

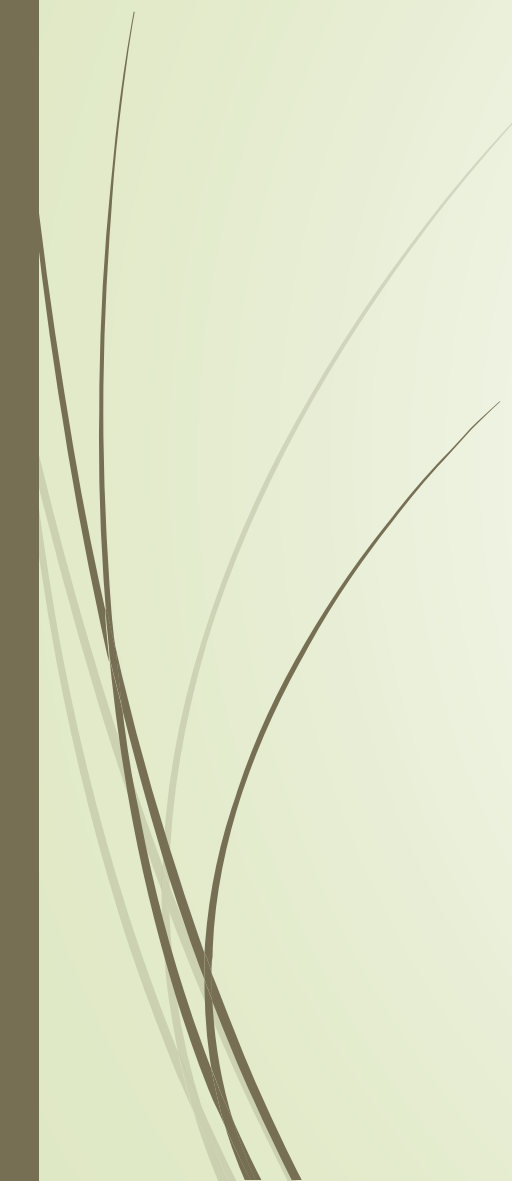


# Irrevocable Calling



Paul's message in Romans 11

**God has a glorious plan  
in store for Jews and  
Gentiles when Messiah  
returns.**





## Charles Hodge

In Rom 11 Paul “teaches that this rejection of the Jews was neither total nor final. It was not total, inasmuch as many of the Jews of that generation believed; and it was not final, as the period approached when the great body of that nation should acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, and be reingrafted into their own olive tree”

*(Romans, p. 294)*



# Paul's Argument in Romans 9 - 11

9

Sovereign election explains why God's word has not failed

10

Israel has been rejected because of their unbelief

11

Israel's rejection is not the end of the story



## *Romans 11*

### ➤ I. Israel's rejection is not total (11:1-10)

#### 3 proofs that Israel's rejection is not total:

- God's electing grace
- A remnant is currently coming to Christ
- God's sovereign plan



God  
promises to  
not cast off  
His people  
permanently

*“The LORD will not abandon  
His people, nor will He forsake  
His inheritance” (Ps 94:14)*

*“The Lord will not reject  
forever” (Lam 3:31)*

See also Jer 31:37 and 1 Sam  
12:22



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- **II. Israel's rejection is not final (11:11-32)**
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John  
Murray

Paul's phrase ***life from the dead*** is  
“the vivification that would come  
to the whole world from the  
conversion of the mass of Israel  
and their reception into the  
favour and kingdom of God”

*(Romans, Vol. 2, p. 84)*





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“They were then rejected not merely as individuals, but as a community, and therefore are to be restored as a community”

“It is not final and hopeless; it is only for a time”

*(Romans, p. 372-3)*

Fulness of the  
Gentiles



Period of  
Israel's Partial  
Hardening

Lk 21:24

Mt 23:39

Rom 11:12

Acts 3:1-26 (esp. 21)

2 Cor 3:14

Mic 5:3

Deut 32:20-22, 36



## “All Israel”

John Murray explains that “It is of ethnic Israel Paul is speaking and Israel could not possibly include Gentiles” (p. 96). Otherwise, Paul’s argument “would be reduced to absurdity” (Ibid.).

F. F. Bruce adds, “It is impossible to entertain an exegesis which understands ‘Israel’ here in a different sense from ‘Israel’ in verse 25” (Romans, p. 209).

# Future Salvation of Jews

## Post-Reformation

- ▶ Geneva Bible
- ▶ Westminster Larger Catechism
- ▶ Theodore Beza
- ▶ Martin Bucer
- ▶ Peter Martyr

## Most Puritans

- ▶ John Owen
- ▶ Jonathan Edwards
- ▶ Jeremiah Burroughs
- ▶ John Flavel
- ▶ Matthew Henry
- ▶ Thomas Goodwin
- ▶ Richard Sibbes
- ▶ Samuel Rutherford

## Modern Era

- ▶ Charles Hodge
- ▶ John Murray
- ▶ Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- ▶ F. F. Bruce
- ▶ R. C. Sproul
- ▶ John MacArthur
- ▶ John Piper

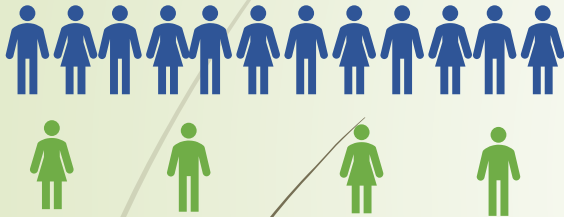


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- **III. Appropriate response is worship (11:33-36)**

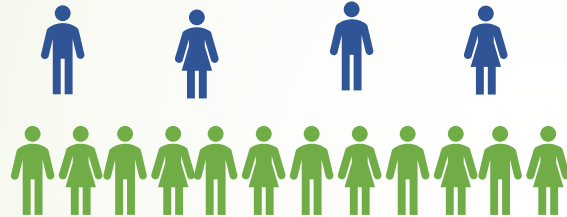
# Salvation In History

Mostly Jews



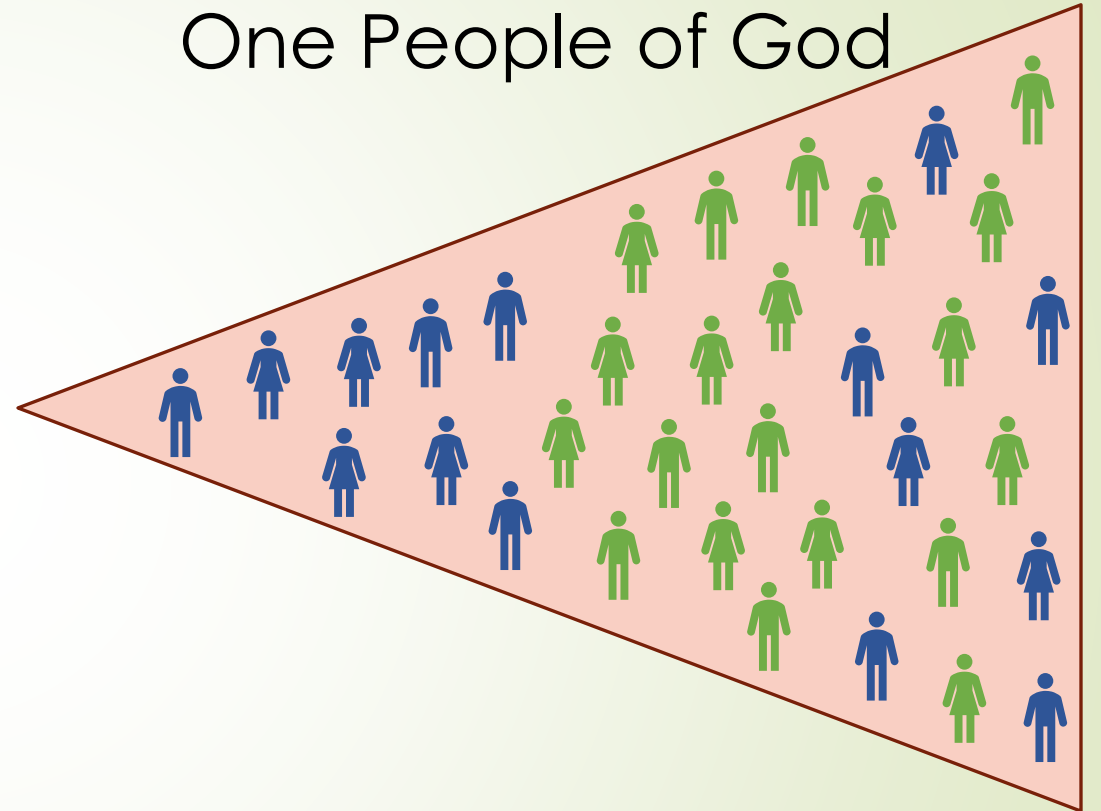
Israel

Mostly Gentiles



Church

Jesus' Flock  
One People of God



Messiah's Kingdom in Fulness  
"Fulfillment, Period of Restoration, Times of Refreshing, The Regeneration"