

ROMANS 47 – 11:25-36

The Restoration of Israel

1. 11:25

- a. *"For..."* This is in a context about Israel's restoration, see Rom 11:24 and 11:26
- b. *"brethren, that ye"* – Audience: has been the graft, but it's a big room – Rom 12:3
- c. *"own conceits"* – The people may think Israel won't be saved, or were replaced
- d. *"mystery"* = Israel is blinded (not just conquered), but they will be restored.
- e. *"blindness in part"* – Israel's covenants not fulfilled yet, but the remnant gets it.
- f. Salvation still preached, but not through Israel, their kingdom, or their covenant.
- g. *"fullness of the Gentiles"* – Is not the timing of a church event, but a prophetic one.
- h. The church is not the root, tree, branches, or graft, why would the fullness be?
- i. See when the earth is full (Isa 11:9), and "all nations" come to Israel - Psa 72:8,11
- j. When salvation comes to Israel, it comes to the world –Psa 98, Isa 49:6-8, Rev 15:4
- k. This is Gentiles coming in the kingdom when Israel is saved - Isa 60:1-12, 66:12,19

2. 11:26-27

- a. *"and so all Israel shall be saved"* – which was promised in the NT of Jer 31:33-37
- b. *"out of Sion the Deliverer"* - Remember Obadiah 16-18, Jacob's deliverance
- c. Joel 2:32 confirms that the time of this salvation is the future kingdom
- d. *"as it is written"* – The most popular reference is to Isa 59:20 about Israel's NT
- e. *"this is my covenant unto them"* God keeps the covenant to Israel – Jer 33:7-9, 14-26
- f. Sin is no longer your issue, but they still have unfulfilled covenants, Acts 3:19-21

3. 11:28-29

- a. *"concerning the gospel"* – which gospel? Any of them, Israel rejected the Messiah.
- b. *"enemies"* – Unbelieving religious Israel persecuting the tree (and also the body)
- c. *"your sakes"* – He is talking about people who already have a gospel and purpose
- d. You have enemies of the cross who also think they're Israel/the grafted - Phil 3:18
- e. *"election"*=God's purpose, *"for the fathers' sakes"*=promises made to them Rom 15:8
- f. *"without repentance"* – God does not change his mind on His promises to Israel

4. 11:30-32

- a. *"ye in times past"* – They got mercy through Israel's fall into blindness
- b. *"through your mercy"* – the way they received mercy, by faith (Rom 9:18, 11:22-23)
- c. *"them all in unbelief"* – *them* has been unbelieving Israel all along, see Rom 3:9
- d. *"mercy upon all"* – through Israel's fall (over Jesus), mercy upon all → Eph 1:10

5. 11:33-36

- a. Paul is uniquely qualified to speak about the depths of God's wisdom – Eph 3:18
- b. *"unsearchable", "known the mind of the Lord"* – see 1 Cor 2:10,16, and Eph 3:8
- c. *"of him, through him, to him"* – God's will past, present, future Eph 1:10, Rom 16:27