God's Future Plans for National Israel

Romans 11:25-34

Introduction

Romans 11:1-24 shows that God has not abandoned his plans for national Israel. God will eventually fulfill his promises to Israel and glorify His name. But because national Israel has rejected the Messiah, God has grafted the saved Gentiles into the Jewish "tree".

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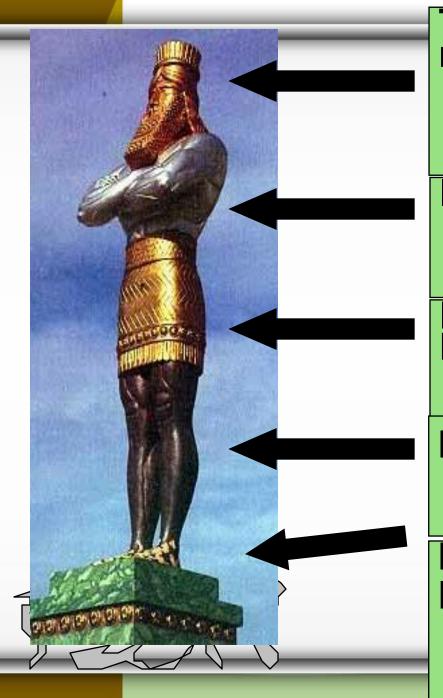
"until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in." (Rom. 11:25)

 I equate the phrase, "the fullness of the Gentiles" here in Romans 11:25 to the phrase in Luke 21:24 "the times of the Gentiles."

 Luke 21:24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until <u>the times of the</u> Gentiles are fulfilled.

 Luke 21:27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

- According to **Daniel 2**, the "times of the Gentiles" began with Nebuchadnezzar in ca. 605 B.C.
- It ends at the end of the Tribulation Period when Jesus comes back to earth to establish His Kingdom.



The head of the statue was made of pure gold

Babylon

Its chest and arms of silver

Medo-Persia

Its belly and thighs of bronze

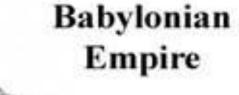
Greece

Its legs of iron Rome

Its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.

Last of Roman Empire

4 World Empires

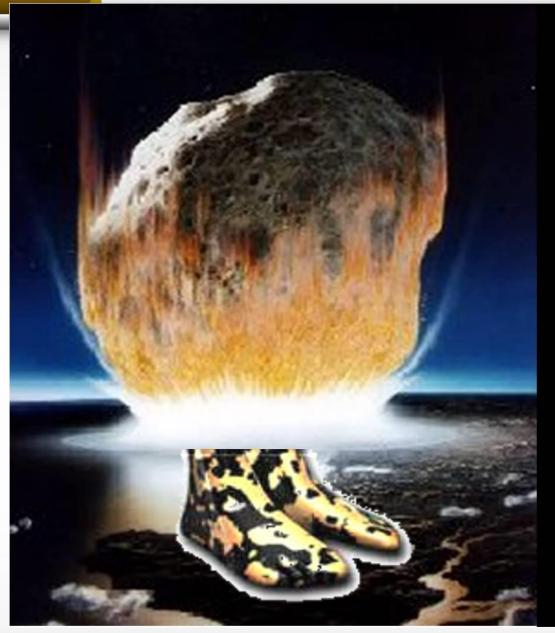


Medo-Persian Empire

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Then was the IRON, the CLAY, the BRASS, the SILVER, and the GOLD, together,

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How will "all Israel" be saved?

It appears from **Ezekiel 20:33-38** that before "all Israel will be saved" **the ungodly members** will be separated out by God's inerrant hand of judgment.

Ezekiel 20:33-38: "As I live," declares the Lord God, "surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a

mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; and I shall bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I shall enter into judgment with you face to face.

As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," declares the Lord God.

"And I shall make you pass under the rod, and I shall bring you into the bond of the covenant; and I shall purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel.

Thus you will know that I am the Lord.

- This judgment is connected with God's dealings with <u>national Israel</u> at Jesus' 2nd coming.
- He will gather the scattered Jews into "the wilderness of the peoples" and there give them an ultimatum:

"repent or perish."

- Those who will not repent are purged out of the nation by death.
- This leaves only saved Jews alive so "all Israel will be saved."
- It is most likely that this will coincide with the prophecy of Zechariah
 12:10.

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

 Zechariah 14:4 equates these events with Jesus' return to earth: "And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south."

- Zechariah 14:9 tells us, "And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.
 In that day it shall be -- "The LORD is one," And His name one."
- This happens at the end of the seven year Tribulation Period, after the battle of Armageddon as Jesus sets up His Millennial Kingdom.

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Conclusion

- God always keeps His promises and does what He says.
- He promised that all Israel will be saved. He also tells us how that will occur.
- He also tells everyone that it is appointed once to die and after that the judgement.

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- God is not willing that any one should die and go to hell.
- But God leaves the decision of one's eternal destiny up the each person.
- His grace enables a person to repent and His grace enables a person to harden his heart.

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- Romans 11:32 tells us that God has chosen to have mercy on all.
- Because of His mercy He gives everyone the opportunity to be saved.

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