**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. These are dangerous days in which we’re living.
		1. The storm clouds of Armageddon are beginning to gather.
		2. Those storm clouds are gathering over the nation of Israel.
		3. Israel is a lightning rod among the nations of the world today.
	2. To those who know the Bible, Israel has great, great significance.
		1. Almost 100% of the Bible prophecies are concerned with Israel.
	3. The people and the land of Israel are the people and the land of destiny.
		1. As the Jews go, so goes the world.
		2. The Jewish people are God’s pattern for what He is doing with the rest of the world.
	4. Some people think that God is through with the Jews.
		1. They believe that that’s Old Testament and in the past and that God has no more future for the nation of Israel.
			1. The Apostle Paul answers this question:
				1. Romans 11:1
			2. God will keep His word.
		2. Israel is still very much in the center of all that God is doing.
	5. Ezekiel 5:5
		1. Israel is the geographic center of the world.
			1. Israel is in the midst of the nations.
			2. It is a confluence between three continents:
				1. Asia
				2. Africa
				3. Europe
		2. Israel is the revelation center.
			1. The Holy Bible came from that land.
			2. It is where Moses, the prophets and the apostles lived.
		3. Israel is the spiritual center of the world.
			1. It is where Jesus the Savior was born.
			2. It is where Jesus lived, was crucified, buried, and from whence He ascended after He arose.
			3. It is back to this land where our Lord is coming again.
		4. Israel is the prophetic center.
			1. The people of the land and the land of the people are the only land and people whose future have been minutely foretold in the Bible.
		5. Israel is the storm center.
			1. The clouds of Armageddon are gathering.
		6. Israel is also the peace center.
			1. There will be peace in the world when there is peace in Jerusalem.
			2. Psalm 122:6
			3. There will be peace in Jerusalem when they recognize the Prince of Peace.
		7. Israel is the glory center.
			1. One day, the word of the Lord will go forth from Zion.
			2. The Lord Jesus will rule in Zion.
			3. Habakkuk 2:14
	6. God is not finished with the Jews.
	7. Israel is a God-created, God-decreed, God-loved, God-called, God-elected and a God-protected nation.
	8. The most important city in the world is Jerusalem.
		1. Zechariah 12:3
	9. Romans 11:1
		1. The Apostle Paul gives five witnesses in Romans 11 to show that God is not finished with the Jewish people.
2. the conviction of paul himself that shows the power of god (romans 11:1)
	1. Paul was convicted of his sin.
		1. Romans 11:1
			1. The Apostle Paul is talking here about how he was convicted of his sin and how he became a Christian.
	2. Paul was a proud Pharisee.
		1. He was a Hebrew of the Hebrews and an intellectual.
	3. The Lord Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus.
		1. 1 Corinthians 15:8
			1. Paul is stating here that he was ahead of his time.
		2. 1 Timothy 1:16
			1. Paul was a pattern to the Jews for when they are going to come to Christ.
		3. Paul was one who was born out of due time, but the due time is coming.
	4. Paul was an example of how the Jewish nation is going to come to the Lord Jesus.
		1. Paul was an opposer of the Lord Jesus Christ.
			1. He had a hatred for the things of Christ.
			2. He tried to eradicate the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.
			3. The Lord Jesus appeared to him, and he had a supernatural miraculous revelation.
				1. The scales fell from his eyes, and he saw things that he had never seen before.
		2. Paul then became a witness to the Gentiles.
			1. This is what will happen to the nation Israel.
				1. Paul is only an illustration of that.
				2. The nations of this world are going to put more and more pressure upon Israel.
				3. Finally, the antichrist and the forces of Hell will be gathered together against Israel and against Jerusalem.
			2. Zechariah 12:8-11
				1. The Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
				2. Even the weak will be mighty and fight like David.
				3. The descendants of David will have the omnipotency of God about them.
				4. God will destroy all of the enemies of Jerusalem.
				5. The house of David and the people of Jerusalem will receive the spirit of grace and of supplications.
				6. They will see the one whom they pierced; Jesus.
				7. The Jewish people will realize that Jesus, the one who was rejected, is the Messiah.

They will see Him fight for Jerusalem.

This is what happened to Paul when he saw the Lord and was smitten under conviction.

Matthew 23:39

* + - 1. Revelation 7:4
				1. When this Scripture says that they were sealed, this means that they were set aside for God.
			2. Revelation 7:9
				1. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb and gave God glory and praise.
				2. One of the greatest times of evangelism will come after the rapture of the church.

The Jewish people will come to know Christ as their personal Savior.

144,000 will witness during the Great Tribulation.

* 1. Paul said that God is not through with the Jewish people and gave himself as an example.
		1. God gave him a supernatural revelation of Himself.
		2. Paul looked upon the one whom he had pierced, and Paul was smitten with conviction.
1. the companions of elijah that show the preservation of god (romans 11:2-7)
	1. Romans 11:2-7
		1. God has always had an elect nation.
		2. God has chosen the Jewish nation.
			1. To elect means to choose.
		3. God has always had a remnant.
			1. There have always been those of faith who have trusted Him from the time of Abraham to this present time.
			2. God has never been without a remnant in the land of Israel.
			3. God is preserving a remnant.
		4. Romans 9:27
			1. A remnant will be saved.
	2. The Jewish people and the Jewish faith are indestructible.
	3. Psalm 89:27-37
		1. In this passage, God is talking about the promises and the covenant that He made with King David.
			1. David was Israel’s greatest king, and he prefigures the Lord Jesus Christ.
		2. God said that He would not break His covenant.
			1. “Selah” means “think about that.”
			2. If the people disobeyed Him, they would face punishment; but God would not break His covenant with them.
	4. God prophesied in the Bible that the Jewish people would be disobedient, dispersed, discredited, but not destroyed.
	5. The devil has tried to destroy the Jewish nation, but God has always had a remnant.
		1. The king of Egypt could not diminish them.
		2. The Red Sea could not drown them.
		3. Jonah’s whale could not digest them.
		4. The fiery furnace could not devour them.
		5. The gallows of Haman could not hang them.
		6. The nations of the world could not assimilate them.
		7. The dictators of this world could not annihilate them.
	6. For over 2,000 years, the Jews have continued with their tradition, their laws and their language.
		1. The only way to remove the Jew would be to remove God from His throne.
	7. Jeremiah 31:35-37
		1. In order to get rid of Israel, you would have to snatch the sun, moon and the stars from the hand of God.
	8. The Jewish people have had a great impact on the world today.
		1. They make up less than four-tenths of one percent of the world’s population, but they have gained more than twelve percent of all the honors in science, health, medicine and public life.
2. the call of the gentiles which shows the plan of God (romans 11:11-15)
	1. Nothing ever takes God by surprise.
		1. “Has it ever occurred to you that nothing ever occurs to God?”
			1. God knows it all.
		2. God has a plan.
	2. Romans 11:11-15
	3. Today, the Gentiles have received a Jewish Messiah and are saved.
		1. Jesus came as the Jewish Messiah, but the nation rejected their Messiah.
		2. Paul took the Gospel to the Gentiles, and we believe.
			1. But it was all prophesied according to God’s plan.
	4. Romans 9:25-26
		1. It was prophesied that the Gentiles would believe in a Jewish Messiah and come into the blessing of Israel.
			1. Genesis 18:18
	5. Why does this say that God is not finished with the Jews?
		1. Paul is saying that God prophesied that the Gentiles would be saved, and Gentiles are saved.
			1. And if God has kept His word to the Gentiles, then He will also keep His word to the Jews.
		2. There is coming a time of fullness for the Jews.
			1. Romans 11:12
		3. There is also coming a time of receiving.
			1. Romans 11:15
		4. Paul’s argument is that if God can take rebellious, idolatrous Gentiles (like we are) and bring them to faith in Israel’s Messiah, then how much more can He bring Israel to her own Messiah in His time?
3. the covenant with abraham that shows the promise of god (romans 11:16)
	1. Romans 11:16
		1. There was a ceremony in the Old Testament that when a person would bake bread, he would take a pinch of dough and offer it to the Lord.
			1. This was called a heave offering.
			2. This was a way of saying that the Lord has given daily bread, and it all belongs to Him.
		2. The Jews came from Abraham.
			1. He is the root of the Jewish nation.
		3. The olive tree is a symbol of Israel.
		4. This passage is saying that when God accepts the part, He sanctifies the whole.
			1. If God gave a promise to Abraham, then that promise extends to Israel.
			2. If God planted the olive tree, it is the roots that support the whole tree.
			3. Because the lump was holy, the whole loaf is holy.
			4. Because the root is right, the whole tree is right.
			5. God is not going to break His covenant with Abraham.
	2. Paul used the olive tree to show that God is not finished with the Jews.
		1. Some branches were broken off of the olive tree.
			1. These were disbelieving Jews.
		2. The Gentiles were grafted in.
		3. Paul said that if the Gentiles (wild olives) were grafted into God’s olive tree, then how much easier it’s going to be to graph the real thing back in.
	3. God will keep His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
4. the purpose of God (romans 11:25-27)
	1. Romans 11:25-27
	2. It will be in His time.
		1. Romans 11:25
			1. Blindness is not total and is not final.
		2. We are waiting for something called “the fullness of the Gentiles.”
			1. One day, the church will be complete.
				1. The last soul will be saved.
			2. We don’t know when this will be, but someday the bride will be complete.
	3. It is through His Son.
		1. Romans 11:26
			1. It’s going to come through His Son.
		2. Zechariah 13:1
	4. It is going to be according to His Word.
		1. Romans 11:27-29
		2. God is not going to change His mind.
			1. He made a covenant with David, and He will keep His Word.
	5. It is by His grace.
		1. Romans 11:30-32
			1. This does not mean that God has only chosen to save a few, but that as many as are unbelievers can be saved.
		2. Anybody who will trust Him can be saved.
			1. Jew and Gentile alike, we are all sinners before God.
				1. Romans 11:32

God wants to have mercy upon all.

* 1. It is for God’s glory.
		1. Romans 11:33-36
		2. There is so much that we don’t understand.
			1. We don’t understand free will, election and predestination.
				1. But we don’t have to worry about it.
			2. Even the Apostle Paul did not understand.
				1. Romans 11:33
		3. God is God.
			1. None of us understand how God already knows everything, yet gives man a free will.
			2. But God knows.
1. CONCLUSION
	1. If God is keeping His word to Israel, then He’ll keep His word with everyone.
		1. And He’ll save you today if you will trust Him.
	2. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	3. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16