

PAUL'S TROUBLING CONCERN

- Paul fears that gentiles may misunderstand or exaggerate their place in the Kingdom of God
- Gods were attached to specific nations
- Asshur = Founding god of Assyria
- Sometimes the name of a nation and its god are interchangeable
- Hebrew viewpoint: why would a gentile want to worship the Hebrew God?
- Until Christ came, it seemed to both sides that conversion from gentile to Jew was the proper protocol



PAUL IS THE NEW SCHOOL MASTER



- Paul had to teach that nationality, ethnicity, race and gender did not matter for worshipping the true God
- Gentiles were more receptive to this idea
- Humans view everything through the lens of our own interests and experiences
- A gentile receiving forgiveness of sins without converting to a Jew was seen by Hebrews as heresy and treason
- Paul told Jews to accept gentiles as gentiles
- He also told gentiles not to get big-headed about it!

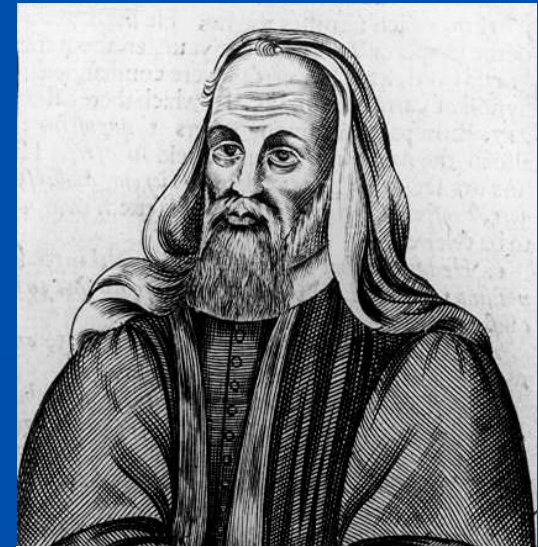
EARLY CHURCH FATHERS



GENNADIUS



AUGUSTINE



PELAGIUS

- Early Church Fathers not often in agreement
- A trend from 100 A.D. to late 700 A.D. was to see Christianity as more and more an exclusively gentile faith
- Gennadius essentially declared war between Christianity and the Jews

Mystery is

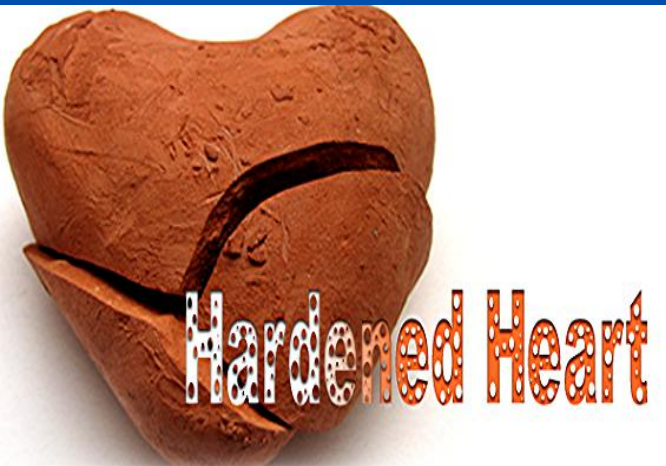
Truth Revealed

- Early 400's A.D. a schism in the Church over the place of Jews and The Law
- Vs. 25 "For" tells readers Paul is going to give his readers the reason for his Olive Tree analogy
- ***Mysterion*** = A God-held secret, which will be revealed
- Romans 1:16 "***..to the Jew especially.....***"



A 3 STEP PROCESS

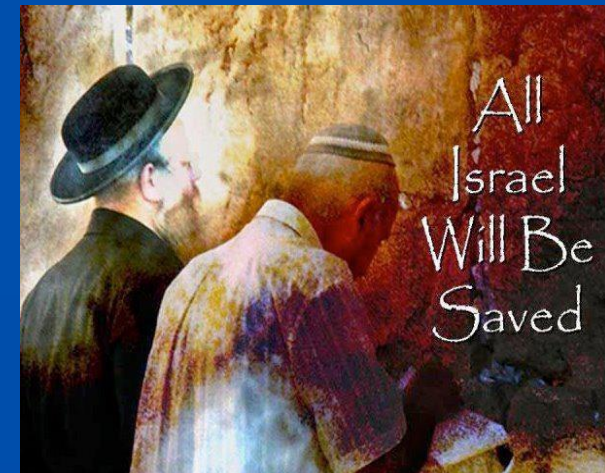
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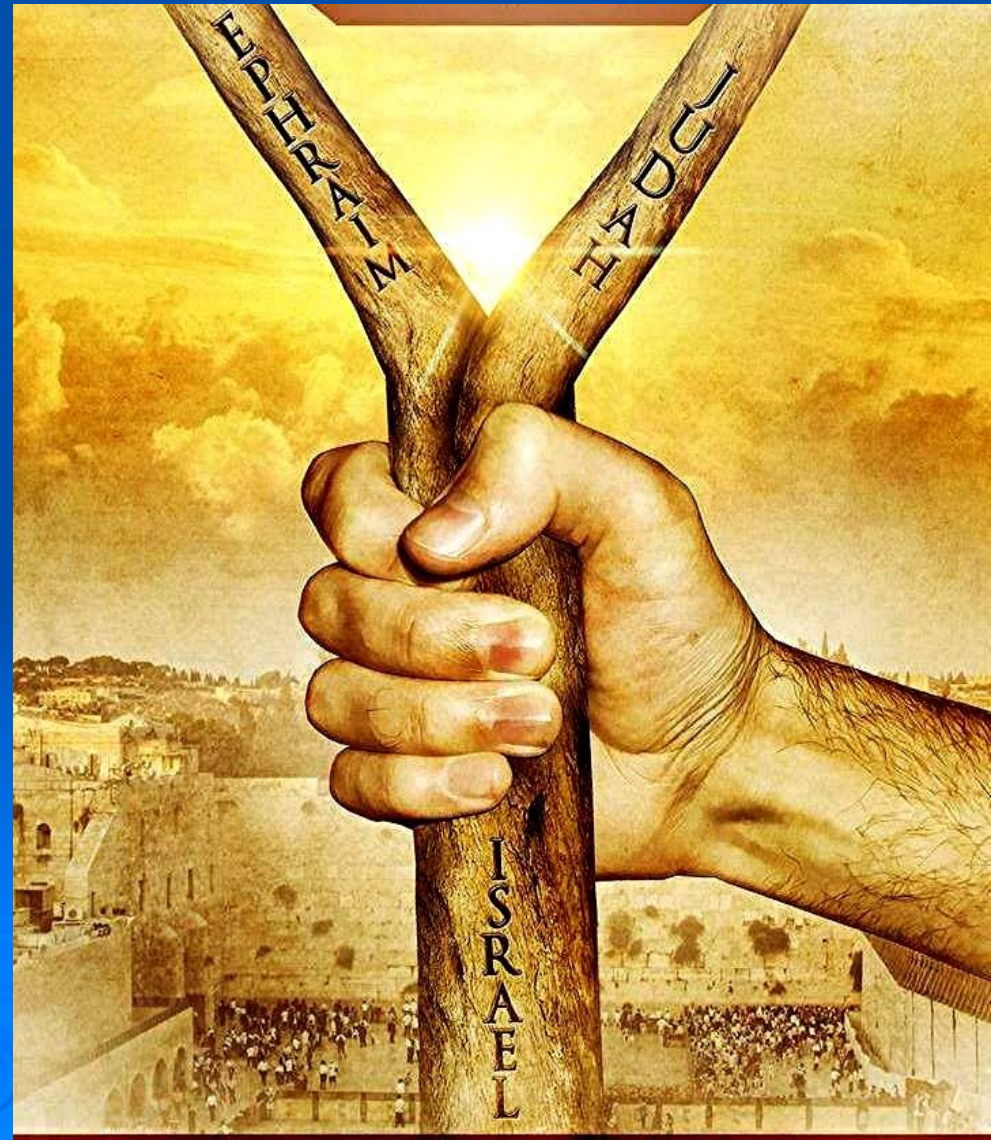
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- Romans 11:25, 26
- Step 1: Israel has been divinely hardened because they freely chose NOT to accept Messiah Yeshua
- Step 2: Israel will remain hardened until the gentile world enters its fullness, and makes Israel jealous
- Step 3: Because of the love and mercy of Believing gentiles All Israel will be saved

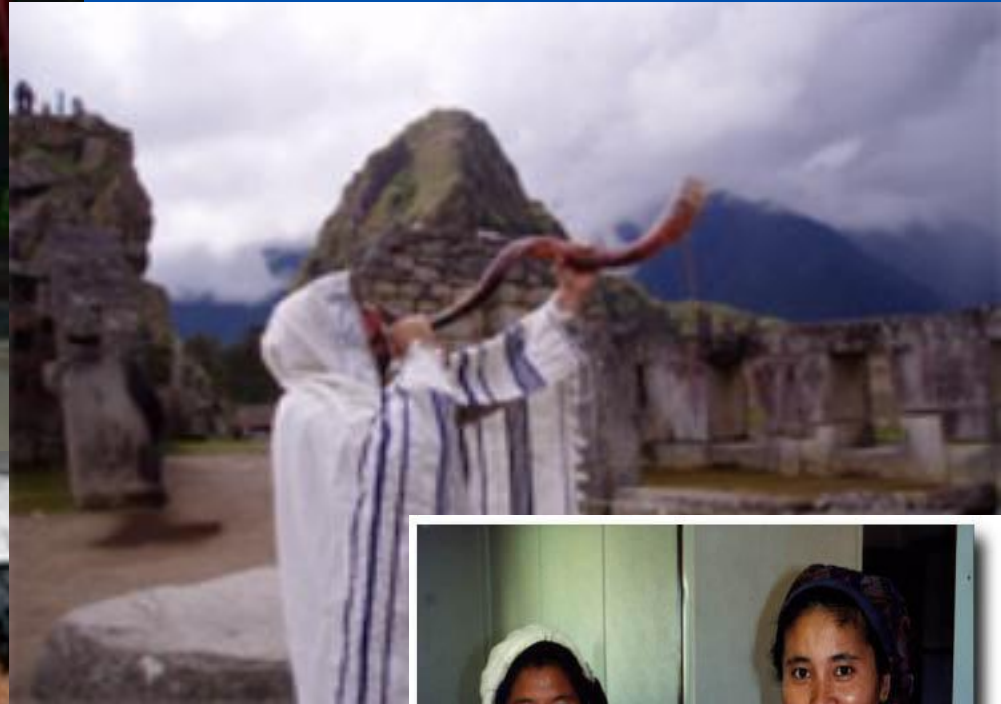
ALL ISRAEL IS BOTH HOUSES

- All Israel = The Whole House of Israel = Judah and Ephraim
- Two groups of tribes: one led by Judah, the other led by Ephraim
- Paul is revealing the “how” of what Ezekiel reveals in Ezekiel 37
- Ezekiel 37:15 – 28
- The two houses come after, or coincidentally with, the fullness of the gentiles
- “David” is referring to Yeshua



EPHRAIM HAS EMERGED!

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THE END OF DAYS



- Romans 11:26, 27 are Isaiah 50:20, 21 and Isaiah 27:9
- The context for the end to the hardening of Israel is the End of Days
- Vs. 28: the ONLY reason God hardened Israel was for the sake of the gentiles
- Still, Israel is loved by God
- Israel is God's tool for redemption
- God's election of Israel is irrevocable
- For "the sake of the Patriarchs" is referring to the Abrahamic Covenant

COVENANT OF ABRAHAM

ISAAC

JACOB

THE CIRCLE OF SALVATION

2 houses rejoined
ALL ISRAEL SAVED!

12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

THE LAW

2 houses of Israel split apart

JEWES BECOME JEALOUS

GENTILES TAKE THE GOSPEL TO JEWS

JEWES ACCEPT YESHUA

ISRAEL REBORN AS A NATION

FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES

JEWES TAKE THE GOSPEL TO GENTILES

MOST JEWES REJECT YESHUA

JUDAH PRODUCES THE MESSIAH

EPHRAIM EXILED TO GENTILE WORLD



IMPRISONED IN DISOBEDIENCE

- The twin themes of all of Romans: 1) disobedience by ALL humans 2) God's mercy to ALL humans
- God does NOT cause disobedience
- Because all humanity falls short, then all humanity is imprisoned in disobedience
- So, God makes His mercy through Yeshua available to all imprisoned humanity
- Romans 1:20 – 22
- Vss. 33 & 34 are from Isaiah 40 and Job 41

