

Talk 7 : Paul the Apostle's letter to the Romans Chapters 9 to 11

- Nation of Israel
- Sunday 14th October 2012

Romans chapters 9 to 11

- Recap where Romans Jews and Paul are in Christ
- Dilemma for Roman Jews and Paul the Jew
- Has God rejected the Nation of Israel for unbelief ?
- Future end time predictions for the nation of Israel.
- Does God have a separate existing & future destiny for Nation & People of Israel compared to the spiritual body of Gentile & Jewish believers in Jesus ??

Recap: Paul's message to Romans Jews

- They know they are justified by faith in the Messiah Jesus and not by works or their natural descent from Abraham through Isaac.
- The Roman Jews know they have died to the power of sin through the crucifixion of Christ & have risen to new life through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
- They testify and account for their new life in Christ
- They must present themselves to God and make Jesus the Lord of their lives.
- They have died to the requirements of the Mosaic Law
- But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law ***so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. (Law of Moses)***
- ***As the Spirit of God lives in the Roman Jews , they now ought to live by the leading of the Spirit***
- ***So now also the Romans Jews should not live according to the desires of the flesh***
- ***So what is the dilemma for the Roman Jews and Paul ??***

dilemma for the Roman Jews and Paul

- To remember and appreciate what God's people the Nation of Israel currently possess at the time Paul wrote the letter (circa AD 57)
- AND
- To mourn and lament for what the Nation of Israel have lost since they have rejected the Jewish Messiah Jesus.
- ANY YET
- To find hope for the future of the Jewish Nation

What the nation of Israel possess at time of Paul writing the letter

- Romans 9;4 those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised
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- the covenants,



- Covenant with Abraham
- Covenant with Moses
- Covenant with David
- The New (Messianic) Covenant (Jeremiah 31 & Ezekial 36)

What else do the nation of Israel possess

- Theirs is
- the receiving of the law
- the temple worship (up to 70AD)



What else do the nation of Israel possess

- Theirs are..... the promises.
- Romans 9:5 Theirs are the patriarchs,
- and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.
- Abraham, Isaac & Jacob....
- Jacob Down to King David & down toJesus of the House of David

What else do the nation of Israel possess

- Romans 11;28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake;
- but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs,
- ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.
- He was despised and rejected by Jewish elders
- Despite everything they are loved because of God's covenant with Abraham, transmitted through Isaac
- God's call of & gift to Israel (destiny & promised land) are/will be fulfilled & inherited

What have the nation of Israel lost ?

- Romans 9;2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
- ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel.
- Romans 9;31 but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. .”
- Romans 10;2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.
- ¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. ²¹ But concerning Israel he (Isaiah) says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.
- Romans 11;7 What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened, ⁸ as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day.”

What else have Israel lost

- Romans 11;9 And David says: “May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them.
- ¹⁰ May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever.
- ¹⁹ You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” ²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.
- ¹⁰ Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in,
- As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake

Has God rejected the Nation of Israel

- Romans 10;1 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.
- Romans 11;1 Did God reject **his people**? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.
- ⁵ So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.
- ¹¹ Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious.

The engrafted branches

- Romans 11;17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root,
- ¹⁸ do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.”
- ²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.
- ²² Consider therefore **the kindness and sternness** of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, **provided** that you **continue** in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.
- ²³ And **if** they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

Paul's end time prediction for nation of Israel.

- Romans 11; 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, **how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!**
- ¹⁵ For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, **what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?**
- ²⁵ I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part **until the full number of the Gentiles has come in,** ²⁶ and **in this way all Israel will be saved.** As it is written:
- “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. ²⁷ And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

New Covenant Jeremiah 31;31-34

- ³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.
- ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though **I was a husband to^l them** declares the LORD
- ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.
- ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Nation of Israel, Jeremiah 31:35-37

- ³⁵ This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD Almighty is his name:
- ³⁶ “**Only if these decrees vanish from my sight**, (i.e. *when the sun stops shining by day and when the moon and stars cease to shine at night*) ” declares the LORD, “**will Israel ever cease being a nation before me.**”
- ³⁷ This is what the LORD says: “**Only if** the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out **will I reject all the descendants of Israel** because of all they have done,” declares the LORD.
- Conclusion : *The Nation of Israel is directly linked to the covenant and exists as nation before God*

Ezekiel 36:24 – 28 (end time)

- ²⁴ “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.
- ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.
- ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
- ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
- ²⁸ Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

End time predictions continued

- Romans 11;28 As far as the gospel is concerned, **they** are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, **they** are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.
- ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience,
- ³¹ so **they** too have now become disobedient in order that **they too** may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.
- **Doxology**
- ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!
- ³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"
- ³⁵ "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"
- ³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Jew and Gentile believers in Jesus

- Romans 10;12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
- Galatians 6;13 Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh.
- Galatians 6;14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
- ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

2 distinct peoples before God, ,past , existing & approaching end time

- ONE SPIRITUAL PEOPLE
- Gentile and Jewish believers in Jesus (Yeshua)
- The Bride of Christ being prepared
- The Church of God
- The Body of Christ
- The Israel of God (Jewish and Gentile) believers in the Messiah , born again of the Spirit of God.

- THE OTHER PEOPLE , an ethnic nation
- The Nation of Israel

conclusion

- God has not rejected the Nation & People of Israel
- The future fulfilment of Gods plan and purpose for Israel means blessing for the world
- Nation of Israel's future inclusion into the body of Christ will mean riches for the world
- Ephesians 1; 9-10 With all wisdom and understanding,
⁹ He (Jesus) made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,
- ¹⁰ to **be put into effect** when the times reach their fulfillment—to **bring unity to all things** in heaven and on earth under Christ. (*AT END TIME*)

Recommended Response to talk

• **Lets bless Israel**

- Genesis 12;1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.
- ² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.¹
- ³ **I will bless those who bless you,**
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

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