through the saved and restored and raised up Nation of Israel.

- --At Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming He will save His friends by gathering believing Israel and destroying His and their enemies (unbelieving Israel and esp., the enemy Gentile nations).
- --He will plant the re-gathered believing Israel in the Land, and then Jerusalem will witness of Christ, they will take it to Judea, then Samaria will be brought back into the fold of the Household of Israel and all Israel will be saved and through saved Israel, salvation will go out to the whole world.
- -- Then Acts 1:8 will be fulfilled.

- Acts 2:16-20: The prophecy of Joel 2 that prophesies about the salvation of Israel BEGINNING in Jerusalem.
  - --Joel 2:28-29—Acts 2:16-18: Christ's baptizes believing Israel—those who believe in God and have received and believed in His Son—with the HS. This is what is happening NOW at Pentecost—a foretaste of Christ saving His FRIENDS (believing Israel and those believing Gentiles associated with them).
  - --Joel 2:30-31—Acts 2:19-20—This is what is going to happen NEXT—the coming wrath and judgment in the Great and Terrible day of the LORD, esp., final 3.5 years of Tribulation Period, and culminating in Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming when he destroys His ENEMIES (unbelieving Israel and the unbelieving Gentile nations).

- c. Acts 2:21—all who call on the Name of the LORD (by falling on the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name) shall be saved:
  - --Who are the ones calling on the Lord? Those who are under the influence of the Holy Spirit (vv. 17-18), empowering them to persevere to the end, looking for Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, to deliver them from the enemies and into the Kingdom, remaining faithful to Him.
  - --What will they be saved from? They will be saved from the coming wrath and judgment that is about to fall on the unbelieving world, including apostate Israel, this evil generation (2:41).