

Romans 11:25-29

The Salvation of Israel

1. 11:25 – The Mystery Concerning Israel’s Salvation

- a. *“this mystery”* → though Israel did not obtain (11:7), though Israel is fallen/blind (11:11), though salvation/riches come to others (11:7, 12, 17), they are not blind forever (11:24-25)
- b. Paul says Israel is yet to be saved according to God’s covenants. *But why is this a mystery?*
 - i. Because things are happening without them (remnant, riches, mercy, Gentiles)
 - ii. It looks like salvation/riches to the world comes first. Jews, second? Jews, never?
 - iii. God giving mercy/salvation without Israel, does not mean God has given up Israel.
- c. *“until the fulness of the Gentiles”* – When is this? (Later) What we should learn from this:
 - i. Gentiles have not reached their fulness today ∴ this is in the future.
 - ii. God’s covenants with Israel are not fulfilled through what is happening now.
 - iii. God has not given Gentiles Israel’s covenants; Gentiles are not now Israel.
- d. Don’t be ignorant → salvation without Israel is not God’s covenant salvation with Israel.

2. 11:26 – The Salvation of Israel

- a. This is what Paul has been working up to in Rom 9-11. Israel will be saved, but not now.
- b. *“and so all Israel”* = All Israel at that time. Remember, the rest now are blinded - 11:7
 - i. (Not every Israelite ever born, one could be cut off from God’s nation Gen 17:14)
 - ii. Up till this verse, believing Israel has always been a remnant/part/divided.
 - iii. This is the ‘fulness’ (v12) ‘receiving of them’ (v15) the holy branches graft in (v24)
- c. *“Israel shall be saved, as it is written”* - Verse 25 is the when, verse 26 is the how. Ps 14:7
 - i. Some make “all Israel” include Gentiles, but Israel is now blind, will see later.
- d. *“come out of Sion the Deliverer”* - The Lord comes, Isa 59:20-21 is Israel’s New Covenant.
- e. *“turn away ungodliness”* - Isa 46:3,13 hope for the remnant and righteousness in Zion.
 - i. When he comes all nations come against them, and they will see him - Zech 12:2-10

3. 11:27 – God’s Covenant to Israel

- a. *“this is my covenant with them”* - ‘Them’ is the holy tree branches, Israel, not you!
 - i. God will keep his covenant with Israel/earth – Jer 31:33-37, 33:7-9, 14-26
- b. *“when I shall take away their sins”* – When their sins are blotted out – Acts 3:19-21
 - i. This began with Acts 3:21, but that was just a remnant (first, beginning) - Acts 3:26
 - ii. Israel’s sins are purged when the tree bears fruit in Jerusalem - Isa 27:6, 9, 13
 - iii. The Redeemer of Israel will not forget Zion – Isa 49:7-8, 13-16, 22-23, 26

4. 11:28-29 – Israel’s Present Standing

- a. If they will be saved, but are not yet, God not giving them up, how shall we see Israel?
- b. *“as concerning the gospel”* – Since, they are either in unbelief or waiting for v27
- c. *“they are enemies”* - They oppose Christ, cross: Phi 3:18, Col 2:16-17, Ti 1:10, Gal 4:17, 5:12
 - i. The gospel we preach due to Israel’s rejecting Christ, not their acceptance of Him.
 - ii. *“for your sakes”* - Because they oppose Paul’s gospel to them - Gal 1:7, 1 Th 2:14-16
- d. *“as touching the election”* – God’s chosen purposes with them - Rom 9:11, 11:7
- e. *“beloved for the fathers’ sake”* - Fathers of Israel, promises given to them - Mal 1:2, Hosea
 - i. Jesus came to the circumcision confirming these promises - Rom 15:8
- f. *“gifts and calling of God”* - God called Israel his glory, and gave them promises – Rom 9:4-5
- g. *“are without repentance”* – God’s promises to Israel are unchanged. They will return.