



# Putting It All Together

(Pt. 2)

Jn. 3:1-16

- 1. The biggest mistake we can make in Jn. 3:1-10 is to assume that seeing and entering the Kingdom (3:1-5) is the same thing as receiving personal salvation and eternal life (Jn. 1:12, 2:23).
  - --In Jn. 3, eternal life does not enter the discussion until Jn. 3:15-16.
- 2. Let's take this passage step-by-step:

Step #1--Jn. 2:23 with 1:12-13: These people believed in His Name, and were therefore justified before God, all personal and individual sins forgiven, unto eternal life. The text indicates that Nico was one of these people. They were the children of God—BORN ONES OF GOD.

Step #2: Jn. 3:1-2, 4, 9: Nico comes as one who knows the Lord—he believed in His Name—He recognized that Jesus was in someway the embodiment of the I AM Jehovah God of Israel, the Messiah, the Son of God, who could lead him into the long-prophesied Kingdom of Israel. In short, HE KNEW HIM (through His Words and Works) though he didn't know much ABOUT HIM.

Step #3: Jn. 3:3, 5-7, 8: Jesus tries to remedy this situation by explaining how Nico and all Israel could see and enter the Kingdom.

## THE BELIEVING SPECTRUM

#### **UNBLIEVING HEARTS AS VRS**

#### **BELIEVING HEARTS AS MARY**



### BELIEVING REMNANT OF ISRAEL **KNOW ABOUT HIM**

God will fulfill all His promises To Israel through us.

**Individual Salvation: Justification before God For participation** in eternal life (Rom. 3-4): **KNOW HIM:** 

**Salvation: Justification** before Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming for Seeing the Kingdom entering" the Kingdom (Jms. 2)

**Israel's National** 



**God will fulfill** all His promises To Israel through my Son.

Step #4: Jn. 3:3: The Kingdom can only be "seen" with the spiritual eyes of faith. Only the "born ones" of God will belong to the "born again" nation of Israel in the future (3:7)—
JUSTIFICATION #1—all individual/personal sins forgiven.

Step #5: Jn. 3:5: Those with spiritual eyes of faith to "see" the Kingdom will long to enter and enjoy the Kingdom. That happens by participating in a little vignette, a picture of what the Lord is going to do at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming when He gathers the nation: Be brought through Israel's National cleansing and repentance program as delineated in Ezek. 36-37 through water and Spirit baptism—JUSTIFICATION #2—all association with Israel's National sin is forgiven/cleansed.

Step #6: Jn. 3:6-7: Together, these things provide the basis for participation in the born-again Nation of Israel made up of "born ones" of God (v. 7—<u>YE</u>).

- a. Individual Israelites:
  - --1<sup>st</sup> Birth: By flesh—the natural children of Abraham through the miraculous line of Isaac and Jacob.
  - --2<sup>nd</sup> Birth: By God—the spiritual children of Abraham by following in his footsteps in faith.
- b. Now they are made members of the Believing Remnant, which will become the "born again" Nation of Israel:
  - --1<sup>st</sup> Birth: The 1<sup>st</sup> Exodus out of Egypt.
  - --2<sup>nd</sup> Birth: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Exodus in the "end times" at the end of the travails of the Tribulation Period at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.

Step #7: 3:8: As participants in Israel's National Restoration, Salvation, At Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, God will blow His wind/Spirit over them, raising them from their Gentile graves, enlivening them, gathering them, sprinkling them with cleansing water and giving them the empowering Spirit, planting them in the Land, thereby creating His Own "born again" Nation of Israel that He will use to take His blessings out to the whole world (3:8; Ezek. 37).

--The plan He announced at the first Exodus/Birth will finally be accomplished at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Birth of the nation: He will make them into a holy nation, a kingdom of priest (Ex. 19:6).

- 3. And what kicks all of this into high gear is FAITH: Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 3:15-16), which brings us back to the beginning (Jn. 1:12; 2:23).
  - a. Believing Israelites follow in Abraham's steps of faith, taking them from being just the children of Abraham according to the flesh to being the children of God—born of God—according to the Spirit (Jn. 1:12-13).
  - b. God will use His born ones to create His "born again" Nation of Israel, taking it from her 1<sup>st</sup> Exodus/Birth out of Egypt, to that far greater and permanent 2<sup>nd</sup> Exodus/Birth out of the Gentile world at the end of the Tribulation Period by which they enter the Kingdom.
  - c. The restored Nation of Israel will be the conduit of God's blessings and salvation out to the whole world.

Jn. 1:12 Jn. 2:23

Unbelieving Israelites/Not Children of God

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS Believing Remnant/ Children of God



Can enter the King's Kingdom through Israel's cleansing program and participate in national restoration



Can NOT see or enter the Kingdom

Can see the King and the Kingdom



To be God's conduit of salvation to the whole world



4. Come on Nico! What Ezekiel 36-37 prophesied about, I have come to do!! You and your Pharisee cohorts need to get with the program! Then teach and convert the rest of all the religious leaders, who will then convert all Jerusalem, who will then convert all Judea and Galilee, who will convert all Samaria so that then My Name sanctified by all Israel and the nation reborn and restored so that finally my Name can sanctified by the Gentiles, thereby saving the whole world!!!