

ISRAEL,
the GENTILES,
and the
SOVEREIGNTY
OF GOD

THE BOOK OF ROMANS
CHAPTERS 9-11

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Misused Terms of the Bible: Salvation, Righteousness, and Beyond

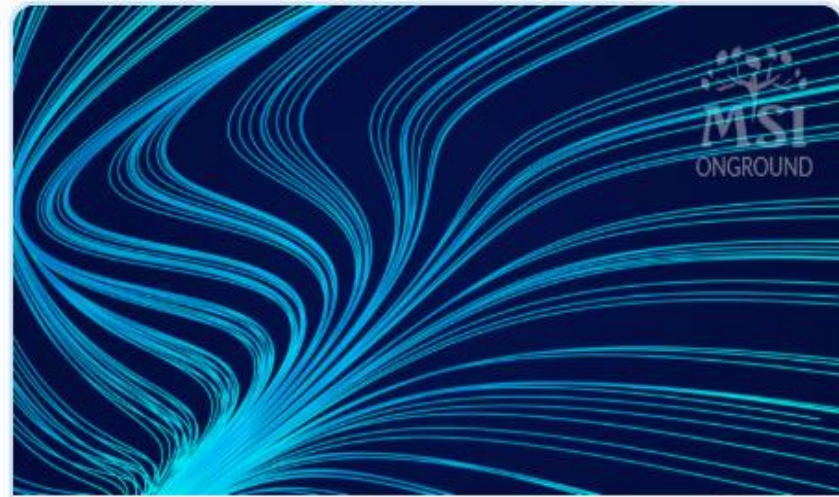
TERM 4 ONGROUND ONLY COURSE

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Sam Meier

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Deuteronomy and Paul: How Deuteronomy Shaped His Letters

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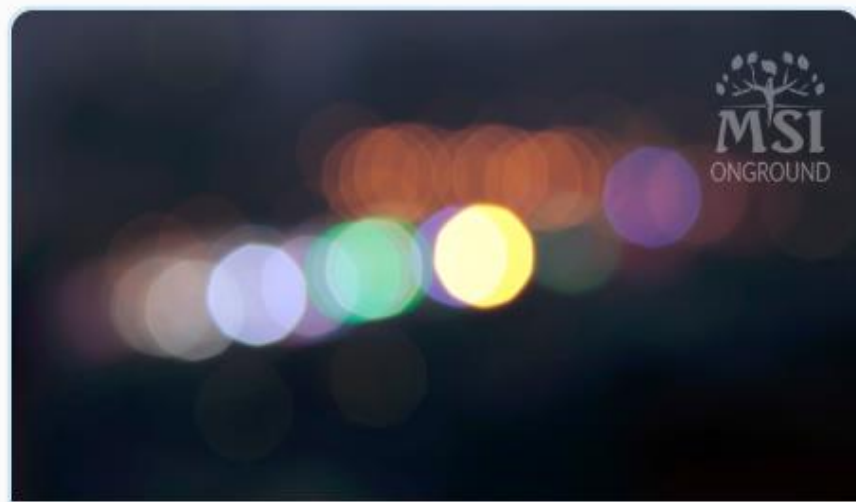
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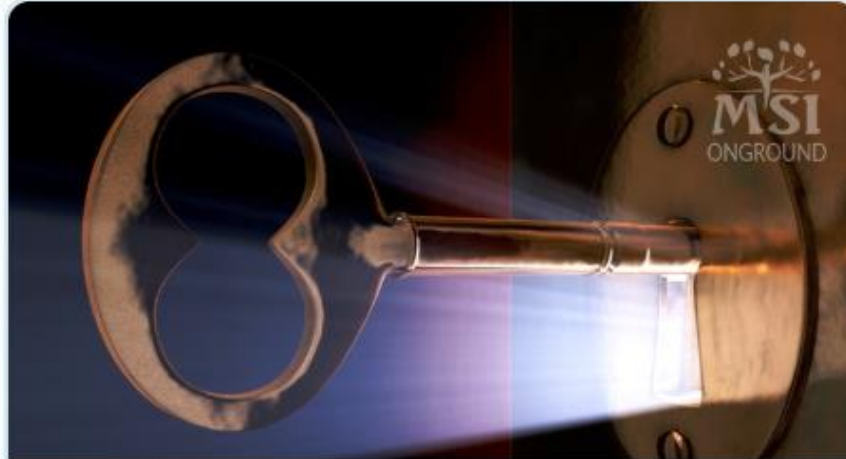
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Hearing Romans Afresh from Paul's Jewish Perspective as Apostle to the

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The Power of the
FULL GOOD NEWS
Revisited

“HOW BEAUTIFUL
ARE THE FEET
OF THOSE WHO
BRING GOOD
NEWS!

≡ **ROMANS 10: 15** ≡

Let Us Never Lose Sight of the Entirety of Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains are the
feet of the one who brings Good News,
who announces shalom, and brings
Good News of good things, who
announces salvation, *And* says to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"

Let Us Never Lose Sight of the Amazing Kingdom Transfer

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son".

(Col 1:13)

Let Us Never Forget the Good News as the Power of God for Salvation!

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (rescued, delivered, or preserved)".

Rom 10:13 **from Joel 2**

What 'Salvation' **Only Ever Means** in the Bible

In the Bible, **salvation only ever** refers to a **rescue, deliverance, or preservation from a physical harm or danger** whether present or future. It's not a vague 'spiritualized' thing!

Peter (Apostle to the Jews)
Said the Very Same Thing as
Paul (Apostle to the Nations)
in 1 Peter 1:3–7

The Coming Salvation to Be Revealed at the End: 1 Peter 1:3–4!

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Messiah, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born anew unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Messiah from the dead, ⁴to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, being preserved intact in the heavens for you [which is primarily the Kingdom of God in Messiah in the heavens coming down to the new earth at the end, as foretold in Isaiah 65–66]

The Coming Salvation to Be Revealed at the End: 1 Peter 1:5–7!

⁵who are protected by the power of God through trust for a salvation [rescue, deliverance, preservation] ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you greatly exalt/rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷so that the proving of your trust, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Messiah [upon His return].



Born Anew In Messiah = A New Creation!

"Therefore if anyone is in Messiah, they are a new creation; the old things have passed away, lo and behold new things have come"! (2 Cor 5:17)

It's not about our same old life with a little dash of Messiah Jesus!

New Creation in Messiah in Light of Rom 12:1–2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers & sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **reasonable** service of worship. Do not allow yourselves to be shaped by the age in which you are living, but allow yourselves to be transformed by the **renewing** of your mindset and thus your way of life as a new creation in Messiah

Let Us Remember the FULL Good News!

- Word of Messiah/Word Involving Trust/Trustworthiness
- Forgiveness of Sin
- Gift of the Holy Spirit
- Kingdom Transfer
- New Creation with the Ability to Walk in Newness of Life
- Rescue from Judgment on the Coming Day of the LORD
- Grafted into the Olive Tree
- Agents of Jealousy/Zealousy for Untrusting Israel

A Weak or Inadequate
Gospel (Good News)
Produces
A Weak or Inadequate Result

There is NO FORMULA for
sharing the Good News.

We just meet people where
they are at with Messiah Jesus

There is ONE GOOD NEWS, but it is explained and worked out differently to Jews and Gentiles who have different callings and responsibilities to God as Acts 15 clearly shows

Romans 11

Final Chapter of the Self-Contained Unit of Romans 9–11

THEME: God's Clear Will But Unfathomable/Inscrutable Ways

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unfathomable are His judgments and inscrutable His ways"! (Rom 11:33)

Romans 11:1–5 with Explanation

¹I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ³"Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE." ⁴But what is the Divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL." ⁵In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice.

Romans 11:1–5 Major Takeaway

Paul was reinforcing Psalm 94:14, "For the LORD will not reject His people, Nor will He abandon His inheritance". The preservation of a remnant of Israelites, physically descended from Abraham, including Himself a Benjamite, was the evidence of God's faithfulness to His covenant with Israel (recall Isaiah 10).

Remember Paul's Use of Isaiah 10:22 in Rom 9:27

"Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED".

For Paul 'remnant' refers to the part that survives physical disaster (i.e., is saved, rescued, delivered, and preserved) and assures the future

Romans 11:6–10 with Explanation

But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. ⁷ What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not attained, but those who were chosen attained it, and the rest were hardened; ⁸ just as it is written, "GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY." ⁹ And David says, "LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP, AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM. ¹⁰ "LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT, AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER.

Romans 11:6–10 Major Takeaway

This re-explains for a third time what has already been explained, in part, in Romans 3 & 9, and then reminds the Gentiles (using a creative combination of Isa 29:10, Deut 29:3, & Isa 6:10) that this "hardening in part" of the rest of Israel is God's sovereign doing. But this hardening in part doesn't have the final word!

Romans 11:11–15 with Explanation

I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their wrongdoing salvation *has come* to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. ¹² Now if their wrongdoing is riches for the world and their loss is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion be! ¹³ But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will *their* acceptance be but life from the dead?

Romans 11:11–15 Major Takeaway

This passage highlights
God's wondrous plan to secure the
obedience of trust among the nations
through the disobedience of
the major part of Israel.

Romans 11:11–15 Major Takeaway

At the same time it highlights the hope of the future **full inclusion** of Israel (some Israelites from every tribe) thereby reuniting the kingdom of Israel in the North with the kingdom of Judah in the South as "All Israel".

Like God, Paul had not given up on untrusting Israel and anticipated the end of the hardening in part!

Romans 11:11–15 Major Takeaway

Remember the new covenant is with Israel AND Judah on behalf of all nations as clearly shown in Jer 31:31–34.

And, when Jews who were hardened do respond to the Good News out of jealousy/zealousy because of the Gentiles in Messiah, it is viewed as **resurrection** from the dead (**i.e., new creation**) like in immersion

The Restoration of Israel as Resurrection

Please read Ezekiel Chapters 6 and 36–37

It includes remnant language and the word of restoration of Israel from dead bones to a new creation: "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause **breath** to enter you that you may come to life'".

The Breath of Life in the Original and New Creation

Original Creation of Gen 2:7, "Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being".

New Creation of John 20:22, "And when He had said this, He [Messiah Jesus] **breathed** on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.

Romans 11:16 with Explanation

"If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches". (Rom 11:16 ESV)

Rescuing those in the whole lump or who are broken branches will require the reversal of the hardening in part!

Romans 11:16 Major Takeaway

The first part of dough as **firstfruits** is found in Numbers 15; the first Messianic Jews are called **firstfruits** in James 1:18 (According to Acts 2, **3000** Jewish persons heard the Good News during Peter's Sermon on Pentecost/Shavuot, trusted Messiah, and were immersed in a single day); Messiah Jesus Himself is called the **firstfruits** of the resurrection in 1 Cor 15:20, "But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who are asleep [i.e., dead]."

The Priestly Function of the First (Firstfruits) Messianic Jews

The firstfruits among the Jews function in a Priestly role to sanctify the whole lump of Israel and all the branches. Because Gentiles who trust in Messiah can be grafted into the Olive Tree among the natural Jewish branches, the firstfruits among the Jews also function in a priestly role to sanctify the nations.

Conclusion

Salvation is from
the Jews (John 4:22c)

Romans 11:17–24 with Explanation

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were **grafted in** among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ **do not be arrogant toward the branches**; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you. ¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ Quite right, they were **broken off for their distrust, but you stand by your trust**. Do not be haughty, but fear; ²¹ for **if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you**, either. ²² Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who didn't stand, severity, but to you, God's kindness, **if you continue in His kindness**; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³ And they also, **if they do not continue in their distrust**, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into **their own olive tree?**

Romans 11:17–24 Major Takeaway

Israel is referred to as the olive tree in Jeremiah 11:16, and because of disobedience its branches are spoken of as broken, damaged, or useless there. Israel is likened to the olive tree in Hosea 14:6 in the day when God heals their apostasy.

Romans 11:17–24 Major Takeaway

Abraham is referred to as "that man who is truly a chief of a nation and ruler of a family, from whom, as from a **root** sprang . . . Israel" in Philo of Alexandria's *Who is the Heir of Divine Things*, 279

Romans 11:17–24 and the Need for Continued Human Action

Divine sovereignty AND human action stand in dynamic relation and tension with one another in the entirety of the Scriptures.

In this passage human actions like trust, standing firm in trust, and not being arrogant or haughty are emphasized with the possibility of **not** being spared for **not persevering** in them

Romans 11:17–24 and the Need for Continued Human Action

There is **NO** theological problem with the dynamic relationship and tension between God's sovereignty and human action.

It's one of those **BOTH/ANDs** of the Scriptures that we try to understand from our insistent **EITHER/OR** perspective

Romans 11:17–24 Applied to 'Salvation'

In like manner, when it comes to 'salvation' (rescue, deliverance, or preservation), Messiah Jesus says in Matt 10:22, "and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But **the one who perseveres to the end** will be saved".

There's no easy believism or superficial salvation in Messiah

Messiah Jesus Commanded the Making of Disciples NOT Decisions

In Matthew 28:19–20, Messiah Jesus commanded "Go therefore and make disciples" NOT decisions. Disciples are those who turn their Master's teaching and way of life into their own! The Bible is about wholehearted lifelong commitment to the one in whom we placed our trust

Romans 11:25–29 with Explanation

²⁵For I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be uninformed of this **mystery**—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a hardening in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶ and in this manner all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME **FROM ZION**, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB." ²⁷ "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS." ²⁸ From the standpoint of the Good News they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Romans 11:30–32 with Explanation

³⁰For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. ³² For God has shut up all [humanity, both Jews and Gentiles] in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

Romans 11:30–32 in Light of God's History

The Bible is all about God's history from the time He called Abraham and entered into covenant relationship with Him on behalf of all nations; to the time when He inaugurated His new covenant with Israel and Judah in Messiah Jesus and restored the remnant of Israel, which then began the outreach to the Gentiles with its jealousy/zealousy plan for the hardened in part untrusting Israel; to the time when Israel in fullness with the Gentiles in fullness (from every tribe, language, people, and nation) will celebrate worship together with God & Messiah face to face like in Eden as beautifully portrayed in Revelation 7.

Romans 11:30–32 in Light of God's History

Beloved, an Hour is Coming and Now Is When God's
Purposes and Plan in History Will Be Understood
Again in Light of John 17:3

"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Messiah whom You have sent.



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The Book of Romans & Romans 9–11 in Particular is a Call to **Freedom**

It is a Call to the Freedom to Simply Be in God's History,
in Messiah, Living By the Spirit

Messianic Jews *as* Jews, with Messianic Gentiles *as*
Gentiles, in the Inaugurated New Creation Way of the
LORD, Fulfilling the Words of Deut 32:43a According to
Paul's Command as the Jewish Apostle to the Nations:
Rejoice, O Nations with His People (Rom 15:10)

So, Romans 11:33–36 is the ONLY Reasonable Doxological Conclusion

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unfathomable are His judgments and inscrutable His ways! ³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? ³⁵ Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? ³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.