

**THE GOSPEL OF GRACE**  
**A Study in the Book of Romans**

**Israel Will Be Saved                  Romans 11:25–36**

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God....” Romans 11:33*

**Read Romans 11:25–36.**

1. In the Bible, a “mystery” is a part of God’s plan formerly hidden, now revealed. What is the mystery that Paul here announces? (v. 25)
  
2. What does Paul mean by saying that Israel has “experienced a hardening”? (vv. 7–10)
  
3. How did the “hardening” of Israel work to the benefit of the Gentiles? (v. 25b) (📖 Acts 13:46; 18:5–6)
  
4. What is the qualification for how long the hardening will last? (v. 25)

**Read Romans 11:26–29.**

5. What is the future of Israel? (v. 26a)
  
6. There are three main interpretations as to the meaning of “all Israel” in verse 26:<sup>1</sup>
  1. the total number of elect Jews of every generation
  2. the total number of the elect, both Jews and Gentiles
  3. the great majority of Jews of the final generation
  - a. How will all of this come about? (vv. 26b, 27) (📖 Is. 59:20-21; 27:9; Jer. 31:33-34)
  
  - b. How is anyone saved?
  
7. The future favor of God on Israel is assured. What is the “election and “call” Paul is referring to? (vv. 28-29)

**Read Romans 11:26–32.**

8. When any person is saved, what is the initiating cause? (vv. 5, 6, 30)
  
9. Describe God’s amazing, boast-busting plan of salvation in:
  - a. the reciprocal role of Jew and Gentile. (vv. 11, 25, 28)
  
  - b. the relationship of man’s disobedience and God’s mercy. (vv. 30, 31)
  
10. What do you think it means that “God has bound all men over to disobedience” (v. 32)?

Does it mean he *caused* our disobedience? (Rom. 1:21, 24, 26, 28)

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11. What is it about God’s plan that Paul praises and is amazed by? (v. 33)
  
12. How do the rhetorical questions in verses 34 and 35 describe (and inspire awe) in God?
  
13. Why are verses 33–36 an appropriate capping to chapters 9:1—11:32?
  
14. Write your own personal “doxology” (praise to God) for the work of God that he has done in your life.