

Romans 11:25-27

All Israel Saved

1) Clarifications regarding Israel's Place

1. The eternal salvation of the individual soul is only by the grace of God through faith in that promised grace (Gen 15:6, Rom 4, Rom 11:23)
2. Abrahamic Covenant promised both earthly, tangible blessings and spiritual eternal blessings (Gen 12:1-3, 17:4-8).
3. Abrahamic Covenant still stands and yet the promised blessings to Israel and the world are now expanded and clarified in the New Covenant (Jer 31:31ff, Matt 26:28, Heb 8-9)
4. Church / Believers are the Spiritual children (branches) of Abraham, including both many Gentiles and some Jews, and receive spiritual benefits of the New Covenant in this age (Rom 4:16, 22-24)
5. National Israel (though disobedient in the present age) remains "holy" as part of God's special plan, both now (Rom 11:11-15) and in the future (Rom 11:25-32).
6. The "Old Covenant" that has been replaced by the "New Covenant" is not the Abrahamic Covenant, but rather the Mosaic Covenant (the Law), which was designed by God to function as an overseer / nanny to Israel until Messiah came (Gal 3:19-26) and as such administered tangible blessings or cursings based on that generation of Israel's faithfulness to God.
7. National Israel is still awaiting the full promise of the Abrahamic / New Covenant, just as the Church is, even if the immediate future of each looks slightly different.
8. Nothing in Scripture eliminates Israel's future status as a blessed national entity in God's plan, and plain interpretation of many key passages actually requires it.

2) Remedy for the Church's Conceit – v. 25

3) Identity of "all Israel" – v. 26

- a) Israel = the Church ?
- b) Israel = Remnant ?
- c) Israel = National Israel ?

4) Scriptural Support – v. 26-27 (Isaiah 59:20-21 / Jer 31:31-34)

- *The Deliverer will come...*
- *From Zion...*
- *Banish ungodliness / take away their sins...* (Isa 27:9, 43:25, Jer 31:34, Micah 7:18-19, Luke 1:68-75)
- *My covenant with them...*

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5) God's Plan for Israel's Salvation

- a) _____ – Matt 24:9-14, Rom 11:13-15

- b) _____ – Matt 24:15-22, Jer 30:1-9, Dan 12:1,6-13

- c) _____ – Rev 12:13-16, Zech 12:1-9

- d) _____ – Zech 13:8-9, Ezek 20:33-38

- e) _____ – Isa 59:20-21, Jer 31:33-34, Zech 12:10, 13:1

- f) _____ – Jer 32:37-41, Ezek 37:21-28, Zech 2:8-13, 14:16-19, Rom 11:26-27

KSN [Israel, branch / Zion, Jacob, Micah]

Praxis

1. Which brings the most human joy – someone keeping a long-standing promise to you in an unexpected way, or you having the opportunity to fulfill a long-standing promise in an unexpected? What relation does this question have to Rom 11:25-27?
2. What might be the tangible negative effects (now and in future) of the Church forgetting Israel's place in God's grand plan?
3. What might be the Lord's purpose for "troubling" the church in the present age? How does 1 Peter 4:12-19 shed light on this question?
4. How has this study in Rom 11 affected you? Any changes in order for you?