

Romans 11:23-36

God's Future Plan for Israel!

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3 evidences that the Lord's setting aside of Israel is partial, not total:

1. Believing Paul (v.1)

2. Believing Remnant (vv. 2-7a)
3. Unbelieving Remainers Predicted (vv. 7b-10)

Romans 11:11–12

[11] So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.



The Lord's setting aside of Israel is temporary:

1. The Purpose(s) (vv. 11-15)
2. A Warning to Us (vv. 16-24)

Romans 11:23–24

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when I take away their sins.”

Romans 11:28–32

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The glory of the Lord revealed through His plan with Israel in three ways:

1. God’s Glorious Promise (vv. 23-26a)

2. God's Glorious Integrity (vv. 26b-29)
3. God's Glorious Mercy (vv. 30-32)

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Zechariah 12:10

[10] “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me [the Lord, Yahweh], on him whom they have

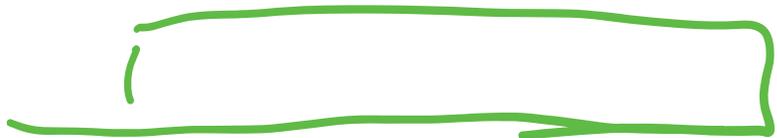
pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one
mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over
him, as one weeps over a firstborn.



Genesis 12:1-3

[1] Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your
country and your kindred and your father’s
house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I
will make of you a great nation, and I will bless
you and make your name great, so that you will
be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless

you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



2 Samuel 7:10–13

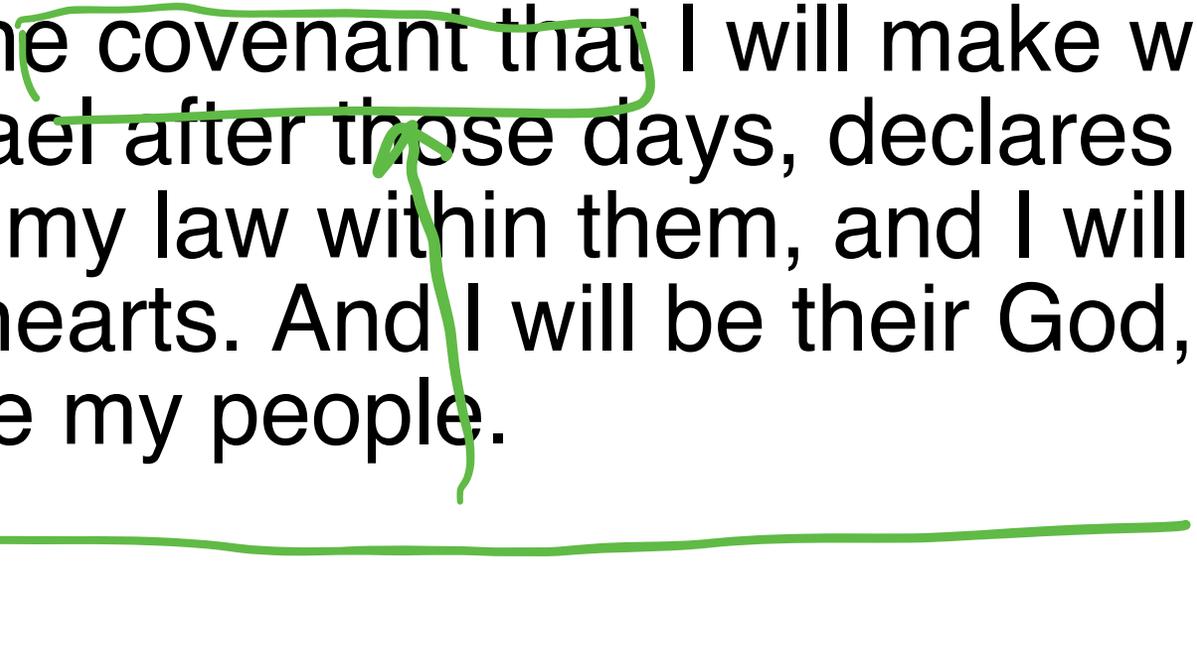


[10] And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, [11] from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. [12] When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise

up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. [13] He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

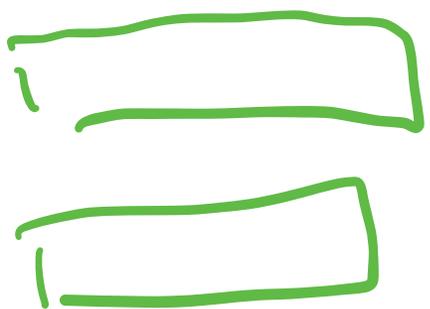
Jeremiah 31:33

[33] For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.





It is on the foundation of the Lord's faithfulness to Israel in these future promises that we stand assured our hope is not in vain.



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Romans 16:25-26

[25] Now to him who is able to strengthen you

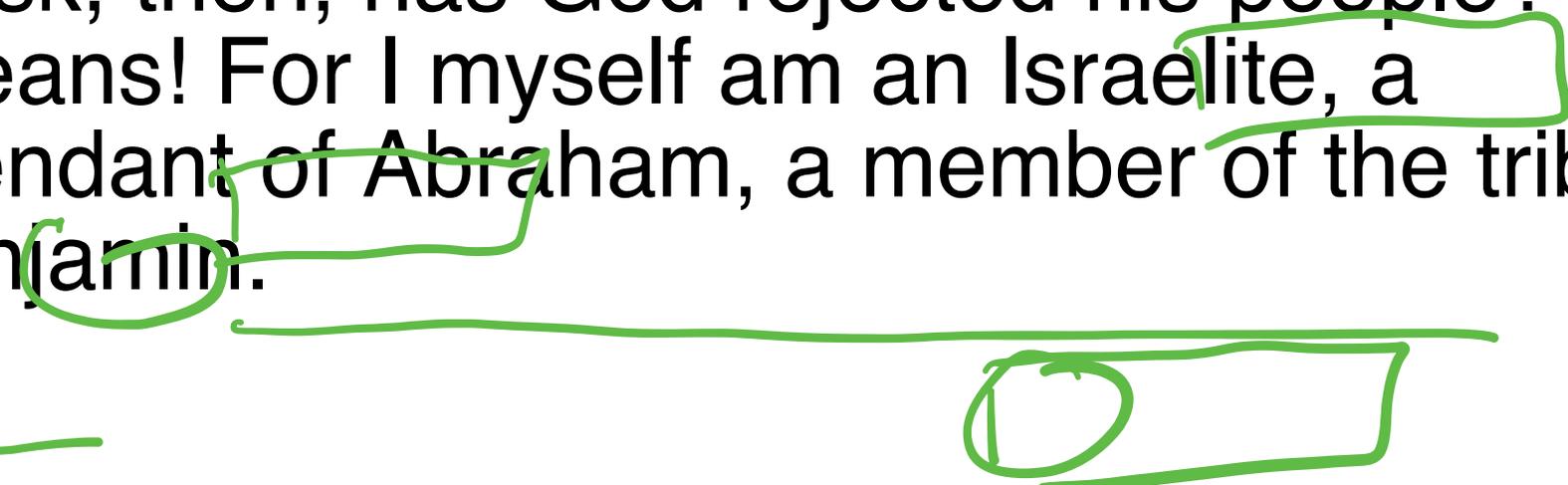
according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages [26] but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations...

Romans 10:21

[21] But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

Romans 11:1

[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.



Romans 11:11

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Romans 11:15

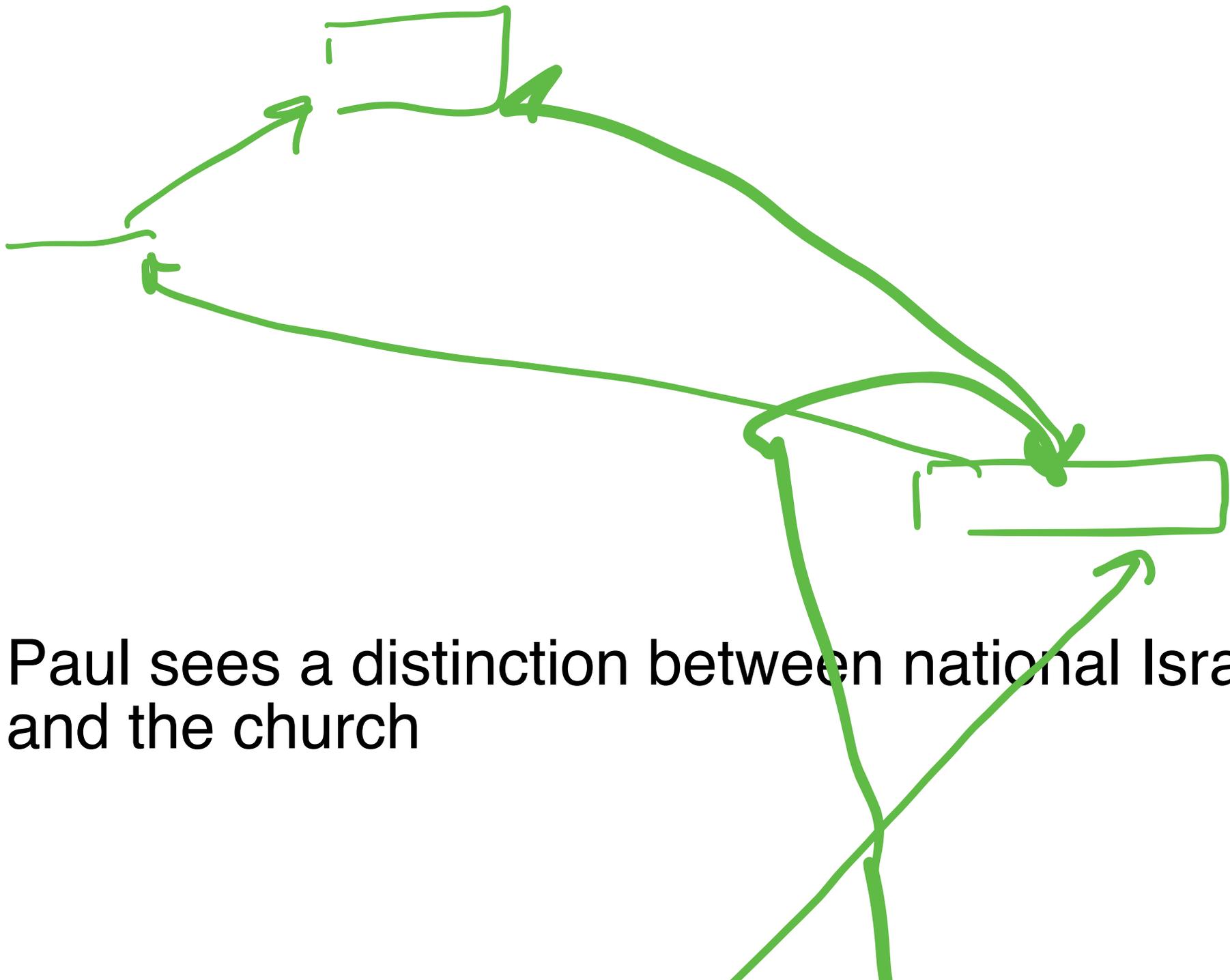
[15] For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world...

Romans 11:26

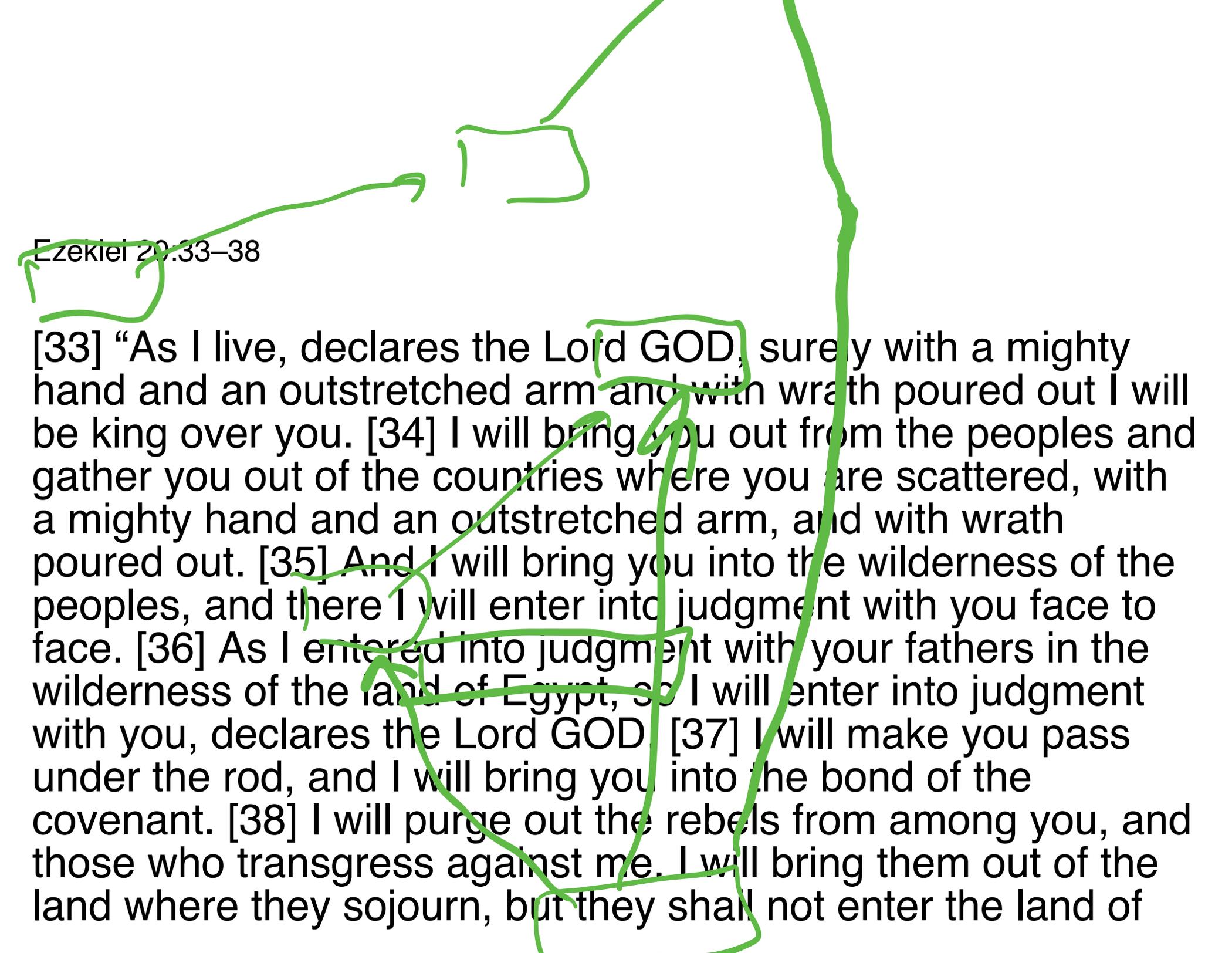
[26] And in this way all Israel will be saved...

Romans 11:17

[17] But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree



Paul sees a distinction between national Israel and the church



Ezekiel 20:33–38

[33] “As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out I will be king over you. [34] I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out. [35] And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. [36] As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord GOD. [37] I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. [38] I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of

Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Zechariah 13:8–9

[8] In the whole land, declares the LORD, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. [9] And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

Revelation 7:2–4

[2] Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, [3] saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” [4] And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:....

Jeremiah 31:31-34

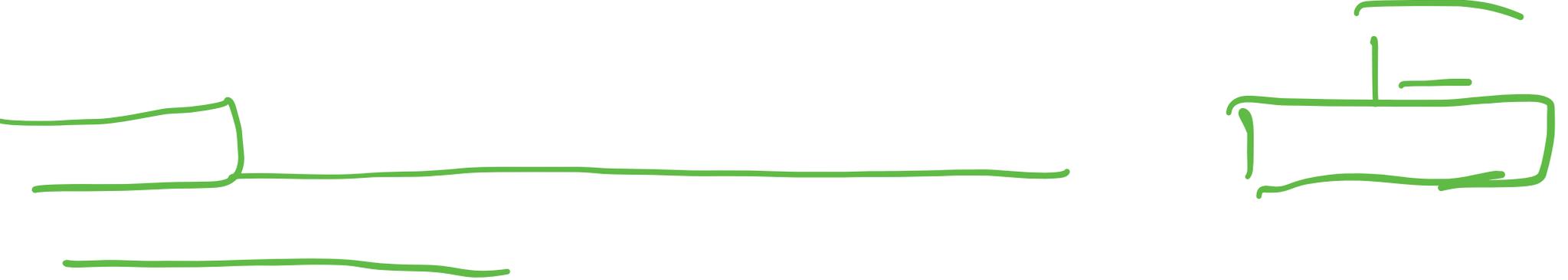
[31] “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when

I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, [32] not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. [33] For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



A future day is coming when national Israel will be purged

of it's unbelievers, and all the remaining will be saved



Romans 11:26-29

[26] And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

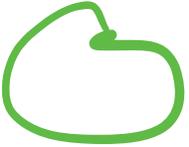
“The Deliverer will come from Zion,
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[28] As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. [29] For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

As Jesus returns, He will purify Jacob (or Israel) and take away their sins through His New Covenant with them.



The integrity of God demands that He fulfill His promises to the patriarchs of Israel because He said He would do it.

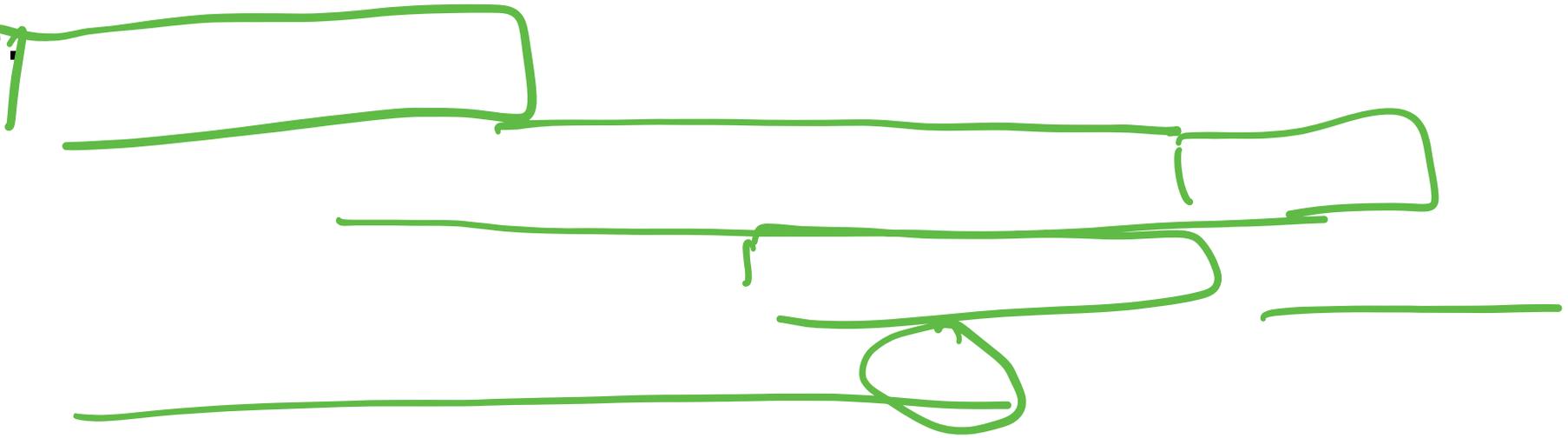


Romans 11:30-32

[30] For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, [31] so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. [32] For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Romans 5:8,10

[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us... [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.



The nation of Israel is currently beloved by God, though His enemies, just as we once were.

The Lord allowed mankind to fall into sin that His glorious mercy might be put on full display.

Romans 11:33–36

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For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The salvation plan of God, including the salvation of the nation of Israel at its conclusion, is both awe-inspiring and impossible for us to understand - this inclines us to praise the Lord!!

Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding the future salvation of “all Israel” cause you to praise the Lord for His plan, like Paul?
2. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. Given what we've seen in this series, how would you explain to someone that we also partake in this New Covenant promise?