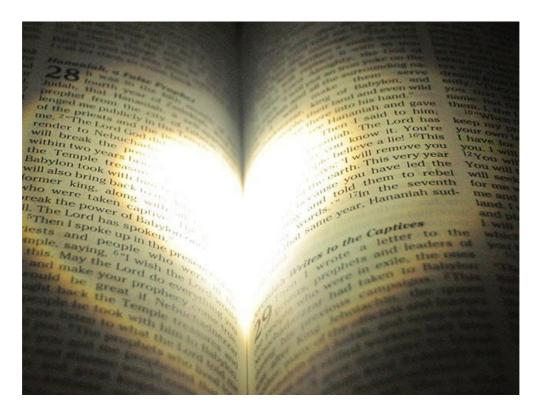
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ROMANS

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ROMANS 11:25-36 'All Israel shall be saved'

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1. Mystery (a) As with humans, the truths of God, His Person, Plans and Purposes remain 'secrets' in His heart and mind until He reveals them. They are hidden secrets until they are revealed and now might be quaintly said to be "Open Secrets" "Christ is God's mystery" cf. Col 1:26-27, 2:2	NOTES
(b) This word mystery occurs 27 times in the NT; 20 times in Paul's writings; 4 in Revelation and once in each of the three Synoptics. What we may call Revelation Theology is essential for Christianity which is all about God and so it must be revealed if anything is to be known	
(c) See Daniel 2:18-19	
(d) The mystery in Rom 11:25 nb: This that, partial hardness or hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the nations has come in	
(e) Houtoos = "in this way" or "in this manner", is translated into English "so" which can also mean "at that time" but that is <u>not</u> its Greek meaning. It is "in this manner", that is, manner <u>not</u> timing	
 2. History (RTF) (NTW) (1) Early Church Fathers? (2) 6th century – 16th century - Hatred. Humiliation. Rejection (3) Enlightenment 18th century Puritans, Calvinism 17th century (4) Dispensationalism 19th century Different ways of Salvation (5) Charismatic Renewal 20th Century (6) New Church changed to Realized eschatology (7) Charismatic Anglican interest "Populists" plus North American TV evangelists etc 	
 "Populists" Problems Requires special revelation at Rom 11:25-26 Against the flow (a) Rom 11:1-14 (b) Rom 9-11 (c) Roman's message (d) Paul It needs Calvinistic philosophy Only End-Time Jews saved? Are Jews sacrificed for End Time Blessings on Israel? Meaning of All Israel in Malachi 4:4-6, 1 Kgs 12:1, Dan 9:11 Who is Israel? Rom 9:6 & 11:25-26; Rom:2:7,29, 4:16-17, 23-25, 9:6, 10:13, 11:25,26, Gal 3:28-29, 6:16, Phil 3:3-4 	
 4. The three-fold problems (as suggested by Cranfield): v:25 (1) "who is all Israel?" (2) "when will its salvation occur?" (3) "how will it be accomplished?" 	
The four possible solutions for the 'who' Who: (a) all the elect (saved), Jews and Gentiles alike; (b) all the elect (saved) of the nation of Israel; (c) the whole nation of Israel, including every individual;	

(d) national Israel as a whole, but not necessarily every individual; (The statement that Israel used in conjunction with Gentiles (ie: nations) must mean national Israelites is not valid) Rom 9:6-7; Gal 6:15-16; Rom 4:16-17	
The three answers for the 'when' When: (a) during the course of present history; (b) immediately before the Second Coming; (c) at the Second Coming	
The three answers for the 'how'	
How: (a) through the people concerned coming to (Christian) faith; (b) through their own faith, whatever that might be; (c) through the direct divine intervention eg: the agency of Christ at His Second Coming	
5. <u>Textual Consistency</u> v:25 "For" continues the logic of Paul's argument, but hardening can be overcome by faith in the same way broken off branches can be re-grafted, hardness "in past" can mean for a while or for a part of (Israel). Until the fulness of the nations comes holding back judgment, hardness is there c.f. Matt 24:14. Part or Partial for either time or a section ie: of Israel cf. 11:7	
(a) v:26 Nations + Remnant, cf. 9:6 = All Israel v26 & 27 (b) Is 59:15b-60:3 nb: The Covenant of the Spirit ie: Current Church Age v28;	
(c) v3o Mercy in v:30,31,32,4:12 – for all (d) v:33-36 Doxology – Paul was a worshipper	