

Theme: God is still at work among the physical Jews, and will call many of them to Christ before He returns.

## I. Intro – What About Jewish Israel?

### A. Many of you have seen OT & NT in new way!

1. Christ is fulfillment of offices of Israel
2. Christ is fulfillment of worship of Israel
3. Christ is fulfillment of people of Israel
4. Church now inherits all OT promises

### B. Still question “What about Jewish Israel?”

1. Is God still at work among them?
2. Are many of them ever going to respond?
3. What about Romans 11:26?

### C. Paul worried about the same thing!

1. Note his cry in Romans 9:1-5
2. Also see Romans 10:1

## II. Has Jewish Israel Been Utterly Cast Off?

### A. Clarifying some terms (Israel & Jews)

1. The problem with “Israel” & “Jews”

- a. Israel – the physical Jews (Rom 11:25)
- b. Israel – spiritual seed of Abraham (9:6; Gal 6:15-16)
- c. Jews – physical Jews (Romans 1:16)
- d. Jews – spiritual Jews (Romans 2:28-29)

### 2. My solution today – Jewish Israel

### B. Has Jewish Israel... No!

#### 1. A remnant has been saved

- a. Romans 11:1-5 – Paul, and others, by grace
- b. Remnant – Romans 9:6
- c. OT idea – Is 10:20-22; Micah 2:12; Zech 8:12

#### 2. A future ingathering will come (11:25-27)

- a. Physical Israel – not church (mystery; v 25; v 28)
  - i. mystery – Jew and Gentile is not mystery!
  - ii. Context – physical Israel (v 25, 28)
- b. All Israel – a large harvest!
  - iii. Not every Jew (Josh 7:25; 2 Chr 12:1; s.m 10:1)
  - iv. More than remnant! (Paul’s cry; part/fullness)
- c. In future – (after fullness of Gentiles; 11:11-12, 15)
  - i. After Gospel to Gentiles (“Fulness”)

- ii. This means resurrection! (11:11-12, 15)
- d. Through faith in Christ – Rom 10:12-13; 11:30-31
  - iii. Same way for Jew and Gentile (10:12-13)
  - iv. Cycle – disobedience/mercy; same pattern

2 Corinthians 13:14

### **III. Conclusion & Summary**

- A. There is no place for pride!
  - 1. All is by grace – not works or descent!
  - 2. Pride led to Israel's downfall!
- B. We should pray & work for Jewish conversions
  - 1. Gospel still for Jew and Gentile!
  - 2. They must come to Christ – or perish!
  - 3. God is going to call many to salvation!
  - 4. Nation of Israel – tool – not prophetic need
- C. We should pray & work for Gentile conversions
  - 1. This can make them jealous
  - 2. Still many to reach with good news!

Has Jewish Israel Been Utterly Cast Off?

Romans 9:1-5; 11:25-32

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<sup>1</sup> Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. Romans 10:1

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<sup>25</sup> I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: **Israel has experienced a hardening** in part until the full number of the **Gentiles** has come in. Romans 11:25

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Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. 16 Peace and mercy to **all who follow this rule**, even to **the Israel of God.** Galatians 6:15-16

<sup>16</sup> I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the **Jew**, then for the **Gentile.** Romans 1:16

**A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly**, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. 29 No, **a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly**; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God. Romans 2:28-29

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I ask then: 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. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah-- how he appealed to God against Israel: 3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? 4 And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 **So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.** Rom 11:1-5

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In that day **the remnant of Israel**, the survivors of the house of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but **will truly rely on the LORD**, the Holy One of Israel. 21 **A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God.** 22 Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand by the sea, **only a remnant will return.** Destruction has been decreed, overwhelming and righteous. Isaiah 10:20-22

I will surely **gather all of you**, O Jacob; I will surely **bring together the remnant of Israel.** I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. Micah 2:12

The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. **I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people.** Zechariah 8:12

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Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today." **Then all Israel stoned him**, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. Joshua 7:25

After Rehoboam's position as king was established and he had become strong, **he and all Israel with him abandoned the law of the LORD.** 2 Chronicles 12:1

**All Israel have a portion in the world to come**, for it says, "Your people, all of them righteous, shall possess the land for ever; They are the shoot that I planted, my handiwork in which I glory" (Isaiah 60:21). <sup>2</sup> **And these are the ones who have no portion in the world to come:** He who maintains that resurrection is not a biblical doctrine, that the torah was not divinely revealed.... Abba Shaul says: "Also one who pronounces the divine name as it is spelled." Sanhedrin, Chapter Ten, Mishnah One

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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. 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, **how much greater riches will their fullness bring!...** 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, **what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?** Romans 11:11-12, 15

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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."** Romans 10:12-13