

The Certainty of Israel's Salvation

The Jewish Apostle Shaul was called by God to bring the Good News of Yeshua to the non-Jewish peoples of the Roman Empire. Although he was called to go to the Gentiles, he never lost his own Jewish identity; he never lost his Jewish vision; he never lost his love and burden for his own Jewish people. Listen to Shaul's heart in the book of Romans:

"I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Messiah for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites."
(Romans 9:2-4)

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."
(Romans 10:1)

The crescendo of his writings about Israel is in Chapter 11, where Shaul gives us eight powerful reasons that provide a foundation of certainty for Israel's salvation.

1. God Has Not Cast His People Away.

One might ask, "If so many Jews did not receive Yeshua, did God reject them?" The answer: No way!

"I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew."
(Romans 11:1-2)

God has not cast away the Jewish people. God did not forget about us during the Babylonian captivity, nor during the 2000-year dispersion following the destruction of the Temple. God has in fact restored the modern state of Israel and has preserved the nation from all those trying to destroy the Jewish people. God is in "all the way" with Israel. That's why God will fulfill His good word to Israel, and that's why we are "all in" in this calling". God has not backed out and neither will we!

2. Israel Stumbled, It Did Not Fall.

"I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles." (Romans 11:11)

Falling implies no recovery, whereas stumbling implies the hope of recovery. Even if you stumble, God can turn it around! God is able to make all things work together for good. Our amazing God used Israel's stumbling as a means to open the door of salvation for the entire world.

Israel is now in the process of recovering from having stumbled in rejecting our Messiah. We are part of that process; you, me, Messianic Mandate, and the Messianic movement. It is our calling to help the Jewish people in Toronto and beyond to recover from their stumble.



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3. The Fullness of Israel is a Future Reality.

“Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!” (Romans 11:12)

Here Israel's failure is contrasted with their eventual full inclusion. Just as their stumbling was real, so shall their fullness be real. The Greek word “pleroma,” means fullness, completion, and fulfillment. This promise of their fulfillment is a fact; it is evidence of things not seen. This is substance for our prayers and our energies. Israel's 'fullness' is not yet seen, but it is a future reality!

4. Israel Will Accept Their Messiah!

Israel's rejection of their Messiah is a fact. But let's contrast this with another fact: *“...what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?” (Romans 11:15)* Just as their rejection of Yeshua was real, so is their future acceptance of Him. This is a future reality that is beginning to develop before our very eyes.

In a 2017 article published by the Jerusalem Post, a cited Barna Group study revealed that around 21% of Jewish Millennials believe that Yeshua was “God in human form” and 28% saw Him “as a rabbi or spiritual leader, but not God.” An amazing 34% of the polled respondents said that belief in Yeshua as the Messiah was compatible with being Jewish!



5. God is Able to Graft Them in Again.

“And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.” (Romans 11:23)

This is a statement of fact. What seems impossible for man is possible for God. God is able. How will he do it? By restoring the naturalness of the olive tree.

“For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?” (Romans 11:24)

The Jewish identity of Yeshua, like Joseph, is being restored. The Jewishness of the Gospel is being restored and our Jewish people are beginning to say, “This is ours! This belongs to us!”

6. All Israel Shall be Saved!

“For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.” (Romans 11:25)

There is a blindness in part on Israel, but the word “until” implies that a change is coming. And what precipitates this change is “the fullness of the Gentiles”. This “fullness” does not mean that every Gentile must believe. Rather, it means that a full representation from the nations will believe. God alone will decide what that fulness entails.

And what will happen when the fullness of the Gentiles comes in? *“... all Israel will be saved.” (Romans 11:26)* The salvation of Israel is a fact and a future reality!

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7. God's Purposes for Israel are Irrevocable.

"Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." (Romans 11:28-29)

Because Israel is the elect of God, their gifts and calling are irrevocable. They stand and are valid. God is serious about Israel and so should we be.

8. The God of Mercy Will Pour Out Mercy Upon Israel.

"For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy." (Romans 11:30-31)

Much mercy has been extended to the Gentiles over the last 2000 years. Today there are approximately 630 million Evangelical Christians and 2.3 billion professing Christians. That is a lot of mercy!

If God extended such mercy to the Gentiles who were at one time disobedient, then the God of mercy will release oceans of mercy upon Israel in the last days! He has been storing up mercy for 2000 years! Israel's salvation is certain!

These eight spiritual realities are why we pray, fast and labour with all our hearts. Jewish revival is a certainty, and it's happening today in Canada and all around the world! Hallelujah!

And so all Israel will be saved!

Romans 11:26



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Dear Friends,

Though Israel's revival and salvation is indeed a certainty, what is not certain is who God will use to bring it about.

Each of us must say "Hineni", here am I. We must choose to be a part of Israel's salvation, either directly or indirectly. Messianic Mandate is a front lines ministry directly reaching Jewish people week in and week out. We have seen many Jewish people come to know the Lord and be grounded in their faith.

There are three ways you too can be involved:

1. Connect us with Jewish people you know. With your introduction we can then follow up and minister to them.
2. Prayer! Praying for God to lead Jewish people who are open to us and vice versa.
3. Give generously. Your financial gifts make a big difference!

I encourage you to say Hineni; to say Yes Lord, here am I.

To be part of reaching God's chosen people is both a privilege and a responsibility. Thank you for partnering with us!

Warmly in Messiah,

Jeff Forman
Executive Director

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