

ALL ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED?

Rom 11:25-29

Paul is writing this so the church will be informed of the mystery of the Gentiles being grafted in, and also who the real Israel is, i.e. the Israel of God. Gal 6:15-16

Vs 25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; brethren = in general those God foreknew vs 1, 2, 4-5; in particular the Gentiles who are Christians. vs 13 uninformed = to be ignorant, not to know NT:50

mystery = denotes single event NT:3466 Gentiles were being grafted in vs 19;

In addition, that there has always been a remnant [the Israel of God] that will be saved.

partial hardening = obtuseness of mental discernment, dulled perception [see vs 7-9]

They are not hardened to the point of no return yet vs 11, 14, 23

HARDENED = lose the power of understanding NT:4456

God is not looking past the remnant [God's Israel] because part of the nation of Israel is unbelieving.

fullness = full number NT:4138

Some of the remnant have not received the gospel yet. vs 28; An example was Paul who persecuted the Christians until he became knowledgeable of the truth of the gospel.

Gentiles = those of vs 13, the Christians Gentiles

Rom 11:13-14 13 But I speak to you that are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I glorify my ministry; 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy (them that are) my flesh, and may save some of them. ASV

has come in = those who come into the church NT:1525

When will the "full number" of Gentiles arrive? At the end of the age!

Acts 11:18 And when they heard this, they quieted down, and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance {that leads} to life."

Vs 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, NASU

It is my opinion that this statement that "all Israel will be saved" does not apply to every bloodline Jew at the time of the writing of Romans or at some future date! Let's examine the scriptures and look at what they say?

Who is a not a Jew:

Rom 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

To be a "Jew" that belongs to God you must be circumcised of the heart, not the flesh.

Who is not God's Israel:

Rom 9:6-8 6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; 7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED." 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. NASU

Jesus speaking: Rev 2:9 "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. NASU

Rev 3:9 "Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie -- I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. NASU

Jews = Jewish as respects birth, race, religion; a Jew NT:2453

Matt 13:37-43 37 And he answered and said, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil (one); 39 and the enemy that sowed them is the devil: and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the end of the world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, 42 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears, let him hear. ASV

sons of the kingdom = are those to whom the prophetic promise of the heavenly kingdom extends:

Used of the Jew NT:932

Matt 8:12 but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

sons of the evil one = devil Jn 8:39-44

What the Holy Spirit is saying is that they have access to salvation, as all mankind does, but they still have to receive it. What He is not saying, is that salvation is theirs because of nationality or origin.

GOD IS FREE, RIGHTEOUS AND SOVEREIGN IN HIS DEALINGS WITH ALL MEN Rom 9:6-29

God points out to what extent the people have been rejected, why they have been rejected, the existence of a remnant, and what plans God has for the future of His people, Israel, i.e. the Israel of God.

Vs 6 shows that there are two Israel's. So who are they? One is of the flesh, the other of Faith.

6 word = promise NT:3056

has not failed = to fall powerless, fall to the ground, be without effect: of the divine promise of salvation by Christ NT:1601 Rom 10:1-3

not all Israel = the Israel of God = for not all those that draw their physical descent from Israel are true Israelites, i. e. are those whom God pronounces to be Israelites and has chosen to salvation NT:2474

Gal 6:16, 3:7, Eph 2:11-13, Heb 8:10-13, Acts 13:44-46

from Israel = Israelites by birth, i. e. Jews NT:2474 verse 27

7 children = to be regarded as true, genuine children NT:5043

Abraham's descendants = the product of this semen, seed, children, offspring, family, race, posterity NT:4690

Isaac = was born according to the promise, the others according to the flesh. He was also a type of one raised from the dead. Heb 11:17-19

Paul is addressing again the belief in circumcision. Their mind set: "We have circumcision as a sign that we are God's elect people. God's elect will not perish so we will not perish." Rom 2:25-29

8 children of the flesh = children by birth, natural posterity NT:4561

children of God = of the promise = born in accordance with the promise NT:1860

descendants = seed = spiritual which came forth through faith, like Abraham's Heb 11.

Rom 9:27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED; NASU

sons of Israel = sons, i. e. the children, the offspring of Israel NT:2474

number = their identification is

sand = fall grievously OT:2344, OT:2342

sea = Satan's domain

remnant = remainder NT:5274, NT:3005 The remnant will be saved Rom 11:26

The sons of Israel are identified here as those who fall grievously into Satan's domain, the remainder will be saved, i.e. those who do not fall into unbelief. Rom 10:1-2, Heb 3:7-4:11, 12:15-17, 1Thes 2:14-16

2 Thess 1:8-9 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power

Rom 9:18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

HERE IS WHAT SOME COMMENTARYS SAY:

Rom 11:26

[All Israel] All the Jews. It was a maxim among the Jews that "every Israelite should have part in the future age." (Grotius.) The apostle applies that maxim to his own purpose; and declares the sense in which it would be true. He does not mean to say that every Jew of every age would be saved; for he had proved that a large portion of them would be, in his time, rejected and lost. But the time would come when, as a people, they would be recovered; when the nation would turn to God; and when it could be said of them that, as a nation, they were restored to the divine favor. It is not clear that he means that even then every individual of them would be saved, but the body of them; the great mass of the nation would be. Nor is it said when this would be. This is one of the things which "the Father hath put in his own power;" Acts 1:7. He has given us the assurance that it shall be done to encourage us in our efforts to save them; and he has concealed the time when it shall be, lest we should relax our efforts, or feel that no exertions were needed to accomplish what must take place at a fixed time. (from Barnes' Notes)

Rom 11:26

[And so all Israel shall be saved] Shall be brought into the way of salvation, by acknowledging the Messiah; for the word certainly does not mean eternal glory; for no man can conceive that a time will ever come in which every Jew then living, shall be taken to the kingdom of glory. The term saved, as applied to the Israelites in different parts of the Scripture, signifies no more than their being gathered out of the nations of the world, separated to God, and possessed of the high privilege of being his special people. And we know that this is the meaning of the term, by finding it applied to the body of the Israelites when this alone was the sum of their state. (from Adam Clarke's Commentary)

Rom 11:26-27

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

And in this fashion all Israel will be saved. All Israel. National Israel. Compare the parallel from Jacob in the next quotation. All. Not necessarily every individual, but enough individuals to make the believers in Christ representative of the nation. The phrase in this fashion is correlated with the quotation from Isa 59:20-21 and Isa 27:9. The salvation of Israel is directly connected with the personal action of the deliverer, Jesus the Messiah. The and (kai), which begins verse 26 is a co-ordinating conjunction. This suggests that the work of the Deliverer (Christ) in turning away ungodliness from Jacob and bringing all Israel to salvation goes hand in hand with the entering of the full number of the Gentiles into God's blessing and favor. After this glance into the future, Paul returns to his own day. (from The Wycliffe Bible Commentary)

Rom 11:28 From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;

enemies = hostile, hating and opposing NT:2190

God's choice = they are beloved because of their fathers. God has an interest in them because of their fathers, **who believed**. If it was not for their fathers, God would not have any interest in them at all, but that alone does not bring salvation [vs 14]. God is just to judge them because of their deeds, i.e., unbelief. Rom 2:9-11

beloved = applied to Christians as being reconciled to God vs 27

sake of the fathers = it was given them the oracles of God Rom 9:1-4, 11:16

God had chosen Israel as His people and they were given the greatest opportunity to have a relationship with God, but it wasn't automatic. The relationship was based on believing God [faith in], not works.

Vs 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable

gifts = the economy of divine grace, by which the pardon of sin and eternal salvation is appointed to sinners in consideration of the merits of Christ laid hold of by faith NT:5486 Rom 5:15 f; 6:23

calling = God does not repent [or remove] of the invitation to salvation, which he decided of old to give to the people of Israel, and which he promised their fathers NT:2821

irrevocable = repented or changed his mind NT:278

God's gift and calling is still available to all who believe in Christ through faith, Israel is no exception, but they have to receive Him. Heb 10:26-29

Who is a Jew in Gods eyes:

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by

the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God. NASU

Who is Israel in God's eyes i.e. the Israel of God:

Gal 6:15-16 15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

16 And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

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with emphasis: to be regarded as true, genuine children, Rom 9:7

children begotten by virtue of the divine promise, Rom 9:8 NT:5043

descendants = seed = spiritual, which came forth through faith, like Abraham's

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; Rom 3:22

Gal 4:28 And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise.

CONCLUSION: THERE ARE TWO ISRAELS MENTIONED IN ROM 9:6. ONE OF THE FLESH [BLOOD LINE] AND ONE IS THE REMNANT BY FAITH. THERE IS AN ISRAEL OF GOD, WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BLOOD LINE OR FLESH, BUT HAS TO DO WITH REGENERATION THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. I SEE NO REFERENCE TO “A PHYSICAL NATION OF ISRAEL”, AT OR NEAR THE END OF THE WORLD HAPPENING. THE ISRAEL OF GOD IS THE CHURCH! THOSE OF THE “WORLDLY ISRAEL” HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY AS ALL MANKIND, TO RECEIVE JESUS AS LORD. Eph 1:22

THEREFORE WHEN PAUL WRITES “ALL OF ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED” IT IS A TRUE STATEMENT ABOUT THE TRUE “ISRAEL OF GOD” i.e. BELIEVERS, NOT ALL THOSE OF THE BLOOD LINE!

IN CHAPTERS 9-11 IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION: God deals with the believers of the false doctrines of Israel and that they are cut-off from Christ's kingdom.
SEE: SYMBOLS UNVEILED.

All of Israel will be saved is no longer the question. All of Israel has been saved. God spoke not of individuals but of those who were in the covenant. All of Israel includes the faithful Israelites of previous generations up to the generation in which the apostles lived and up to the time of the end of the age. Don Preston