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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.					

What is Early Acts All About?

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

# THE TRANSITION PERIOD (CIRCA 35 TO 64 AD)

**John's YE  
belongs here.**

Paul  
Wrote  
Romans  
60 AD

Transition  
Period  
Over Col. 1  
Circa 64 AD



**Night of Israel's  
Prophecy under  
Gentile Darkness is  
Far Spent. Rom. 13**

**Israel's  
Proph.  
Prog. Set  
Aside**

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

Body of  
Christ  
Salvation  
And Day  
Are here

**P  
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**Peter  
And  
The  
12**

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

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

**Not here.**

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. Two things that must be kept in context to determine their meaning:
  - a. Save/Salvation—when we hear this word we need to ask what salvation? What are they saved from and unto?
  - b. Forgiveness of sins—when we hear this phrase we need to ask forgiveness of what sins?
  - c. We cannot just assume if it's in the Bible these words must refer to individual salvation and forgiveness of all personal sins—justification before God—saved from sin and death and brought into righteousness and eternal life.

3. With the one exception of Peter in 2 Pet. 2:9, Luke is the only Bible writer who uses “devout” terminology.
  - a. Both Luke and Peter use it interchangeably and almost synonymously with the word “just” (Lk. 2:25; Acts 10:2 cp. 22; 2 Peter 2:9).
  - b. A “devout” person is a “just” person, one who is justified/right before God and, therefore, just/right before men.
  - c. In other words, a “devout” person is one who has been individually saved and forgiven all personal sins.
  - d. For Luke, devout people = just people = believing people.

4. Luke progresses through the Gospel of Luke and Acts focusing on various groups of “devout” people, individuals who represent larger “devout” groups:
  - a. Devout Simeon and Anna represent the devout Jews in the Nation of Israel (Lk. 2:25-32).
  - b. Devout Jews from around the world (Acts 2:5; Acts 2-3)).
  - c. Devout members of the Believing Remnant (Acts 8:2).
  - d. Devout God-fearing Gentiles, who come to the one true God in association with the Nation of Israel (Acts 10:2, 22; 10-11).

5. Lk. 2:25-32: Devout Simeon and Anna represent the devout Jews in the Nation of Israel, who were waiting for God to send salvation to Israel, and He has now done it with the birth of the LORD's Christ, Jesus.
  - a. All is hope and joy. It is the Good News of the Kingdom—the King is here, and the Kingdom is at hand.
  - b. The God incarnate in the person of Lord Jesus Christ is ready to bring Consolation of the Nation of Israel (2:25) and Redemption in Jerusalem (2:38).



- c. God is ready to save the Nation of Israel, delivering her from her enemies and making her into His Own Nation, the greatest nation on earth, to be the reflectors of His Light and Glory to the Gentiles.
- d. Here Luke tells us what was in the mind of ALL devout people associated with Israel. What ALL devout people were hoping for—believing Jews and believing Gentiles associated with them (Lk. 2:38).

6. Acts 2:5; 2-3: Devout Jews from the Gentile nations gathered for the Feast of Pentecost, representing all devout Jews throughout the world for the giving of the Spirit for life in the Kingdom.
  - a. They too were looking, hoping, for what Simeon and Anna and the devout Jews in Israel were looking for—the Salvation/Consolation of Israel, the Redemption in Jerusalem, making Israel into the head of the nations and God’s light to the Gentiles.
  - b. But when they got to Israel, their hope and joy was dashed. Peter introduced the to God’s appointed and anointed Sent One to save Israel, the Lord Jesus the Christ, but Israel put Him to death on a Cross! Israel killed her KING!
  - c. Good News of the Kingdom was overshadowed by the Bad News of the Cross!

7. Acts 8:2: Devout Jews of the Believing Remnant of Israel taking care of Stephen's dead body with great lamentations not only for the death of Stephen but also for the "death" to the fulfillment of God's Prophetic Program with Israel because of Israel's persistent rebellion against God and rejection of Jesus Christ in unbelief.
  - a. They too were looking, hoping, for what the devout Jews in Israel and from around the world were looking for—the Salvation/Consolation of Israel, the Redemption in Jerusalem, making Israel into the head of the nations and God's light to the Gentiles.
  - b. At that time God cast away the Nation of Israel (temporarily) and put His Prophetic Program on hold and the earthly Kingdom in abeyance. Israel killed her KINGDOM!
  - c. No more offer of the Kingdom, no more Gospel of the Kingdom.

8. Acts 10:1-11:18: What then about the devout God-fearing Gentiles associated with Israel through the Temple and the synagogues and worshipped the one true God? As Gentiles, they had no hope of their own (Eph. 2:11-12). They were hoping to participate in Israel's National Salvation and forgiveness of sins and participate in Israel's earthly Kingdom. Where were they now? In abdicating God's role for them in unbelief, Israel left the Gentiles utterly hopeless.

- a. They were looking, hoping, for what the devout Jews in Israel and around the world were looking for—the Salvation/Consolation of Israel, the Redemption in Jerusalem, making Israel into the head of the nations and God's light to the Gentiles—the conduit of God's blessings to the Gentiles.
- b. God didn't forget them—their prayers and alms were a memorial, a remembrance to God of them (Acts 10:2-4).

- c. God replaced the Gospel of the Kingdom with the Gospel of the Circumcision. This is the first time the Believing Remnant is identified as the Circumcision (Acts 10:45; 11:2; Gal. 2:7).
- d. While the Kingdom is no longer an option, God still provided them with a foretaste of New Covenant blessings by giving them the Holy Spirit. Those who believed in God (they were devout God-fearing Gentiles) and believed in the One He sent, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ in accord with Jn. 14:1; 20:31 would receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-48; 11:14-18).
  - This is the preaching of Jesus Christ according to Prophecy (Lk. 1:70; Acts 3:21).
  - They partook in Israel's spiritual things (Rom. 15:27).
  - God restored Joy, Hope and Life.

e. In this way, and as ones who already had individual salvation and personal forgiveness of sins—just before God and spiritually alive—like the devout Jews, they would be saved from their association with apostate Israel and separated from all association with their national sins and begin enjoying the life of the Kingdom now.

--As at Pentecost, they would be saved from the coming wrath and judgment of God against His enemies and from that evil generation (Acts 2:21, 40).

f. This provision will gradually diminish and disappear once the Believing Remnant, and the 12 pass off the scene.

9. Acts 11:25-26: And having opened this door, God sent Paul to walk through to offer to the world of enemies, Jews and Gentiles alike, a Day of Salvation apart from Israel and through her Fall.
  - a. Having set aside His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel that the prophets had spoken about since the world began, whereby Gentiles were blessed with Israel and through her RISE (Rom. 15:7-12) ...

- b. God started a new Mystery Program with the Body of Christ through the distinct apostleship of Paul that had been kept secret since the world began (Rom. 16:25) whereby the whole world, esp., the Gentiles are blessed apart from Israel and through her FALL (Rom. 11).
- c. Now, God is supplying to the world of enemies, Jews and Gentiles alike, not just joy and hope but the SUPER-ABOUNDING RICHES of His Joy, Hope and Peace through Paul's distinct apostleship (Rom. 15:13-18)