

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

²⁵ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

²⁶ and in this way all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

“THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”

²⁷ “THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”

²⁸ From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

(Romans 11:25-29)

Why is the issue of Israel important?

1. The trustworthiness of God's word/promise
2. The truthfulness of the gospel
3. The humility of Gentile Christians

This Mystery...

“a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in, and in this way all Israel will be saved” (Rom. 11:25-26a)

- the future salvation of Israel as a whole comes to pass only through their hardening

All Israel Will Be Saved

1. When?
 - Israel's salvation will occur in connection with the coming of Messiah at the end of the age

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2. How?
 - Israel will be saved by the Redeemer's intervention and application of the new covenant
 - this final covenant is based on the forgiveness of their sins

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3. Israel's Dual Status

- according to the gospel, God treats them as enemies for the sake of the Gentiles
- according to election, they are beloved by God on account of the promise to the patriarchs—His saving, electing purpose remains unchanged

...you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

(1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

¹³But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

(2 Peter 3:13)