

THE MYSTERY MACHINE

Romans 11:25–32

God's plan for human history is to bring the gospel to GENTILES culminating in all ISRAEL being saved. *Romans 11:25–26a*

We can be confident of God's future plan for Israel because...

- This is what the OLD TESTAMENT Scripture teaches. *Romans 11:26b–27*

- God keeps His PROMISES. *Romans 11:28–29*

- God shows MERCY to the DISOBEDIENT. *Romans 11:30–32*



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER

1. What is a plot twist that blew your mind?
2. What is the significance of Paul's use of the word "mystery" in 11:25? What is the mystery and why was it a mystery?
3. What does it mean when it says, "all Israel will be saved"? How will this salvation come about?
4. How does Israel's salvation relate to the end times in your understanding? (see Luke 21:25-28; Matt 23:37-39; Matt 24:14; Matt 19:28; Isa 2:2-4; Rev 7:9-10; Rev 20:1-6).
5. When you consider how big and all-encompassing God's plan is, how does this encourage you?
6. Consider the three supports Paul gives for confidence in God's future plan for Israel. Which stood out to you, and why?
7. What are some areas where we are tempted to apologize for God's Word rather than celebrate it as true and beautiful and good news?
8. Read Romans 11:29. How does it encourage you to know that God is a promise keeper? When are you tempted to doubt this?
9. Consider Paul's statement in 11:30-32 that "God has consigned all to disobedience that he may have mercy on all." How does this truth play itself out in our lives?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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