

A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 12

Final Thoughts on Israel

Romans 11: 1-33

A. Two Main Themes in the Present Time – Romans 11:1-10

1. Election of Israel as a Nation Romans - 11:1-2a
 - The covenant was made with Israel as a corporate nation. The chosen People.
2. Remnant of Israel - Romans 11:5-6
 - Many rebelled against God
 - Faithful Israel within National Israel

Application:

1. God has not abandoned Israel.
2. Mistake to believe you will have Guaranteed Spiritual Blessings based on your nationality or church.

Faith in Christ is the only litmus test. – We cannot add people to the Christian tent who do not have faith. And we cannot exclude people from the Christian tent who do have faith.

B. Israel's Place within the Church – Romans 11:11-24

Paul's pattern of themes concerning Israel's salvation.

Jewish Rejection - Gentile Blessings – Jewish Blessing – Romans 11:11-12

Reading Between the Lines

- Paul was speaking out against the arrogant Gentiles who had become the Majority in the Roman church.
- 3 points of emphasis
 - a. Gentile Christians have not replaced Israel.
 - b. Instead, Gentiles have been added to Israel.
 - c. If Gentiles do not have faith, they will be cut-off as well.

Key Points –

1. The Jews and the Gentiles are a part of one church that is Israel. His desire is for the Jews and Gentiles to worship together not to let their differences divide them.
2. The status as the chosen people and the people of the covenant is still important.

Unfortunately, we let too many things divide us in our worship today with Christians.

C. Jewish Salvation in the Last Days. Romans 11:25-32

Paul's Pattern of themes: Jewish Rejection – Gentile Inclusion – Jewish Inclusion

Verse 26 – What does All Israel will be saved mean?

1. The Entire church – The entire Christian church is considered the spiritual Israel.
2. The Remnant of Israel – Faithful Jews
3. The Nation of Israel – When All of Israel is used in the O.T., it referred to specific people in a specific time. It did not mean every Israelite who has ever lived.

Therefore, if you believe the 3rd choice, it is referring to the Israelites at the time of Christ's return. The remnant of Israel will be expanded.

Two Different Beliefs when it comes to the future of Israel:

1. Traditional View - One Faith and one People of God through the Old and New Testament. (No special future for Israel.) -
2. Dispensationalism (Popular beginning in 19th century by Scofield) – God still plan to fulfill his Old promise to Israel. The belief is that the Old Testament prophecies concerning Israel have not been fulfilled. They believe that "Ethnic Israel" is different from the church. It involves a Political Israel based on their location in Palestine.

Any belief still needs to have the same foundations:

1. There are not two ways to salvation. Some might believe that you accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, Or, if you are an ethnic Jew, you will be saved.

If a large number of Jews are to be saved in the Last Days, it will be because of their faith in Jesus Christ and not their nationality.

2. In the same way, if a person believes in two ways to salvation, why not more? Muslims, Hindu, etc.... If you are faithful in your faith to one God, then you will be saved as well? This is a Universalist belief and is not what Paul teaches or any other scripture. Therefore, a false belief.

