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A Kingdom of God Revolution is Coming to all Nations

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Romans 11: A Kingdom of God Revolution is Coming to all Nations

Paul dedicates Chapter 11 of Romans to presenting proof positive that God is not finished with Israel. In fact, in the latter days, God is going to bring a Kingdom of God Revolution, a revival to Israel after there has been a great revival in the Gentile nations of the world.

Verse 1

- Even at this time, only a few decades since Christ, many must have been asking the question, “Is God done with Israel?”
- Paul is about to answer this question with many *proofs* that God is not only not done with Israel, but He has a wonderful plan for their future.

Paul calls forth five witnesses to give proof that God still has a future for the nation of Israel:

Five Witnesses of a Great Kingdom of God Revolution in the Future

First Witness: Paul Himself

- Paul’s conversion was an illustration, a *pattern* of the future plan God has for Israel.
- Paul’s conversion is mentioned three times in Acts: chapters 9, 22, and 26.
- 1 Timothy 1:16
“However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.”
- What does he mean by a “pattern”?
- It certainly is not a pattern for us today: I don’t meet too many people who have been knocked down by a blinding light, seen a vision of Jesus, been blind for three days and then had a prophet come and pray for them.
- It is a pattern of how the nation of Israel will be saved!
- **Zechariah 12:10**
“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

- **Zechariah 13:1**

"In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness."

- The nation of Israel will see Him as Messiah and repent.
- It is the way that Paul was saved that will be prophetic of how Israel will be saved in the latter days.

Verses 2-5

Second Witness: The Prophet Elijah

- Elijah prophesied against Israel, not *for* them! He felt he was the only one left... the ultimate martyr complex.
- Do you remember the story of Elijah:
 - After defeating the prophets of Baal in a great showdown on Mt. Carmel, Jezebel proclaims that she wants Elijah's head...
 - Elijah runs all the way down from Carmel to the Sinai and holds up in a cave and three times cries out to God that he is the only one left only to have God tell him that he has reserved seven thousand prophets who have not bowed the knee to Baal.
 - Israel at that time would have been over one million men...meaning a nation of around three to four million and only seven thousand who were true to the faith.
 - God always has a "remnant".
 - Look at Europe and our nation today a *post-christian* time:
 - Recent studies show that even among pastors, barely half even believe in the resurrection of Christ.
 - No wonder the people are confused.
 - If the pulpit has no faith, the pew will follow.
 - In America, we have schools that have systematically stamped out all forms of Christianity: no prayer, no Bible teaching, no creation, no biblical analogies, no *Christmas* or *Thanksgiving* because it is too religious.

Verse 5 “...At the present time there is a remnant”

- God always has His “remnant”—the true believers, those who have not bowed the knee to Caesar, to Baal, to the culture.
- At no time has God ever completely rejected Israel. At no time has God ever completely rejected America!
- “Election of grace;” “foreknowledge” doesn’t just mean knowing the future but it also implies a plan, an eternal purpose.
 - “Foreknowledge” is not just advanced knowing, but a knowing of what and whom you will become.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Verse 6

- It is impossible to mix grace and works for one cancels out the other.
- Israel’s main focus has been to appease God through works: through the Law.
- **Romans 10:3**

“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”
- This is the struggle of religious people today...trying to gain favor with God through good works, through rituals.
- If a debt has been entirely paid, there is nothing more to pay! If the mortgage company calls to tell you that you have been chosen to have your mortgage paid off for you, you are no longer obligated to the creditor or lender. Jesus has paid your full debt at Calvary:
 - Repentance doesn’t pay for sin, Jesus paid for all your sins.
 - Baptism doesn’t pay for sin, Jesus paid for all your sins.
 - Communion doesn’t pay for sin, Jesus paid for all your sins.

- Faith in Christ makes us righteous! Faith inside produces righteousness on the outside, but not the other way around.

Verses 7-10

- Paul is quoting the Old Testament scriptures over eighty times in these three chapters: showing that the Old Testament scriptures prophesy of God's passion for Israel.
- God has presently blinded the nation of Israel.
- Their own religious practices: lighting candles, kosher meals, washings—none of that leaves a place for the forgiveness of sins.
- The Jews today try to approach God completely by works.
- Their “table”, the blessings of God—the prophets, patriarchs, the scriptures—that should have led them to Christ, have become a burden to them.
- There is no joy in worship when you don't really know the One who you are worshipping! Worship becomes a burden!

Verses 11-15

Third Witness: The Gentiles

- If great blessings have come to the Gentiles because of Israel's rejection, how much more will the blessing be when Israel repents and comes to Christ.
 - He used “stumbled” (vs. 11), “fall” (three times), and “cast away” when describing Israel.
 - In the latter days, it will be the blessing of the Kingdom of God on earth when God restores the nation of Israel.
- God has promised that He would use the Gentiles to provoke the nation of Israel to eventually accept Him...Romans 10:19-20.
- In the same manner, just as God has promised us salvation, will He not also in the latter days move to bring Israel back to Himself?

Psalm 67

**“God be merciful to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us, *Selah*”**

**That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
For You shall judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations on earth. *Selah*
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
Then the earth shall yield her increase;
God, our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us,
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.”**

- God is going to come with His great mercy in these latter days and bring a great revival to Israel as He moves powerfully in all nations.

Verses 16-18

- We've been grafted into the olive tree, the roots of the olive tree.
- The lump of dough, the olive tree are symbols of the nation of Israel.
- The lump of dough illustration comes from Numbers 15: the first part of the dough was offered up to God as a symbol that the entire lump belonged to God. The same idea was involved in the feast of first fruits, when the priest offered a sheaf to the Lord as a token, then that meant the entire harvest was His.
- The basic idea is that when God accepts the part, He sanctifies the whole.
- Tithing is like that...when you give your “first fruits,” ten percent, God sanctifies the whole.
- In the same way, God has accepted Abraham, the root, and He is going to sanctify the whole later.
- The Kingdom of God is like that as it gradually takes over. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”

Fourth Witness: The Jewish Patriarchs

- We are who we are today because of the root: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

- These are our roots too! The Jewish fathers of the Jewish faith are the fathers of our faith! This is why we have the Old Testament and the New Testament together.

Verses 19-24

- It's all by grace, so don't be haughty—God chose you and that should evoke praise not pride.
- **Jesus said,**
 - “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned” (John 15:6).
 - I certainly don't want to give any of you a false hope!
- God still has a plan to graft the nation of Israel back into the tree.
- I believe that the branches being cut off here speak of the church in the latter days that will fall away.
- 1 Timothy 4, 2 Timothy 3, and 2 Thessalonians 2 speak of the apostate church as we close in on the end of the age.

Verses 25-29

- The blinding or hardening of Israel is not complete nor final; it is partial and temporary.
- There is a timing of the Lord for a great revival to come to Israel when the full number of Gentiles have come into the kingdom.
- There is an unprecedented move of God in the southern hemisphere right now: Africa, South America, and Asia. God is bringing in the Gentiles...when this number and timing of God is complete, that will be “the fullness of the Gentiles.”

5th Witness: God Himself

Do you see the connection and correlation: the fullness of the Gentiles AND all of Israel shall be saved!

- When the Gentiles are brought in, ALL Israel shall be saved—this must be in the billions among the Gentiles and the millions among the Jews!
- This restoration of Israel means also the restoration of the Gentile nations.

- The Apostle intimates that the extensive benefits of one shall rebound to the blessing of the other!

Genesis 12:1-3

**“Now the Lord had said to Abram:
‘Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.
I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’”**

Isaiah 9:6-7

**“For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of *His* government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”**

Isaiah 11:9-10

**“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
As the waters cover the sea.
‘And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,
Who shall stand as a banner to the people;”**

Acts 2:34-35

**“For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:
‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” ’**

Verses 30-32

- Even as the Jews disobedience has enabled us to get saved, now let your obedience be the salvation of the Jews.
- I really don't understand why God called me to know Him, but I do know that He now calls me to bring my friends and colleagues into a personal relationship with Christ.
- Let your obedience bring mercy to others! Show mercy and love to everyone you meet—because of the mercy that has been shown to you.

Verses 33-36

- God is beyond us being able to figure out!
- You can't reconcile in your mind the foreknowledge and the free will of God...you just can't but you're not supposed to—you do have to take it by faith, believe Him, not your mind.
- Theology has become our doxology!
- All that Paul can do is just praise and worship the Lord here!
- God's mind and plans are a lot bigger than ours.
- Why are some kids born into poverty? Why are some born without legs and arms...and I have been so blessed. Why? I don't know, but God has a purpose in that.
- I don't understand electricity but I use it.
- The universe is not spinning out of control—He really is working out a divine plan that is wonderful and working together for good.

Have you discovered the plan of God? You can't discover the plan of God until you know the God of the plan.