

## There Is Always Hope for the Remnant

*Acts 28:17-22*  
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**Acts 28:17** . . . yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 “And when they had examined me, they were willing to release me because there was no ground for putting me to death.

19 “But when the Jews objected. . .

Compare to Messiah:

Pilate: “. . . I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him . . . nothing deserving death has been done by Him.” Luke 23:14,15

Jews: . . . “Crucify, crucify Him!” Luke 23:21

**Acts 28:20** “For this reason, therefore, I requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel.”

What, or who, is the “hope of Israel?”

**Jeremiah 14:8** “O Hope of Israel, Its Savior in time of distress, Why are You like a stranger in the land . . .

**Jeremiah 17:13** O LORD, the hope of Israel . . .

*The hope of Israel is a person, Jesus Christ.*

**Romans 9:1-3** Paul loved his own people so much that his attitude was, he was willing to be accursed of God, if Israel would be saved!

**Romans 9:4-6** Since none of the prophecies of Messiah restoring Israel to glory had come true, if Jesus really was the Messiah, has the word of God failed?

**For example:**

**Isaiah 59:20** “A Redeemer will come to Zion,  
And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,”  
declares the LORD.

**Isaiah 62:1-5** This had not happened yet.

**Zechariah 12:9,10, and 14:1-4** This had obviously not happened yet.

*Is there any hope for Israel?*

1. No - “supersessionism” or “replacement theology” - the church replaces Israel, and the promises to Israel are spiritualized; Covenant Theology,

**OR**

2. Yes - The church and Israel are separate and distinct; Israel will one day receive what was promised. Dispensational Theology (This view is based on a literal reading of the Word, and it reconciles the totality of Scripture to a more acceptable degree.)

**Romans 11:2-5** There is still, and always will be until the second coming, a remnant of believing Jews.

**Romans 11:16-24** The Gentile has been grafted in where the branch of Israel was cut off; however, there is no guarantee of the Gentile not failing, and there is hope for Israel being re-grafted back.

**Romans 11:25-27** That day will come when Jesus returns, then all the OT prophecies of Messiah will ultimately be fulfilled to the people to whom the prophecies were originally given. The gap between the advent of Messiah and the fulfillment of the prophecies was a mystery, hidden from the OT saints.

**Psalms 103:1-5** God is a God of redemption; He redeems what you have left of your life.