

The Gospel—For Jewish People First!

Romans 1:1-2 & 16, NIV

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the Gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures...For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

The Christian Church—Mostly Gentile!

Romans 11:13 & 9:6, NLT

God has appointed me as the apostle to the Gentiles...Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel?

Two Israels: Physical And Spiritual!

Romans 9:6-8, NIV & 2:28-29, NLT

It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel...Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children...it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children...For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents...No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God.

Israel's True Believers: A Faithful "Remnant"!

Romans 9:27 & 11:2-5, NIV

Though the number of Israelites will be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved...Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed a knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.

A Partial Hardening!

Many (but not all) Jewish people
remain spiritually blind and deaf to the gospel.

Romans 11:28 and 8, NIV

Israel has experienced a hardening in part...God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day.

Israel's Hardening Illustrates Romans 8:28!

Romans 11:11 & 15, NLT

They were disobedient, so God made salvation available to the Gentiles...their rejection meant that God offered salvation to the rest of the world...

A Temporary Hardening Until A Massive Jewish Revival!

Romans 11:25-26, NLT

Some of the people of Israel have hard hearts, but that will only last until the full number of Gentiles comes to Christ. And so all Israel will be saved. As the Scriptures say, "The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem, and he will turn Israel away from ungodliness."

Green Evangelism!

**The attractive Christian lives of Gentiles
will arouse envy in some Jewish people.**

Romans 11:11, NIV & 11:13-14, NLT

Salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious... God has appointed me as apostle to the Gentiles. I stress this, for I want to make the people of Israel jealous of what you Gentiles have, so that I might save some of them.

A Burden For Lost People!

Romans 9:2-3 & 10:1, NLT

My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief for my people, for my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ—if that would save them...the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.

“The Gospel And Jewish People”
An Evangelical Statement

As evangelical Christians, we want to express our genuine friendship and love for the Jewish people. We sadly acknowledge that church history has been marred with anti-Semitic words and deeds; and at times when the Jewish people were in great peril, the church did far less than it should have. We pledge our commitment to be loving friends and to stand against such injustice in our generation.

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At the same time, we want to be transparent in affirming that we believe the most loving and Scriptural expression of our friendship toward Jewish people, and to anyone we call friend, is to forthrightly share the love of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

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