

Romans 11:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Analysis

And so all Israel shall be saved—kai houtōs pas Israēl sōthēsetai (καὶ οὕτως πᾶς Ἰσραὴλ σωθήσεται). The phrase pas Israēl (πᾶς Ἰσραὴλ, "all Israel") has been debated: does it mean

1. every individual Jew
2. the fullness of elect Jews (all Israel = elect Israel), or
3. Israel as a nation corporately? Most likely, it means the corporate salvation of Israel—the nation as a whole will turn to Messiah, though not necessarily every individual.

The word houtōs (οὕτως, "thus/in this way") refers back to the process: after the fullness of Gentiles, then Israel.

Paul quotes Isaiah 59:20-21 and 27:9: **as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.** The Deliverer (ho rhyomenos, ὁ ῥυόμενος) is Messiah—Jesus at His second coming. He will turn away (apostrepsē, ἀποστρέψει) ungodliness from Jacob (Israel). This is eschatological salvation, tied to Christ's return. Israel's future is glorious and certain, rooted in covenant promise.

Historical Context

Isaiah 59:20 originally promised restoration after exile. Paul applies it eschatologically to Israel's final salvation when Messiah returns. This was the hope of the prophets—Israel's ultimate redemption when God Himself intervenes (Zechariah 12:10; 14:4).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Does 'all Israel' mean every Jew or Israel as a corporate whole? What difference does this make?
2. How does this verse's timing ('and so,' after the fullness of Gentiles) shape millennial and eschatological views?
3. What role does Christ's second coming play in Israel's salvation, and how does this inform Christian Zionism and missions?

Interlinear Text

καὶ οὕτως πᾶς Ἰσραὴλ σωθήσεται· καθὼς γέγραπται
And so all Israel shall be saved as it is written
G2532 G3779 G3956 G2474 G4982 G2531 G1125

Ἕξει ἐκ Σιών ὁ ῥυόμενος καὶ ἀποστρέψει
There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer And shall turn away
G2240 G1537 G4622 G3588 G4506 G2532 G654

ἀσεβείας ἀπὸ Ἰακώβ·
ungodliness from Jacob
G763 G575 G2384

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 59:20 (Parallel theme): And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

Psalms 14:7 (Salvation): Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Hosea 3:5 (References God): Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Acts 3:26 (References God): Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Isaiah 45:17 (Salvation): But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

Titus 2:14 (Parallel theme): Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.