

God's Grand Family Plan: 5 Essential Parts (Rom. 11)

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Paul felt urgency that the body of Christ needed to understand God's plan for Israel's salvation.

²⁵I do not desire...that you should be ignorant of this mystery...that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶So all Israel will be saved...
(Rom. 11:25-26)

¹¹...to provoke [Israel] to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles...

¹²If [Israel's] fall...is riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! (Rom. 11:11-12)

B. In Romans 11, Paul highlighted 5 parts of God's plan to bring the gospel to the nations. God's *mystery* refers to His "secret plan" that He hid until He revealed it to the apostles (Eph. 3:5, 9).

Part 1: The mystery of Israel's *spiritual blindness* (Rom. 11:25)

Part 2: The mystery of the *fullness of the Gentiles* (Rom. 11:25)

Part 3: The mystery of Israel being *provoked to jealousy* (Rom. 11:11)

Part 4: The mystery of *all Israel being saved* (Rom. 11:26)

Part 5: The mystery of the *fullness of Israel* (Rom. 11:12) resulting in the millennial earth filled with God's glory (Hab. 2:14) in context to the Father's international family of affection (Jn. 17:23)

II. PART 1: THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS (ROM. 11:25)

A. Israel's spiritual blindness—is partial and temporary. Thus, there has always been a remnant of Jewish believers in Jesus, and it has continued to increase dramatically over the last 40 years.

Israel's rejection of Jesus is *neither total* (11:1-10) *nor final* (11:11-32).

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B. The human heart is prone to arrogance when enjoying special favor from God. God allows some who are persistently arrogant and rebellious against His leadership "to be given over" to a hardened heart with unsanctified confidence that they can do the evil plans and deeds that are in their heart with immunity to His judgment (Rom. 1:24-28; 9:18; 2 Thes. 2:11; Heb. 4:7).

III. PART 2: THE MYSTERY OF THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES (ROM. 11:25)

A. The fullness of the Gentiles includes the *full number saved*, walking in *fullness of godly character and power*, embracing the *fullness of God's narrative*, resulting in the *fullness of God's purpose*.

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B. This includes “the billion-soul harvest” (Rev. 7:9) walking in unity as a mature Bride (Rev. 19:7). We are praying for 100 million intercessors who will faithfully and courageously stand for God’s purposes for Israel as set forth in the Scripture—operating as an “eschatological corporate Cyrus.”

IV. PART 3: THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL BEING PROVOKED TO JEALOUSY (ROM. 11:11)

A. Israel will one day be provoked to jealousy, desiring to have what Gentile believers have spiritually in their relationship with the God of Israel as they clearly see the “fullness of the Gentiles.”

11...to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles... 31that through the mercy shown you [Gentiles] they also may obtain mercy...that He might have mercy on all. (Rom. 11:11, 31)

B. God will use Gentiles in Israel’s nation salvation (11:11)—Israel will be impacted by the mercy shown to Gentiles (11:31). God’s plan is that *all His people receive and give undeserved mercy.*

V. PART 4: THE MYSTERY OF ALL ISRAEL BEING SAVED (11:26)

A. Israel will be first nation to be totally saved and live righteously (Isa. 60:21).

26And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written”... (Rom. 11:26)

B. Literally 100% of the Jewish people who survive the Great Tribulation (“Jacob’s trouble”, Jer. 30:7) will love Jesus and walk in righteousness (Isa. 45:17, 25; 59:20; 60:21; Zech. 12:10; 13:9; 14:20).

VI. PART 5: THE MYSTERY OF THE FULLNESS OF ISRAEL (ROM. 11:12)

A. The mystery of the fullness of Israel (11:12) will result in the earth filled God’s glory (Hab. 2:14) in context to God’s international family of affection overflowing with undeserved mercy (11:32).

12Now if their [Israel’s] fall is riches for the world...how much more their fullness...15what will their [Israel’s] acceptance [of Jesus] be but life from the dead [millennial earth]?(Rom. 11:12-15)

B. God’s mystery results in His international family of affection (Jn. 17:23). The fullness of God will be released only as both the fullness of Israel and Gentiles come together (Eph. 2:15 3:6-10, 19).

23I in them [Jewish and Gentile believers], and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me... (Jn. 17:23)

15So as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace... (Eph. 2:15)

VII. TWO RESPONSES TO GOD’S PLAN: AWESTRUCK OR ARROGANCE

A. Paul was awestruck by God’s masterful plan resulting in His entire family walking together in love.

33Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments... (Rom. 11:33)

B. Paul warned Gentile believers not to be arrogant related to Israel (11:18-25).

²⁰***Do not be haughty, but fear.*** ²¹***For if God did not spare [Israel], He may not spare you either.***

²²***...continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off...*** (Rom. 11:20-22)

¹⁴***Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*** (Joel 3:14)