

Has God Cast Away His People Israel?

Israel During the Parenthesis of Daniel's Seventy Weeks (continued)

Scripture Reading:

Romans 11: 1-6

REVIEW

Present-day phenomenon of world-wide antisemitism

Israel's historical formation and 3 dispersions from its promised land

Israel's fulfillment of the 70 prophetic weeks recorded in Daniel 9:24-27

The first 69 weeks have historically been fulfilled

7 weeks (7x7) 49 yrs from decree of Cyrus to rebuild Jerusalem 62 weeks (7x62) 434 yrs from the rebuilding of Jerusalem to death of Christ

The 70th week is yet future, when "... the coming prince" (the Beast of Rev 12 and 13, aka the "Man of Lawlessness" of II Thess 2) will make a covenant guarantying Israel's peaceful existence for "1 week" (7 yrs)

This prince will break His covenant after 3 ½ yrs and Israel will be scattered from the land for a fourth and last time.

REVIEW and INTRODUCTION

69 weeks (483 yrs) of the 70 weeks (Dan 9:24-27) have been fulfilled with the crucifixion ("cutting off") of Messiah the prince – Christ.

> The 70th week (7 yrs) where Israel will enter into a covenant with "the coming prince" (the Beast of Rev 12:13, the Man of Lawlessness of II Thess 2) is yet to come.

INTRODUCTION: The Present Parenthesis

- What is happening to the Jewish people <u>now</u>, between the 69th and 70th week?
 - Some have migrated back to the land of their ancestors
 - Others are still scattered since 70 AD
- The Apostle Paul addresses this question in Romans chapters 9-11
- Israel's Perpetual Problem: Attempting to Earn Salvation by Self-Effort (law-keeping, Gal 2:16)

Israel's Persistent Disobedience to God's Provision of Salvation by Faith Alone:

- Romans 10:14-15, The reverse order of salvation by grace:
 - They who have believed (believers) are then able to communicate with God vs 13-14a
 - Before they can communicate, they must believe in Him vs 14b
 - Before they can believe in, they must hear vs 14c
 - Before they can hear, someone must preach vs 14d
 - Before the ones preach, they must be sent vs 15

Israel's Persistent Disobedience and Contradiction to God's Grace

- Romans 10:16-21
 - Israel heard the voice of nature and the prophets preaching (Moses and Isaiah) but contradicted their message and <u>did not believe</u>.

Is God Finished Working with Israel As a Nation?

- Romans 11:1-6
 - No! vs 1-2a Paul is a blood Israelite
 - The <u>Physical</u> seed of Abraham will yet receive God's promises Gal 3:15, Isa 46: 9-10
 - The <u>Spiritual</u> seed of Abraham by means of being placed into Christ by Holy Spirit Baptism Gal 3:15, 26-29, cf Rom 6:3

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The Church does not and can not replace a party to covenants <u>already in place</u> with blood Israel (Jews)! – Gal 3:15

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- •During the OT era Rom 11:2-4
- Elijah and the 7000 cf I Kings 19:10, 18

•During the present parenthesis – Paul and all the 1st century Jewish Christians - Rom 11:5

*Note: NT era Jewish believers become part of the Body of Christ: the Church – I Cor 10:32, Eph 2:14-18, Gal 3:28

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•During the fulfillment of...

• The mystery of Israel's blindness - Rom 11:25, cf Acts 15:14-17

• The New Covenant – the one with Israel (not the same as the New Covenant with the Church in NT) – Rom 11:26-27, cf Ezek 20:33-37 and Jer 31:31-34

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- Grace and works are completely opposite of each other Rom 11:6.
- Salvation is <u>always</u> by grace and by grace <u>alone</u>

CONCLUSION

Has God set aside His work with Israel (the physical offspring of Abraham) forever? No!

The Lord is faithfully gracious to the Church today.

He will continue His faithful graciousness to Israel <u>in the future!</u>