

What and When is the “Fullness of the Gentiles”?

We begin with Paul explaining some things that will take place concerning the fullness of the Gentiles. He also explains that many of Israel’s (not limited to Jews only) eyes are darkened because of their unbelief. Because of this Gentiles may be included into Yahweh’s plan through faith and grace. As we search the scriptures we find in Revelation letters God sends to ten Gentile churches.

Rom. 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back away.

11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

Verse 15 is a key verse that shows all Israelites will eventually be brought back to life in a resurrection, but not until the “fullness of the Gentiles be come in”.

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

When will Israel be brought back to life? Verse 7 tells us what Israel has not obtained the “election” has obtained. According to Strong’s Concordance this word, election, means “chosen”. What then has “the chosen” obtained? We see they are specially chosen, but for what purpose? Mt.20:16 says “many are called but few chosen”. Is it not for eternal life? Are they not those who will be in the first resurrection? Rev.20:1-7 explains:

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

This indeed does indicate “the chosen” will be in this very special first resurrection to eternal life. But those who were blinded will not be in the first resurrection. So the majority of Israel will be among “the rest of the dead”. All but the chosen will die and stay dead for at least one thousand years. Afterwards they will be resurrected.

Rom.11:26 tells us “all Israel” will be saved. But when will all Israel be saved? Verse 27 explains: “when Yahweh fulfills his covenant of taking away “ungodliness” from Jacob (Israel).

To find out when this prophecy is fulfilled we go to Ezek.37:1-13 These verses very clearly reveal that “The Whole House of Israel” is resurrected to, not spiritual, but physical life. Contrary to some teachings, there is no mention of anyone other than Israel being in this particular resurrection.

So now that we have the picture of a resurrected Israel one thousand years after the resurrection to eternal life, we will pick up in Rom.11 again where Paul is explaining a “mystery” to the Gentile converts:

- 16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.
- 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;
- 18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.
- 19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.
- 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:
- 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.
- 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.
- 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.
- 24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?
- 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.
- 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
- 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
- 28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
- 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.
- 30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:
- 31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.
- 32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Now in verse 25 Paul says, “ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in”.

This verse deserves special attention. Paul is revealing a mystery to Gentile converts. He says Israel has been “concluded” in unbelief UNTIL the FULLNESS of the Gentiles be come in. The word “until” shows there is a certain amount of time involved that Israel remains blinded “in part”, until the process of calling Gentiles, through grace, is fulfilled. The rest of the dead

remain dead throughout the thousand years of Yeshua's rule with His Elect in the absence of Satan, then that period of time will be the "fullness of the Gentiles" before the resurrection of The Whole House of Israel.

We know from scriptures that Israel's blindness began before the apostles, and that the gospel was made available to all nations through the death of Yeshua. However, the majority since then have been fed spiritual errors and untruths to the point it is evident that many have not been reached with the truth. And in view of the fact "Satan is the ruler of the whole world" (2Cor.4:4) at present, not a lot of "fullness" is being accomplished. On the other hand, during the thousand year period when Satan and his demons are bound, and Yeshua and his saints are the new spiritual educators, it will be a different world. After all the destruction we read about in Rev. concerning Yahweh's wrath and the seven last plagues, new Gentile nations will be willing subjects. Gentiles will be dealt with the same spiritual intensity that Israel was before her blindness. This will be the fulfillment of the "fullness of the Gentiles"

How long will The Whole House of Israel be blinded? Their blindness began before the time of Yeshua and will continue on through the one thousand years, until after their resurrection. How long, then will the process of the fullness of the Gentiles last? From now until after the one thousand years when Yahweh turns His attention back to Israel.

After resurrected Israel becomes wealthy they turn back into idolatry. Satan, at the end of the thousand years, being loosed, once again begins influencing the nations. He is given "a short time" to try the nations.

Yahweh will allow backsliding Gentile nations (Gog) to attack and overpower Israel. But once again He will come to their rescue and regather them into their own land.

Eze.39:3 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the Whole House of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.

27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon The House of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Eze.38, and 39 fills in the details left out in Rev.20:7-9. Ezekiel tells what happens during this period before Yahweh actually cleanses Israel and puts His holy spirit into them and gives them a new heart.

Eze.37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Rom.11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

These events cannot take place before the millennium, or during the millennium, because it tells about Gog and Magog's attack on Israel before Christ resumes his rule over Israel and the whole world. This only takes place at the end of Satan's rule when "there will be no more war".

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