All Israel will be Saved

Romans 11:25-26

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers:a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

What does apostle Paul mean by all Israel will be saved? Is he talking of spiritual Israel (Jews and Gentile believers) or is he talking on national Israel.

According to John Calvin, he said, “the word Israel to be the peoples of God, according to this meaning.”

I would say Calvin is correct and wrong, first I will show you why John Calvin is wrong. I believe according to this chapter, Romans 11, when apostle Paul said, “All Israel will be saved” I believe he is talking of nation of Israel. Here is why I believe that way.

Context overrules all interpretations! When you read Romans chapter 11 there is a clear distinction between Jews and Gentiles. Paul’s first question is verse one.

Romans 11:1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

It’s very clear on this verse, his people are the Jews, and he testify that he is also a Jew, and God has not rejected his people. (Not Jews and Gentiles but Jews)

Verses 3-5 Paul us the example of Elijah, when Elijah said, he is the only prophet left as they have killed God’s prophets, God’s answer was he has kept 7,000 prophets whom did not bow down to Baal. So Elijah was wrong. God always has a remnant chosen by grace.

Verses 7-10 apostle divides the Jews into two, the elect where some Jews came to know Christ, (Remember in Acts where 3,000 were saved were all Jews) and the rest, the rest were hardened. The rest were blinded. The rest became a stumbling on a rock of offense.

1 Peter 2:8 “A stone of stumbling,  and a rock of offense.”

Verses 11-24 Paul talks of the Olive Tree, how the Gentiles were grafted as a branch from the wild olive tree, This is a metaphor. The meaning of wild is Gentiles lived in idolatry, superstition, ignorance and wicked lifestyle. Now they received the grace of God and were grafted to the tree. Many of the Jews rejected Christ but the Gentiles were grafted in.

Verse 24, specifically talks on natural branches as the Jews and the wild branch as the Gentiles, so as in the context of the whole chapter it is very clear of the two groups, Jews and Gentiles.

Verse 24 - For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Natural branches, the Jews will be grafted back into the olive tree. So Jews and Gentiles will be all one in Christ.

Gentiles receiving the gospel was a mystery See verse 25

Romans 11:25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Temporary there is a partial hardening for the Jews, but there is going to be a mystery, what is a mystery, something hidden in the past but now revealed, that one day, Gentiles and Jews will be all in one in Christ.

Mystery of the gospel is where Gentiles received the gospel.

Ephesians 3:6 This mystery isthat the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

When will the Jews be grafted back into the olive tree? See the last part of verse 25

…until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in

We are told to preach and witness the gospel to all people. Gospel has gone to almost all of the hidden corners of the world, where God has the full number of the Gentiles recorded, when the last of the Gentiles receive the Lord Jesus Christ, then the Jews will be grafted back again.

Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and **language**s, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Romans 11:26And in this way all Israel will be saved…

Once that last Gentile is saved, all Israel will be saved. From the beginning of the chapter there were two people groups, Jews and Gentiles, and it’s very clear according to context this is talking of the nation of Israel. As God has not abandoned them.