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*Wednesday Night GEL Group ONLINE*

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Over the last few weeks, we have been closely scrutinising the first half of Romans 11. The next couple of weeks, we will do the same with the remaining verses. As we have been doing, let's read, ask the questions, reflect on and then answer the questions.

1. After reading Romans 11:25-36, what title would you give this portion of Scripture?

Israel's future salvation. A mystery not previously known. God's renewed blessing for Israel. God's restoration plan. How unsearchable are God's ways and judgements. A fulfilled promise in the future.

Before you read this, read Isaiah 59 and Zechariah 13.

2. Read verses 25-29 and develop some questions out of the passage.

Why had Israel experienced a hardening of hearts? Their unbelief, lack of faith, trusting in good works not faith, their final rejection of Christ as their Messiah, their systemic history of idolatry pre-exile, part of God's plan, conceit had added to the law and trusting in their addition to the law. Torah and Mishnah.

When will the full number of Gentiles come in? Only God the Father knows.

What is the full number? All those who would be saved.

What mystery is Paul referring to? The Gentiles are being saved by God as well as the Jews.

When it says all of Israel will be saved is that ethnic or believers only? Isaiah 59; Zechariah 13; Daniel?

Why is Israel set aside? God's discipline

Who is the deliverer from Zion? Jesus. See genealogy of Matthew 1. He will defeat the armies that are against Israel. Christ will come and save Israel when the rest of the armies. Isaiah 59:20. The redeemer will come to Zion to those in Jacob who will repent of their sins.

Why are other Jews loved because of the patriarchs?

What does it mean and how does it happen that God's gifts and call are irrevocable?

When did God make the covenant with Israel when he takes away their sin?

3. What questions do you see we need to explore in verses 30-32?

How does distribute mercy?

Is there a timeline to these verses?

Why did God shut up all in disobedience?

Why were people found in disobedience so God could have mercy on them?

Did Paul go out somewhere and then come back between verses 32-33?

4. Formulate some questions or verses 33-36.

Who can comprehend the mind of God?

Can I please have an aha moment like Paul did?

I wonder what happened when this was read out to the first receivers?

What does verse 36 mean?

What does doxology mean?

Had Paul just realised the unfathomable nature of God's plan?