

“Roman 11:1-36” –the Jews are not Israel

All Scripture is KJV: Romans 11:1-36

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?

Today we are going to consider Romans 11.

I think it will be very profitable for us to look at this chapter and see who the true Israel of God really is?

Romans Chapter 11 is full of doctrine and contains so much information that it alone will teach you much about who is Gods people.

So much has been said and preached about this chapter and therefore it will do us well to study it to make sense of it.

1. Because we are studying the book of Galatians it would do us well to really understand the characters which are being talked about by the Apostle Paul.
2. And to do that we have to spend some time in other scriptures or else you will not be able to discern correctly the book of Galatians.
3. And so when we study this chapter we are going to go through it verse by verse, and not take anything out of context like you see so many people and preachers do.
4. And as a result they misinterpret this chapter and the other related chapters in the book of Romans

Let's read Romans 11.

¹ I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

² God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying,

³ Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

⁴ But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

⁵ Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

- Now just starting with these five verses, this I how most people will interpret them and understand them.
1. They will read verse one, and pretty much stop there.....

2. They will say.....you see it says right there that God has not cast away his people and pretty much not read any further.
 - Well of course God has not cast away his people in the sense that he has not cast away all of them.
 - He has not cast away all of Israel. That's true.
 - Of course Israel is still Gods people.
 - But they are not getting the full teaching of these five verses.
- ❖ But these verses make it very clear that God has not cast away all his people in the sense that there is a remnant. That is a believing remnant according to the election of grace.
- ❖ And what is that grace? It is that grace that brings salvation to all men by our Lord Jesus Christ. It is that salvation by grace by believing in Jesus by faith. That's why it says in verse 6.

6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

- ❖ He is talking about salvation. That salvation is not by works. It is by grace.
3. What this chapter is speaking about is that he has not cast away all the Israelites.
 4. Because Paul is saying,I am an Israelite, I am of the tribe of Benjamin.....and I have not been cast away.
 5. But he is saying that in the OT it was said that...(verse4)..... I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

1 Kings 19:18 ¹⁸ Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

6. But what Paul is saying that even at the time when Elijah preached (Elias) there were seven thousand saved Israelites who God had reserved who had not bowed their knee to Baal.
7. So Paul is saying, that's even more proof that God has not cast away all his people.
8. Therefore even at this present time also, Paul is saying, just like in the OT when Elijah preached, even now also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.
 - ❖ So what is Paul saying?..... Well what he is saying is that even at the time when he was writing this letter in the book of Romans in the first century AD, there were saved Israelites who had believed in Jesus.
 - ❖ And that easy to see, because even at the time when John the Baptist was preaching, and when Jesus was preaching multitudes were saved.
 1. But as a whole the Nation rejected Jesus.
 2. As a whole they did not receive Jesus.

- ✚ The bible says that he came unto his own and they received him not. Speaking about coming to the house of Israel and they did not receive him. [John 1:11](#) **He came unto his own, and his own received him not.**
- ✚ But to those that did receive him he said. [John 1:12](#) **But as many as received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ **Which were born, not of blood, nor of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

1. This is not just a certain nationality that were privileged. No he said they were born not of blood, nor of the flesh, nor of the will of man.....but of God.
2. This is not just a certain people group who are privileged just because they have descended from the blood of Abraham, that would make them privileged. No wrong...you have to believe on Jesus if you want to join that privileged group or nation.
3. So God is saying here that he has not cast away his people because there is some saved Israelites who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. He is speaking here more than two thousand years ago in the second century, and he is saying I am one of them who God has not cast away. I am part of that righteous remnant.

- ✚ **So is this scripture that we have just read teaching**.....that unbelieving Christ rejecting Israel is still Gods people?
- ✚ Is that what it is teaching?
- ✚ Definitely not.

Because if you look back at Romans 9:6

- ✓ Because a lot of people will tell you that God cannot break his promise to Israel.
 - ✓ But the thing is he didn't.
 - ✓ If you look at the conditions God placed on those promises he said.....**"if you"**.....will do this.....
 - ✓ Because if you go back and read all those promise they all have a stipulation. Like if you keep my commandments...or"if you abide in me".....
1. But people just like to ignore those conditions that God has placed on that covenant and pretend like they not even there.
 2. And tell you that God has made a promise and he cannot break his promise.
- ✓ No....wrong.....they are mislead.

- ✚ God did not say that he would not reject all Israel, but he did say that he would save some of them. He said he would not reject "all".

Romans 9:6 ⁶ Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:**

Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

✚ You see if the “seed” is not in Isaac they won’t be called. (salvation)

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

✚ So let me ask you this question: “is the Christ rejecting Israelite the children of God”.

✚ If you believe they are then you going to have to deny the scripture of Romans 9:8

✚ But if they “believe” then yes they are the Israel of God.

✓ It’s not because they are the physical descendents of Abram that makes them the children of the promise or gives them special permission.

✓ But rather it is the believing remnant which is according to the election of grace that makes them the Israel which is Gods beloved.

✚ If you not part of the believing remnant. If you not part of that election by grace, then you are not the Israel of God.

✚ You have been cast away. You have been broken off, which is what Paul is going to talk about later in this passage. When he says they are like the branches of the olive tree of God which has been broken off.

✚ No longer are they Israel in Gods sight, no longer are they the chosen of the Lord, no longer are they Gods people. Because Jesus said the kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to another nation which shall bring forth fruit.

Matthew 21:42-46 – taken and given to another people.

⁴² Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures,** The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? ⁴³ Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**

⁴⁴ **And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.** ⁴⁵ **And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.**

✓ **Let look at verse Romans 11: 7 now.....what does it say.....**

7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

1. Therefore according to this passage who is the “election”?
2. It is those who believed on Jesus. He said it was the election according to grace.
3. So when he says the election hath obtained it, he is referring to the saved. The people who believe in Jesus by faith through grace.
4. They Gods people, they still saved as an Israelite, but those who did not have been cast away. They have been broken off. No longer Gods people.
5. The ones who don’t believe in Jesus, they are blinded. They are not the Israel of God.

6. It's very interesting when Paul uses the term that they have been blinded, which we see in the very next verses 8-10.

⁸ (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

⁹ And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always.

- ✓ Let me ask you all this question: does it sound like David is blessing them in this passage?
- ✓ Is David blessing Israel?

✚ Is it not what we hear from people today, that we need to bless Israel because they are Gods people? No matter what they do.....they say we must bless them.

✚ They say that if we don't bless Israel then God will curse them who don't bless Israel. But if that we bless them, then they say that God will bless us?

✚ Is that not what people say. Is that not what many preachers teach and preach from the pulpits, even those famous TV preachers preach that?

1. So the question was? Is David in this passage of scripture blessing the unbelieving Jews in Israel?
2. No.....David is placing a curse upon them. Because they have rejected God.

✚ He is saying.....let their eyes be darkened.....let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block.

- ✓ No.....David is cursing them? That is a curse not a blessing.
- ✓ So if David is cursing them?
- ✓ Why should we bless them? When they have turned against the Lord.
- ✓ The reason why David is cursing them is because he is referring to the evil people amongst them.

❖ **Look back at John 12 with me.**

John 12:37-40 ³⁷ But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: ³⁸ That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

- ✓ Verse 39 is the key to understanding this passage, and the one in Romans 11:8-10

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, ⁴⁰ He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

Back to Romans 11:8-10.

1. Verse 8.....They could not and even unto this day (the day when Paul wrote Romans) believe.
2. So even at the day when Paul wrote Romans 11:8, they were still not able to see with their eyes for God to heal them
3. Their hearts are still hardened.
4. So when we read this passage of scripture we must embrace the truth that God is teaching us.
5. Paul say that there was a certain group of People who God had hardened their hearts that they could not believe.
6. What the bible is teaching here is a that people can get to a point where it is to late for them, and God gives them over to reprobate mind. (Pharaoh) Romans 19 etc.
7. It's not that God did not give them a chance to be saved. God gave them like he gives everyone the opportunity to get saved, but there can come a time when enough is enough for God and they can become reprobate.
 - ✓ The bible says that he will have all men to be saved.
 - ✓ Jesus died for everyone to have that opportunity of salvation
 - ✓ God does not preordain to save some and not others. But it does mean that if you don't call upon the name of the Lord you are not saved?

John 3:16-18 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through him might be saved.**

¹⁸ **He that believeth on him is not condemned:** but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 7:38

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that bringeth **salvation hath appeared to all men,**

1 Timothy 2:4

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of **death,** crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God **should taste death for every man.**

1 Timothy 4:10

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the **Saviour of all men,** specially of those that believe.

1 John 2:2

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, **but also for the sins of the whole world.**

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And **whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

1. You have to decide when you hear the word of God whether you are going to receive it with all gladness, or whether you going to harden your heart when you receive it.
2. Just like pharaoh hardened his heart towards God, then look what happened the story changes where it says then God hardened pharaohs heart.
3. So it's not just that God hardens people's hearts. No they have to first harden it towards God, and then God hardens their heart.
4. That's what happened to those unbelieving Christ cursing Pharisees and Sadducees.
5. Now is God able to save them that believe and turn to him sure he can. But if they don't they are cursed from God.

❖ They could not believe. Is the same as when Jesus was on the cross and they said to Jesus. Come down off the cross that we may see and believe.

✚ Look in the book John 5:38, we see Jesus repeatedly preaching to them and saying that you will not come to me that you may have eternal life.....

John 5:38-40 ³⁸ And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. ³⁹ **Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.** ⁴⁰ And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

✚ It's not that they could not be saved. But they got to a point where they went a bit too far, where they accused him of casting out devils.

Matthew 12:24 ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

Matthew 12:31-32 ³¹ Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. ³² And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

1. Here we see Jesus dealing with the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and they refused to believe him, and look what they said to him.
2. Jesus told them repeatedly that if they continued with their blasphemy that they would be rejected of God.
3. They still did not listen to Jesus, but instead they started to say to him, that he was of the devil, and that the reason why he could cast out devils is because he was the prince of the devils, and as a result of that look at what Jesus said to them.

Mark 3:29-31 ²⁹ But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. ³⁰ **Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.**

Back to Romans 11.

God will save anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord Jesus by faith.

1. So in the same way that these people hardened their hearts towards Jesus, in the same way we see this in Romans 11 as Paul is commenting.
 2. These Jews here in Romans 11:8-10 had rejected Jesus.
 3. But does that mean that all the Jews rejected Jesus,No. because Paul used himself as an example and also the seven thousand in the OT who had not bowed their knee to Baal.
 4. These were the righteous remnant Paul was talking about. (the remainder). Those that turned to Jesus when everyone else has gone.
 5. In every nation there is always a righteous remnant, those that love the Lord. Those that believe in Jesus and follow the scriptures.
 6. The same goes amongst Israel, there will always be a remnant who follow after Jesus. There always will be. But it will be a small remnant.
 7. Even in the days of Elijah. There was well over a million people in Israel, but only seven thousand did not bow their knee to Baal.
- ✓ Even today there is only a small remnant in Israel who believe in Jesus.

Romans 11:11-14

¹¹ I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

1. God says that because of their fall salvation has come unto the gentiles.
2. This was supposed to provoke them to jealousy.
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¹² Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

1. If they were to believe Jesus and be restored.
2. The fall is the riches of the world and the gentiles.
3. But if they were to come back their restoration would bring a fullness to God again.

¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

1. A great opportunity to preach to the gentiles.

¹⁴ If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and **might save some of them.**

1. Provoke them to believe on Jesus.
2. To emulate or to copy what the gentiles are doing.
3. So that some of them can get saved.
4. Paul just wanted to try and see at least some of them get saved, because they were his brethren.

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

1. Paul is speaking hypothetically in the sense that “if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead.
2. He is saying “wouldn’t it be great if the Jews would get saved.
3. Wouldn’t it be like bringing them back from the dead? Life from the dead as he puts it.
4. That was Paul’s wish. That if all Israel would believe and get saved.

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

1. To be part of the olive tree has nothing to do with ethnicity, nothing to do with your DNA, or family tree.
2. To be part of the olive tree of God it’s all by faith.
3. The unbelieving Jews (unbelieving Israel) were broken off, so that God would graft in those that would believe in Jesus.
4. That’s why Jesus said in Mathew 21. The Kingdom of God would be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth much fruit.
5. So it’s not that you are part of the olive tree of God by blood decedents of Abraham. No.
6. You are part of the olive tree of God because you believe.
7. So those unbelieving Jews in Israel are not part of Gods olive tree because they have not yet believed.
8. The nation that did not have the faith was broken off.

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

1. This has nothing to do with losing your salvation.

2. What's its talking about is the fact that even if you are a gentile, unless you believe in Jesus for salvation by faith, you also will not be grafted into the olive tree.
3. Even for the gentile he has to believe if he wants to reside in the olive tree of God.

²² **Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.**

4. This applies even to nations that have turned against God. God does not bless a nation if that nation has turned against God.
5. God will cut off his blessings on a nation that has turned his back on him.
6. Just like God has turned his back on the Nation of Israel because they turned away from him. The same as when God sent them into Babylon.

²³ **And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.**

1. This is the **KEY** to understanding this chapter 11.
 2. Does this verse say..... That this is in fact what is going to happen to Israel in the last days? That they will be grafted in?
 3. Yes God is able to graft them in.....but does it say that he going to graft them in?
 4. NO. The is a condition set by God in order for that to happen.
 5. But that is how it is preached from the pulpits by so many preachers; and teachers and people, and Christians forget to read that big **"IF"** which is necessary for God to graft them in again.
- ✓ Preachers are preaching that all Israel are coming back, and they all in the land of Israel today waiting for the redemption of God.
 - ✓ They saying that all or many of the Jews are going to turn to Jesus and get saved in the end times when Jesus returns.
6. Is salvation available to them? Because the Lord is rich upon all that call upon him.

Romans 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

7. So Paul is saying hypothetically, "IF" they call upon him that he is able to graft them in again.
8. He did not say for sure that it was going to happen, or when it was going to happen, he said "IF"?
9. Sure God is able to graft them in.....But what happens if they don't believe? -they won't be grafted in.
10. But yet, people will look over to those people in that far country which is called Israel today, and they will say that those people are part of the olive tree. They will say that they are Gods people.....No they not, they have been broken off.

11. They will say.....you don't get it.....we have been grafted into them.....no we have not.....they were broken off and then we were grafted in.
 12. So guess who is connected to that olive tree right now?. It is Christians, those who are believers.
 13. Therefore when those unbelieving branches were broken off they were replaced by branches that would believe.
 14. So when people refer to replacement theology. Yes those that were broken off were replaced, not by gentiles. Gentiles did not replace the Jews that were broken off. It is Christians which are made up of both Jew and gentile and Greek were grafted or replaced in that olive tree. Christians replaced the Jews.
 - ✓ Sometimes you will hear in Baptists churches, where people will say I know that the unbelieving Jew is going to hell but they are still Gods people.
 - ✓ Well if they are Gods people why is he sending them to hell?
 - ✓ It makes no sense that if they were Gods peoples that he would send them to hell.
- ❖ I thought that the Lord said he knows them that are his?

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, **The Lord knoweth them that are his.** And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

- ✓ So how can they be the Lords people?
 - ✓ So then how come if they are the Lords peoples he will say to them depart from me **I never knew you?**
 - ✓ Guess what they are not saved and they are not Gods people.
- ❖ **No one who is unsaved is Gods people in the New Testament.**

Lets read Romans 11 verse 24.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

1. Now a lot of people will read this verse and say you see, God is going to graft these natural branches back into the olive tree.
2. Wrong, he just finished saying "IF".
3. This is what could happen.....this is possible "IF" they would believe.
4. This is what people see when they take verse 24 out of context with verse 23.

Now verse 25.

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

1. The mystery, is what God is going to reveal in the end times, when Jesus returns.

2. Why does he say blindness in part? – well because there is a remnant of Israel which shall be saved according to the election of grace.
3. It's not a full blindness, because there are many Israelites which shall be saved. There are many who have not bowed the knee to Baal, and there are many which have believed in Jesus.

4. There is a time frame where blindness in part will no longer be happening to Israel.

5. And he says, that time frame is when the fullness of the gentiles be come in.

- ❖ So right now blindness in part is happening to Israel. When we look at Israel today after the flesh we see blindness. They have not accepted the Lord Jesus as their savior. A misunderstanding of their OT that they don't believe.
- ❖ A lot of blindness is happening over there in Israel today.
- ❖ He says, that blindness is going to be there until the fullness of the gentiles be come in. Meaning there is a future time when blindness will no longer so.
- ❖ So when is that?

✚ **So would it not be accurate to say that when the fullness of the gentiles be come in blindness will no longer be happening to Israel?**

²⁶ **And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:**

1. Would it not be fare to say that when the fullness of the Gentiles be come in so all Israel will be saved?
2. Who is the deliverer – Its Jesus.
3. By the way this is the verse I challenged the preacher that called us narrow minded. Look what the NIV changes it to.

Isaiah 59:20 ²⁰ And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 59:20 New International Version (NIV) ²⁰ "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD

4. But when is it that the fullness of the gentiles will be come in? - Go to Luke 21:24
5. This is the Olivet discourse speaking about Jesus returning.

²⁴ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and **Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

6. So here is another reference to the verse we had in Romans 11:25. **until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

✓ Go to Revelation 11 and let's see when that will happen.

Revelation 11:2-3 ² But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; **for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot**

forty and two months. ³ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

7. So the bible is saying here that the times of the gentiles will be fulfilled, starting at the midpoint of the abomination of desolation (that the trodden under foot part), which is the midpoint of Daniels 70th week, and ending after 42 months just before Jesus comes back and sets up his millennial kingdom.
8. That's when the Gentiles will come in.
9. So when is it that Israel will be saved?
10. It is when the fullness of the gentiles come in at the end of the week.

✚ So let's go back to Romans 11:26-27. (As it is written)

²⁶ **And so all Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, **There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:** ²⁷ **For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.**

- ✚ A lot of people try and use this verse 27, to say that when Jesus comes back he is going to turn away ungodliness from Jacob and take away their sins, and all the Jews are just going to get saved. – wrong. That's not what's its saying.
- ✚ Like we supposed to believe that they all going to see Jesus coming in the clouds (Matt 24:30), and they just going to see him and believe. – There is no record of that at all in Revelation and it's our primary source of end times prophecy.
- ✚ Remember this is at the return of Jesus at the end of the **70th week of Daniel 9:27) & Daniel, Daniel 11:31-32 & Daniel 12:1-13) . (Matthew 24:15)**. This is 42 months after the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel.
- ✚ **So are the Jews (the unbelieving Israel) just going to get saved? - Wrong – when they see him they not going to get saved.** That's what they said to him the first time he came and was hanging on the cross. **They said to him come down from the cross so that we can see and believe.**

Mark 15:32

Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, **that we may see and believe.** And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

- ❖ They never did the first time and they not going to the second time round.
- ✚ Remember what Jesus said to them the first time. He said the Jews require a sign and the Greeks seek after wisdom. **But there shall no sign be given unto this wicked and adulterous generation except the sign of Jonah. Three days and three night shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth.**

Matthew 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:**

Matthew 16:4 **A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.**

- ✚ That is the sign they need to believe in. Not Jesus coming in the clouds. It is the sign of his death burial and resurrection, that is what they need to believe. It's the gospel that saves. The word of God is what they need to believe.
- ✚ They just not going to see and believe. – Wrong.

11. So the question is: what happens at the end of the week. **Is it not the return of Jesus.(Rev 11:15 & Rev 19 – the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of his Christ).**

12. It's the battle of Armageddon in which Jesus comes with the armies of heaven and wipes out all the unbelievers and sets up his millennial kingdom.

13. So who is left after that?

- ✚ So it is at this time (v26) when **“all Israel will be saved”**.
- ✚ It is at this time (v27) **when he will take away their sins.**

14. Well let's turn to **Matthew 19:28** for the answer.

Matthew 19:28 ²⁸ And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, **That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration** when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Just to get the timing right: Let's review here.....

- ❖ The Rapture takes place in Revelation 7:13

Revelation 7:¹³ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, **What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?** ¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- ❖ The returning saints come back to rule and reign with Jesus in Revelation 19:14.

Revelation 19:¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**

- ❖ So according to Revelation 19:14, Jesus is coming back with the saved saints to rule and reign. These saints are from “all the ages” saved “Israel” and includes those saved of all nations
- ✓ He who has followed me in the regeneration. (brought back to life)
- ✓ What's another word for regeneration? – Resurrection is it not.
- ✓ It's very clear here in **Matthew 19:28** **who is the Israel of God.** It is those saved Israelites from times passed who believed in God and now have been resurrected and brought back to life.

1. So according to Jesus when he sets up his millennial kingdom all those who have been in the regeneration (the resurrected believing Israel) and all believers will come back with Jesus.
2. It is those “risen resurrected” Israelites who will be in Jerusalem, and who is going to reign over them? The 12 Apostles.
3. Those saved Israelites are the true Israel. They are the Israel of God.

- **That is why in Galatians 6 Paul calls all believers the Israel of God.**

Galatians 6:16 ¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and **upon the Israel of God.**

- **So let's look at the balance of the verses in Romans 11:28-36.**

²⁸ **As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes.**

1. Paul even tells us that the Jews are the enemy of the gospel for the saved in Jesus Christ. (the election are saved who believe in Jesus).
2. But he explains that in connection with regards to the election (those that are saved by believing in Jesus), they are beloved for the father's sakes.
3. The word “father's” here is in reference to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It is a plural word, just as the word “sakes” is also plural meaning more than one person.
4. So Paul is telling us that they are the enemies of Jesus.
5. Paul is also telling us that the **“election”** which is referring to the “saved”, is a beloved blessing in Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Paul is not referring to the blessing being upon the Jews or unbelieving Israel.
6. But yet people will take this verse out of context and make it refer to the Jews.
7. Read carefully my friends.....and don't put words in where there are not any words.....don't add to the scriptures.

²⁹ **For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.**

1. Paul is saying about the Jews here (which is the unbelieving Israel) that even though Jesus has been preached amongst them as a nation, the result has been that they have not turned to God.
2. That is why he said about them **“For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”**
3. When God called them they never responded to his call. They never repented to turn to him.

³⁰ **For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:**

1. The gentiles turned to believe on God.
2. But the Jews did not.
3. Through the fall of the Jews mercy went out to the gentiles for salvation.
4. The Jews are still in unbelief.

³¹ Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

1. According to this scripture. The Jews have still not believed in the time of Paul.
2. Even though they saw mercy come upon the gentiles they did not respond to Jesus for salvation.
3. Paul is wanting the gentiles to show mercy on the Jews, hoping that through the love of the gentiles some of them might obtain mercy by believing. That then God would have mercy on those that would believe.

³² For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

1. God never promised to save the unbelieving Israel (Jews).
2. His promise was to those who believe in Jesus.
3. He said in verse 23 "IF" they will believe he is able to graft them in. ²³ **And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.**
4. When God says that he might have mercy upon all, just means that Gods love is still extended to all that believe in his name. (John 3:16).

- But that is only an "If". He never said he would if they did not believe.

³³ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

³⁴ For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

³⁵ Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

³⁶ For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

- Salvation is still extended to all who will believe. But it does not mean that they will.
- Salvation is a personal choice. God does not make you get saved.

PRAYER.....CLOSE

Is God Done with Israel?

1. No he is not.
2. But this is how God is going to deal with Israel.

It has been said that the OT prophecies clearly say that God is still dealing with Israel. And that is true, but in the following manner.

First of all let me say this. There is a distinction between Israel and the church?

1. The church has not replaced Israel?
 2. But, like Jesus said in Matthew 21:43.
- You have to understand this parable in order to gain the understanding of what Jesus was referring to.

Matthew 24:36-46.

³⁶ Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

³⁷ But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

³⁸ But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

³⁹ And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

⁴⁰ When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

⁴¹ They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

⁴² Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

⁴³ Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

⁴⁴ And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. ⁴⁵ And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

⁴⁶ But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

3. If Jesus who is our final authority said that he would take the kingdom of God from that nation and give it to **a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**
4. That meant that the kingdom of God was given to a nation which would “bring forth fruits for the kingdom of God. That would mean that, it would be that new nation which would produce “fruit” for the kingdom of God.

- Well that is exactly what God did. He took it from the Jews and gave it to a nation made up of believers who would bring forth that fruit for the kingdom of God.
- Even Peter records that promise of God.

1 Peter 2:9.

³ If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

⁴ To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

⁵ Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

⁶ Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

⁷ Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

⁸ And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

- When God turned his attention to the gentiles he brought with him the gospel which was rejected by the Jews and gave it to the gentiles.
- Did the people in the OT or in the NT try and tell Jesus that he was not allowed to take the kingdom of God away from the Jews and give it to the gentiles?
- Yet today when you bring up the fact that Jesus took the kingdom of God away from the Jews (Pharisees & Sadducees who are the Jews) and gave it to the gentile believers, they will say that you are teaching replacement theology.
- Well my answer to you would be “what would you call what Jesus did”?
 1. First of all let me explain: if by replacement theology you are saying that the church replaced Israel, then you are correct.
 2. But Jesus did not say that he is replacing Israel with the church?. Jesus said I will take the kingdom of God away from you (unbelieving Jews) and give it to a nation who will bring forth fruit for the kingdom of God.
 3. You see we are not saying that the church has replaced Israel. But what we are saying is that “believers” have replaced the Jews.

4. By believers, we mean any person who has believed in Jesus for salvation. This could be a person from any nation including if there is someone who believes in Jesus from that country that calls themselves Israel in the Middle East.
5. We are also not saying that “believers” have replaced those saved Israelites. But rather all believers that nation Jesus was speaking about.

I would like us to turn to Ezekiel 37 & 38 & 39 to review some scriptures about Israel in the OT.

First of all.

1. When we read Ezekiel we have to understand who was he writing to and what was the message he was bringing?
2. In chapter 37, we see Ezekiel having a vision, about the valley of the dry bones.
3. He then begins to be directed by the Lord to pray over these bones.
4. Ezekiel uses the analogy that these dry bones have no life in them, and we see God asking Ezekiel if these bones can live again? Ezekiel acknowledges to God that God is able to raise them up again.
5. The vision is completed when the bones come together and they stand as an army upon the earth, and God says he will restore them to their Land of Israel again.
6. Well,.....if we remember this time period it was when Ezekiel himself was in the Babylonian captivity as we read in Ezekiel chapter 1.
7. Ezekiel was prophesying not only for his time period but also for a future time period.
 - ❖ But.....during Ezekiel’s time period.....they do re-enter the promised land of Israel where David’s grandson Zerubbabel is ruling of them as their king.
 - ❖ According to the Book of Ezra, Zerubbabel is the governor of Judah and he laid the foundation for the Temple. He was given sanction to rebuild the Temple and return the sacred Temple vessels that Nebuchadnezzar II had preserved after the conquest of Babylon.
 - ❖ Because he was a direct descendant of David, Solomon and Rehoboam, he was eligible to sit as king. The Scriptures are clear, from Zerubbabel’s genealogy, that he is from King David through Rehoboam and Jeconiah. Zerubbabel’s genealogy follows: (1 Chronicles 3:10)

However, the kingdom was taken away from the Jews, and Israel was under the authority of a foreign power. Zerubbabel was recognized only as the governor and not the king of Israel . The curse was in effect as Zerubbabel did not sit as the king of Israel

Haggai 1:1 “In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,”

But..... when we get to the end of Chapter 37, things start to change, and future prophecy is announced by Ezekiel. Ezekiel starts to speak of graves being opened and

them coming up out of the graves and reigning with God forever. (evermore the bible says). This is a future dated promise of God.

But to find out more about this promise we need to keep reading.....Ezekiel 38 & 39.

- ❖ In these chapters 38 & 39 God begins to develop for us an interesting glimpse of the distant future.

Ezekiel 38.

1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

Read to end of Ezekiel 38.....up to verse 23.

22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

1. You have to ask yourself this question. Why does Ezekiel bring Gog and Magog in to the picture now?
2. What, when and why and who is this referring to?
3. Well in Ezekiel 39, the same mention of Gog and Magog is brought into the picture?

So what is this all about?

❖ Well let's read it ?....Ezekiel 39.

Ezekiel 39:1-8ff

1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

² And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

³ And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

⁴ Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

⁵ Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

⁶ And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

⁷ So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

⁸ Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

1. It is quite clear from Ezekiel 38 and 39 that the battle of Gog and Magog was referring to a time in the distant future. It also tells us that in this time period that God will be pouring out judgment upon Gog and his bands.

Ezekiel 38:²² And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. (Rev 20:8)

2. So clearly this is a great future event that is going to take place in a future distant time. And it's going to be time when God is going to pour out and overflowing rain and great hailstones, and fire, and brimstone.
3. Has this happened yet? Of course not. That means it is still to come.
4. So when is it that this will take place?
5. When is it that we will see the battle of Gog and Magog.

❖ Well the answer is very simple, and God did not leave us guessing about his future plans of judgment.

- ❖ Well let's turn to the bible for answers.....or should we turn to some theologians commentary of his ideas to find the answer.....?

There are only TWO mentions in the bible of Gog and Magog.

1. Besides Ezekiel 38 & 39, the only other place we have and teaching on this event besides the mention of Gog in a genealogy, is found in the the Book of Revelation 20:8.

Well lets read it.....

Revelation 20: 7-12 ff

⁷ And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

⁸ **And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.**

⁹ **And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.** (Ezekiel 38:22)

¹⁰ And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

¹¹ **And I saw a great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

1. Therefore, according to Revelation 20 verse 8.....Gog and Magog are going to gather an army to fight against the saints of God.

- ❖ He said that the devil is going to deceive all nations. So why did he specifically then name these two Gog and Magog. The reason is because he is trying to point us back to Ezekiel 38 & 39 which is fulfilled in Revelation 20.
- ❖ Revelation 20 which as we know is the NT leads up to the point where God has poured out his judgment upon those that did not believe.
- ❖ Ezekiel 37 was fulfilled in the life time of Ezekiel when he saw the people of Israel return to the land after captivity of 70years in Babylon.
- ❖ Ezekiel 38 & 39 where future dated prophecies pointing to Revelation 20.

2. So.....is Gog and Magog is a reference to the battle after the 1000 year Millennium reign of Jesus, during which Jesus was reigning.....and there was nothing but peace during that 1000years, because Satan is bound, and all the weapons have been beaten into either plough shears or pruning hooks.

3. Then this leads to the great white throne judgment when all unbelievers will be judged.
4. The teaching of Ezekiel 38 & 39 is quite clearly teaching about after the 1000 year Millennium reign of Jesus.
5. The book of Revelation attests to the facts of Ezekiel 38 & 39, and matches up perfect with the judgments of God at that time period after the 1000 millennium reign.

And then in Ezekiel 39 we have this account that matches perfect with Revelation 20.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.....