

Romans 11 – 14 February 2021

“The Future State Of Israel”

Introduction

*Paul wrote Romans as best document on salvation!!

***Rom 1-8** describes our natural unrighteousness & the solution of believing the cross has paid our way into a right relationship with God

***Rom 12-end** is the application of righteousness to all the arenas of our life

***Chap 9-11** Paul turns to chronologically look at Israel

Chap 9 – What happened to Israel all being saved?

Special position doesn't save, faith in Christ does

Chap 10 – What's their condition now?

Religious rut – Need to humbly accept the Word

Chap 11 – What will be Israel's end state?

Today, we'll answer **3 questions to determine the future state of Israel**

1st question to determine the future of Israel:

***Can Israel still be saved?* (Vs 1-10)**

Read Vs 1a

1. Paul ended chap 10 saying God's offer to Israel of salvation is still available, but they reject it.
2. This is the question: Is Israel destined for destruction and hell?

Read Vs 1b-2a

1. Yes, they can still be saved, even as Paul did
2. Be clear, the "Israel" that we're talking about isn't a "spiritual Israel", they're actual Israel.
 - a. Catholic Church started Replacement Theology

Read Vs 2b-5

1. Elijah felt he was only Israeli left serving God
 - a. In a nation of millions, 7,000 isn't much
 - b. When you think you're alone, you're not!
2. Always will be a remnant saved by grace!!
 - a. Of Israelites, but also of the Gentiles

Read Vs 6

1. Grace & Works are mutually exclusive – 100%
2. Have always been (& will always be) Israelites, like Elijah & Amir Tsarfati, that understand their need for God's grace (can't earn it)

Read Vs 7

1. Here's the answer to verse 1 question
 - a. Small elect remnant of Israel has obtained salvation while rest are blind, stupid, calloused
2. God gave us a picture of this by blinding Paul on the road to Damascus

Read Vs 8-10

1. OT supports blindness would come to Israel
 - a. From Isa 29:10 for vs 8
 - b. From Psm 69:22-23 for vs 9-10
2. Matt 4:9-11 – Sower & Seed – “Him who has ears to hear, let him hear”. – Disciples came & asked.
3. If you're a Jew, how do you know if God has given you ears to hear? Come to Him & I'll tell you!

2nd question to determine the future of Israel:

Why did God blind most of Israel? (Vs 11-21)

Read Vs 11a

1. Was the purpose of blinding them to permanently get rid of them? No
2. Daniel's 70 weeks [of years] (176,400 days)
 - a. From Artaxerxes command to rebuild Jerusalem til Triumphal Entry – 173,880 days
 - b. There is yet 1 week of years left devoted for God to have His attention on Israel - Trib

Read Vs 11b

1. God's using blindness of most Israelites [1] to save Gentiles, [2] to provoke Israel to want God

Read Vs 12

1. Israel's fall led to more & quicker witnessing to the Gentiles, so they could come into salvation
2. If Israel's blindness was good for church, how much more it will bless us when all Israel is saved

Read Vs 13-14

1. Gentiles should live in such a way that blind Israel becomes jealous...don't boast
2. No one will desire what you have if....
 - a. You live a bitter discontent life
 - b. You are a proud, anger fool
 - c. Give them something to be jealous of
 - i. At work, at school
 - ii. At the grocery store
 - iii. At your on-line social hangouts

Read Vs 15

1. God is working toward the blessing of even more unexpected salvations
2. This is literally a matter of life and death

Read Vs 16

1. God is now talking about the beginning of His covenant w/ Abe being clean, holy and purely true
2. The holy work in Abe was by faith in God's grace

Read Vs 17-18

1. Israel is pictured different times as a Vine, a Fig and as an Olive Tree
 - a. Vine – Spiritual Privileges
 - i.* Psm 80, Isa 5, Jer 2, Eze 15, John 15
 - b. Fig – National Privileges
 - i.* Hos 9, Jer 24, Matt 20, 21, 24
 - c. Olive – Religious Privilege & Heritage
 - i.* Hos 14, Isa 17, 24, Psm 52, 128, Rom 11
 - d. Olive Tree is great opportunities to know God
2. Gentiles were not of the family, but were brought near
 - a. Don't boast b/c we only have what we have b/c it was first revealed to the Jews

Read Vs 19-21

1. Gentiles shouldn't misplace their trust in their new position as part of the Olive Tree
 - a. We need to keep our faith in Jesus' work
 - b. "We are Abe's seed, we're good". Not true

3rd question to determine the future of Israel:

Will all Israel's blindness be removed? (Vs 22-36)

Read Vs 22

1. Revelation or 'sight' has come to the Gentiles, but w/o faith even they'll still be cut off.
2. Knowledge of God isn't salvation by faith

Read Vs 23

1. Blindness or lack of revelation is w/ Israel, but w/ faith they can be brought back in
2. Oh to trust Him, simply trust Him, with every part of me.

Read Vs 24

1. If God can save the Gentiles, how easy for Him to bring Israel back in
2. They have a heritage & background to understand such things

Read Vs 25

1. Biblical mystery
 - a. Not something foggy or unsure
 - b. It's something previously not reveal, that has now been revealed...like a password
2. When the last Gentile to be saved gets saved, Israel's blindness will be lifted
3. When will "fulness of the Gentiles be come in?"
 - a. Read Luke 21:24 – When Jerusalem is back under Jewish control, Gentiles time is done
 - b. Last 'week' [7 yrs] of Daniel's 70 weeks
 - i. God's attention is on Israel one more time

Read Vs 26-27

1. Deliverer, Jesus, will come directly for Israel
 - a. Quotes are from Psm 14:7 & Isa 59:20
 - b. Day of Atonement fulfillment (Lev 16, 23)
 - i. Read Zec 12:8-13:1
 - ii. All Israelites alive at that time will have saving faith in Jesus Christ

Read Vs 28-29

1. Blind Israel is against the mission of the church, but they're much loved of God & He won't cast them off forever
2. This should be a comfort to us too
3. If God won't give up on Israel, that means He won't give up on me either.

Read Vs 30-32

1. God used Israel's disobedience for our good, & He can use mercy He's showing us for Israel's good
2. Vs 32 – God has “grouped them all together in disobedience”.
 - a. Jesus said He wanted to gather them together as a mother hen does her chicks, but they would not let Him.
 - b. He'll again gather them at D of A & they get it!

Read Vs 33-36 – *Paul breaks into praise!!!*

1. Who could have planned a thing so wonderful?

Conclusion

So the opportunities & future of the nation of Israel

1. Can Israel still be saved?

- a. Yes. There's always a remnant like Elijah
- b. Grace is available to them by faith, just as us

2. Why did God blind most of Israel?

- a. It wasn't to get rid of them, but to promote the message of salvation to the whole world
- b. Ever see person get rewarded for a task done & say in your heart, "I could of done that"?
- c. The challenge to us Gentiles now is to not put confident in our opportunity to be saved, but put confidence in our Savior's work.

3. Will all Israel's blindness be removed?

- a. Yes. When the last Gentile to be saved gets saved, then we're raptured and Israel gets it!
- b. God has 7 more years He's determined to be focused on Israel
- c. Then Jesus the Deliverer will come to them