

Introduction to Gospel of John

GOOD MORNING!!

- = 5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
- 1-5 = 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
- = 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)



ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 1 to 10:31	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles				Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.					

The Gospel of John

1. If God came to woe His human creation back to Himself, beginning with Israel, how would He do it?
 - a. Would He do it in great display of overwhelming power and glory, forcing them to submit and believe? (Mat. 12:38 cp. 16:1; Jn. 2:18; 6:30).
 - b. Or would He come lowly and humble as a man making God known to them—one human to another--dispensing grace upon grace and truth, pointing them to the Father, desiring to give them eternal life?
 - c. At His 1st Coming, He came in the latter way calling on people to voluntarily and willingly receive Him in faith unto eternal life. He is not going to force them into submission or overwhelm their will—even the devils believe in this way—until His 2nd Coming.

2. Defining Some Terms in Israel's Prophetic Program:

a. Salvation.

b. World or "cosmos."

c. Love and Christ's death.

d. Eternal Life

e. Sin

f. The "Work" of God

THE COSMOS/WORLD

WORLD IN DARKNESS

Everyone born into the world dead in sin and enemies of God.

John mostly focuses on this.

1st Step VRS Missed

Justification before God and His Tribunal unto eternal life by faith without works.

Believing Remnant of Israel And their friends

Mat., Mk., Lk. mostly focus on this.

Justification before Christ at His 2nd Coming for life in the Kingdom by faith with works.

WORLD IN LIGHT

Earthly

Kingdom

JOHN EMPHASIZES ISRAEL'S NEED OF SPIRITUAL SALVATION

3. What Israel needed to realize is that in God's Prophetic Program, not only did they need to be the physical descendants of Abraham, they needed FIRST to be the spiritual descendant of Abraham, following in His footsteps of faith—everything else comes after that (Gen. 15:6).

a. It is only after justification by faith that God could then work through Abraham: making a Covenant with him (Gen. 15:9ff.), giving sign of circumcision (Gen. 17), giving Isaac (Gen. 21), be a type of God sacrificing His Son (Gen. 22).

--Paul makes a great point of this in Rom. 4.

b. John the Baptist and Jesus fought to remove this Jewish presupposition—they were not just the children of Abraham, they were also the children of fallen Adam (Mat. 3:9; Lk. 3:8; Jn. 8:33-45).

4. Like every Gentile, including Abraham himself, every Israelite is born into the world a part of fallen Adamic humanity--ungodly sinners on enemy status before God—spiritually dead—and need most fundamentally of all is to be rightly related to God unto eternal life.
 - a. Like Abraham, God preaches good news to sinners, including the Israelites (in Christ's earthly ministry it was the Gospel of the Kingdom).
 - b. When they believe, they were saved spiritually, justified before God and His Tribunal forevermore **BY FAITH WITHOUT WORKS.**
5. It is only **AFTER** this step of individual faith that God could work through them in His plan and purpose, providing them national physical deliverance, which is what Matthew emphasizes.