THE JEWISH PROBLEM

THE MAIN THING THAT CAUSES ANTI-SEMITISM BY GENTILES THAT CLAIM TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS THEIR LACK OF PROPER TRAINING IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE. AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY IS JEWISH BOTH THEOLOGICALLY AND CULTURALLY! ANYONE THAT DENIES THIS HAS A SERIOUS CASE OF EITHER HISTORICAL AMNESIA OR IGNORANCE. JESUS HIMSELF SAID LUKE 4:21 "SALVATION IS FROM THE JEWISH PEOPLE." IN ACTS 5:31 PETER SAYS "GOD EXALTED JESUS THAT HE MIGHT GIVE REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS TO ISRAEL." SURELY GOD'S PLANS AND PURPOSES ARE ALWAYS FILLED ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT BE IN OUR TIME FRAME! JESUS LIVED ON EARTH AS A JEWISH PERSON. IT WAS A JEWISH MAN THAT SHED THE BLOOD FOR THE SACRIFICE FOR GENTILE PEOPLE TO HAVE A RIGHT STANDING WITH THE JEWISH GOD OF ABRAHAM ISAAC AND JACOB. IT WAS JEWISH MISSIONARIES WHO FIRST REACHED OUT TO THE GENTILE PEOPLE WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF THE JEWISH MESSIAH.

JESUS IS JEWISH

LUKE 2:21-24 WHEN JESUS WAS EIGHT DAYS OLD HE WAS CIRCUMCISED. THIS WAS TO FULFIL A COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM WHICH IS STILL BEING DONE BY MANY JEWISH PEOPLE. THEY EVEN OFFERED AN ANIMAL SACRIFICE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF MOSES. JOHN 4:22 JESUS CONFIRMS THAT HE HIMSELF IS JEWISH WHEN HE SAYS "WE JEWISH PEOPLE". LUKE 2:41 EVERY YEAR JESUS' EARTHLY PARENTS WENT TO JERUSALEM TO CELEBRATE THE JEWISH HOLIDAY, PASSOVER. ACTS 7:37 MOSES TOLD THE ISRAELITES, "GOD WILL SENT YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM AMONG YOUR OWN PEOPLE."

THE COMMON JEWISH PEOPLE.

MATTHEW 8:2-4 JESUS INSTRUCTED THE MAN HE HEALED OF LEPROSY TO FULFIL AN OLD TESTAMENT COMMAND BY MOSES TO SHOW HIMSELF TO THE PRIEST. THE MAN IF HE HAD NOT BEEN JEWISH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO DO THIS. MATTHEW 9:35 JESUS WENT THROUGH ALL THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES TEACHING IN SYNAGOGUES, PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM AND HEALING EVERY DISEASE AND SICKNESS. LUKE 18:38 THE BLIND MAN SITTING BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD CALLED JESUS "SON OF DAVID", A TITLE ROOTED IN JEWISH SCRIPTURE ABOUT THE MESSIAH. LUKE 18:42 JESUS HEALED THE BLIND MAN AND TOLD HIM IT WAS HIS FAITH THAT HEALED HIM. HE RECOGNIZED JESUS AS THE JEWISH MESSIAH. LUKE 23:56 THE WOMEN THAT PREPARED SPICES AND PERFUMES FOR THE BODY OF JESUS WERE JEWISH WOMEN THAT RESTED ON THE SABBATH ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDMENT. JOHN 7: 30 AGAIN WE SEE BY THE CONTEXT THAT JESUS WAS TALKING TO JEWISH PEOPLE AND MANY JEWISH PEOPLE PUT THEIR FAITH IN HIM. JOHN 8:30 AS IS EVIDENT BY THE CONTEXT, INCLUDING VERSE 22, MANY JEWISH PEOPLE PUT THEIR FAITH IN JESUS. JOHN 8:31 THE MEMORABLE WORDS OF JESUS "THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE" WAS FIRST SPOKEN TO JEWISH PEOPLE WHO HAD BELIEVED IN HIM! JOHN 9:22 THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS BLIND SINCE BIRTH WAS JEWISH JOHN 11:45 AFTER JESUS RAISED LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD, MANY OF THE JEWS PUT THEIR FAITH IN JESUS.

THE LEADERS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

MUCH OF THE CHURCH WORLD HAS SAID "ONLY THE COMMON JEWISH PEOPLE ACCEPTED JESUS BUT THE JEWISH LEADERS REJECTED HIM." LET'S SEE WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS ABOUT THIS. MATTHEW 8:18 A TEACHER OF THE LAW CAME TO JESUS AND SAID "RABBI I WILL FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO" LUKE 7:3 THE ELDERS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE SENT BY A GENTILE CENTURION TO ASK JESUS TO HEAL HIS SERVANT. LUKE 8:41 JAIRUS, A RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE, WENT TO JESUS TO ASK HIM TO HEAL HIS DAUGHTER. LUKE 23:50-53 JOSEPH, A MEMBER OF THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP, SANHEDRIN COUNCIL, HAD NOT CONSENTED TO ANY NEGATIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN CONCERNING JESUS AND IN FACT ASKED FOR HIS BODY AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION SO THAT HE COULD GIVE JESUS A PROPER JEWISH BURIAL. JOHN 12:42 YET AT THE SAME TIME MANY EVEN AMONG THE JEWISH LEADERS BELIEVED IN JESUS ACTS 6:7 A LARGE NUMBER OF JEWISH PRIESTS BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE FAITH. ACTS 18:8 CRISPUS, THE SYNAGOGUE RULER, AND HIS ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD BELIEVED IN THE LORD. ADDING UP THESE JEWISH LEADERS

THAT DID NOT REJECT JESUS WOULD NOT EVEN COME CLOSE TO THE NUMBER OF THE ONES THAT ARE NOT WRITTEN ABOUT. AND HOW MANY OTHER JEWISH LEADERS WOULD HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN BY THEIR TESTIMONY WE DO NOT KNOW.

THE CRUCIFIXION

LUKE 18:32 JESUS SAID THAT HE WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO GENTILES THAT WOULD MOCK, INSULT, SPIT, FLOG AND KILL HIM. MATTHEW 20:19 JESUS SAID THE GENTILES WOULD MOCK, FLOG, AND CRUCIFY HIM.10:33-34 JESUS SAID THAT THE GENTILES WOULD MOCK, SPIT, FLOG AND KILL HIM.

EVIDENCES OF JEWISH BELIEVERS IN JESUS AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION

LUKE 13:35 JESUS SAID TO JERUSALEM THAT THEY (THE ANCESTORS OF TODAY'S JEWISH PEOPLE) WOULD NOT SEE HIM AGAIN UNTIL THEY SAID "BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD." OBVIOUSLY, JESUS WAS NOT CONFUSED. HE KNEW ONE DAY EVEN MORE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WOULD BE SAYING THAT HE WAS THE ONE THAT CAME IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. ACTS 2:14 PETER WAS ALSO JEWISH AS INDICATED HERE AS HE ADDRESSED THE CROWD AT PENTECOST AS "FELLOW JEWS" ACTS 2:41 3,000 JEWISH PEOPLE WERE ADDED THAT DAY. ACTS 3:12 PETER ADDRESSES "MEN OF ISRAEL" ACTS 4:4 MANY OF THESE JEWISH PEOPLE BELIEVED AND THE NUMBER OF THEM GREW TO 5,000. ACTS 6:1 THE REASON THAT THE SEVEN MEN WERE CHOSEN BY THE TWELVE MAIN DISCIPLES TO "WAIT ON TABLES" WAS BECAUSE PART OF THE "INCREASING NUMBER OF DISCIPLES WERE GRECIAN AND HEBRAIC JEWISH WIDOWS THAT BOTH NEEDED A DAILY DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD. ACTS 10:45 THE CIRCUMCISED JEWISH BELIEVERS WERE ASTONISHED THAT THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS POURED OUT ON THE GENTILES. ACTS 13:43 MANY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE FOLLOWED PAUL WHO URGED THEM TO CONTINUE IN GRACE. ACTS 15:5 SOME OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE BELONGING TO THE PHARISEES HAD BECOME BELIEVERS IN JESUS AND WERE STILL CARRYING ON THEIR CUSTOMS. ACTS 16:1 TIMOTHY'S MOTHER WAS A BORN AGAIN JEWISH WOMAN. ACTS 16:20 PAUL AND SILAS WERE DRAGGED BEFORE THE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES WHO SAID "THESE JEWISH MEN ARE THROWING OUR CITY INTO AN UPROAR BY ADVOCATING CUSTOMS UNLAWFUL FOR US ROMANS TO ACCEPT OR PRACTICE."ACTS 18:24-27 A JEWISH MAN BEING TAUGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD ADEQUATELY AND WAS A GREAT HELP TO THOSE WHO HAD BY GRACE BELIEVED. ACTS 18:27-28 APOLLOS, A JEWISH BELIEVER, WENT TO ACHAIA AND PROVED FROM THE JEWISH SCRIPTURES THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH ACTS 22:12-14 ANANIAS, A DEVOUT OBSERVER OF THE LAW, A JEWISH MAN WHO REFERRED TO "THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS", WAS USED BY GOD FOR THE HEALING OF GOD FOR THE HEALING OF PAUL'S BLINDNESS. ACTS 26-14 JESUS, THE JEWISH MESSIAH, SPOKE TO PAUL, THE JEWISH MAN THAT WROTE MANY OF THE EPISTLE, IN THE HEBREW LANGUAGE. ROMANS 11:6 PAUL SAYS, TALKING ABOUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE, THAT AT THAT PRESENT TIME THERE WAS A REMNANT OF BELIEVERS CHOSEN BY GRACE. THE BELIEVERS THAT WERE 50 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME HE SAID THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SMALL CHILDREN OR POSSIBLY NOT EVEN BORN AT THE TIME OF JESUS' RESURRECTION. ROMANS 15:26-27 PAUL TALKS ABOUT JEWISH SAINTS IN JERUSALEM GALATIONS 6:15-16 PAUL SAYS "WHAT COUNTS IS A NEW CREATION" AND PEACE AND MERCY TO ALL WHO FOLLOW THIS RULE, EVEN TO THE ISRAEL OF GOD." WHICH WE UNDERSTAND NOW IS THE JEWISH PEOPLE. THE CHURCH WAS NEVER REFERRED TO AS "ISRAEL" OR "SPIRITUAL ISRAEL" OR ANYTHING SIMILAR IN THE WORD OF GOD. THAT IS AN ERROR THAT HAS SPREAD IN THE "CHURCH WORLD". HOW GOD MUST GRIEVE THAT BORN AGAIN GENTILES, THAT HE HAS MADE HIS OWN BELOVED CHILDREN AND PRIESTS IN HIS KINGDOM, THAT HIS SON SHED HIS BLOOD FOR, WOULD STRETCHED HIS WORD PAST "HIS" MEANING, NOT FULLY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY ARE LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY FOREVER REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ISRAEL!. Plus as Hebrews 8:6 states JAMES 1:1 JAMES ADDRESSES HIS LETTER TO THE "TWELVE TRIBES SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS." AGAIN WE SEE EVIDENCE OF JEWISH BELIEVERS EVEN FORTY YEARS AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION. JAMES2:2 HERE WHEN THE GREEK IS TRANSLATED PROPERLY THE WORD SAYS"IF A MAN COMES INTO YOUR SYNAGOGUE" IN 1:2 THE WORD SHOWS HIS ADDRESSING BRETHREN. THIS IS A CONGREGATION OF JEWISH BELIEVERS WORSHIPPING JESUS WITHIN THEIR TRADITIONS AND CULTURE. NOWHERE IN THE WORD IS THIS DISCOURAGED FOR JEWISH BELIEVERS. HEBREWS THE BOOK WRITTEN APPROXIMATELY 60 TO 70 YEARS AFTER THE

DID PAUL OR THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVE UP ON THE JEWISH PEOPLE?

ACTS 13:46 PAUL SAYS "WE NOW TURN TO THE GENTILES" BUT...... ACTS 14: 1 PAUL WENT AS WAS HIS CUSTOM INTO THE ICONIUM JEWISH SYNAGOGUE AND A GREAT NUMBER OF JEWISH PEOPLE BELIEVED. ACTS 16:13-15 PAUL PRESENTED A MESSAGE AT A PLACE OF PRAYER ON THE SABBATH AND LYDIA THE DEALER IN PURPLE, RESPONDED AND SHE AND HER HOUSEHOLD WERE IMMERSED IN WATER. ACTS 17:1 PAUL WENT AS WAS HIS CUSTOM INTO THE THESSALONICA JEWISH SYNAGOGUE ACTS 17: 4 SOME OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE PERSUADED AND JOINED PAUL. ACTS 17:10 ON ARRIVING IN BEREA PAUL WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE. ACTS 17:12 MANY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE BELIEVED. ACTS 18:4 IN CORNITH HE REASONED IN THE SYNAGOGUE EVERY SABBATH. ACTS 18:19 PAUL WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AT EPHESUS AND REASONED WITH THE JEWS. ACTS 19:8 PAUL ENTERED THE SYNAGOGUE AND SPOKE THERE BOLDLY FOR THREE MONTHS.

MESSIANIC JUDAISM

THERE HAS BEEN ALWAYS BEEN A BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, IN 1967 IT BEGAN SNOWBALLING AT A RAPID SPEED WHEN JERUSALEM WAS AGAIN BELONGING TO ISRAEL. AT THAT TIME MANY JEWISH PEOPLE BEGAN MEETING IN SMALL GROUPS UNKNOWN TO EACH OTHER AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND POSSIBLY THE WORLD STUDYING THE NEW TESTAMENT. AT THE SAME TIME GOD BEGAN PUTTING ON THE HEARTS OF SOME GENTILE TRUE BELIEVERS IN THE MESSIAH A BURDEN TO PRAY FOR ISRAEL AND THEY WERE LEAD TO INTRODUCE THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO THEIR MESSIAH, JESUS. RIGHT NOW IN THE UNITED STATES THERE ARE AT LEAST 130 SYNAGOGUES THAT WORSHIP JESUS AS THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL. EVEN NOW THERE ARE MESSIANIC JEWISH GROUPS MEETING REGULARLY IN ST. PETERSBERG, MINSK, LVOV, KIEV, ODESSA, MOSCOW AND PROBABLY OTHER FORMER SOVIET CITIES. ACTS 21:18 THE ELDERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WERE PRESENT IN JERUSALEM. ACTS 21: 20 "HOW MANY THOUSANDS OF JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE BELIEVED AND THEY ARE ALL ZEALOUS FOR THE LAW." ACTS 21:21 PAUL IS TOLD THAT THE BORN AGAIN JEWISH PEOPLE AMONG THE GENTILE BELIEVERS HAD BEEN TOLD THAT HE, PAUL, HAD TOLD THE BELIEVING JEWISH PEOPLE TO TURN AWAY FROM LIVING ACCORDING TO THEIR CUSTOMS. ACTS 21:22 KNOWING THIS COULDN'T BE TRUE THEY ASKED PAUL WHAT THEY SHOULD DO. ACTS 21:24 THE ELDERS THEN SUGGEST THAT PAUL TAKE SOME MEN WITH HIM AND PERFORM RITES TO PROVE THAT HE HIMSELF WAS LIVING IN OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW. ACTS 21:26 HE DID THE RITE, NOT TO ATTAIN RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH HE KNEW CAME THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS BUT TO SHOW THAT ALTHOUGH GENTILE BELIEVERS WEREN'T REQUIRED TO BEGIN DOING JEWISH LAWS AND CUSTOMS, THE JEWISH BELIEVERS WERE FREE TO REMAIN JEWISH IN THEIR LIFE STYLE.

FUTURE SALVATION OF ISRAEL

JEREMIAH 23:26 MOREOVER THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JEREMIAH, SAYING CONSIDEREST THOU NOT WHAT THIS PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN SAYING, THE TWO FAMILIES WHICH THE LORD HATH CHOSEN, HE HATH EVEN CAST THEM OFF? THEY HAVE DESPISED THY PEOPLE THAT THEY SHOULD BE NO MORE A NATION BEFORE THEM. THUS SAITH THE LORD IF MY COVENANT BE NOT WITH DAY AND NIGHT, AND IF I HAVE NOT APPOINTED THE ORDINANCES OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, THEN WILL I CAST AWAY THE SEED OF JACOB AND DAVID MY SERVANT, SO THAT I WILL NOT TAKE ANT OF HIS SEED TO BE RULERS OVER THE SEED OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB:FOR I WILL CAUSE THEIR CAPTIVITY TO RETURN AND HAVE MERCY ON THEM.

ISAIAH 45:17 BUT ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED BY THE LORD WITH AN EVERLASTING SALVATION; ISRAEL WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME OR DISGRACED TO AGES EVERLASTING. WE KNOW BY THE WORDS OF PETER (WHO ACTS 2:14 SHOWS WAS ALSO JEWISH) IN ACTS 4:12 THAT SALVATION IS FOUND IN NO ONE ELSE EXCEPT JESUS. ISAIAH 51:22 THE SOVEREIGN LORD SAYS TO JERUSALEM "SEE, I HAVE TAKEN OUT OF YOUR HAND THE CUP THAT MADE YOU STAGGER FROM THAT CUP, THE GOBLET OF MY WRATH, YOU WILL NEVER DRINK AGAIN!" JEREMIAH 50:5 THE LORD SAID THROUGH JEREMIAH "THE ISRAELITES WILL COME AND BIND THEMSELVES TO THE LORD IN AN EVERLASTING COVENANT THAT WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. EZEKIEL 37:26 THE LORD SAYS THAT HE WILL MAKE

AN EVERLASTING COVENANT OF PEACE WITH ISRAEL EZEKIEL 37:28 THEN THE NATIONS WILL KNOW THAT HE MAKES ISRAEL HOLY. LUKE 13:35 JESUS SAID, "YOU WILL NOT SEE ME AGAIN UNTIL YOU SAY", `BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.' ACTS 1:6-7 JESUS' APOSTLES ASKED HIM IF HE WAS GOING TO RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL AT THAT PRESENT TIME AND HE ANSWERED THAT IT WASN'T FOR THEM TO KNOW THE TIME OR DATE. THE APOSTLES KNEW THAT THE KINGDOM WOULD BE RESTORED TO ISRAEL AND JESUS DIDN'T TELL THEM THEY WERE WRONG. ROMANS 11:1-2 PAUL SAYS THAT GOD DID NOT REJECT THE JEWISH PEOPLE!

EXPOSING THE REPLACEMENT DOCTRINE HERESY THAT SAYS THE CHURCH IS ISRAEL AND NOT THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

LUKE 2:32 AS SIMEON WAS SPEAKING MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT HE SAID THAT JESUS WOULD BE GLORY TO GOD'S PEOPLE ISRAEL. IN THE PREVIOUS VERSE HE MENTIONS GENTILES, BECAUSE GENTILE BELIEVERS ARE NOT ISRAEL! LUKE 2:34 JESUS WOULD BE THE RISING OF MANY IN ISRAEL. YES HE SAYS FALLING TOO, BUT MOST OF THE CHURCH WORLD NEVER SEES THE WORDS "RISING OF MANY IN ISRAEL." ACTS 15:23 WHY WAS A LETTER ADDRESSED TO GENTILE BELIEVERS IF THEY WERE THE "NEW ISRAEL" OR "THE NEW JEWISH PEOPLE"? ROMANS 2:29 SAYS "BUT HE IS A JEW WHICH IS ONE INWARDLY, CIRCUMCISION IS THAT OF THE HEART. THIS IS NOT WRITTEN TO GENTILES TO TELL THEM THEY ARE JEWS IF THEY ARE CIRCUMCISED IN HEART. ALTHOUGH ROMANS WAS WRITTEN TO GENTILE AND JEWISH BELIEVERS AS VERSE 17 SHOWS THAT HE WAS SPEAKING TO JEWS NOT GENTILES AS HE ADDRESSES THEM "THOU ART CALLED A JEW AND REST IN THE LAW" ROMANS 9:1-5 WHEN PAUL SAYS ISRAEL HE MEANS ... ISRAEL! ROMANS 9:16 STATES THAT NOT ALL THE ISRAELITES ACCEPTED THE GOOD NEWS. OF COURSE THIS IS REFERRING TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE NOT THE CHURCH. ALSO "NOT ALL" CERTAINLY IMPLIES THAT SOME JEWISH PEOPLE DID ACCEPT THE GOOD NEWS. ROMANS 9:27 ONLY THE REMNANT WILL BE SAVED. THE WORD "REMNANT" LIKE THE WORD "ISRAEL" IS NOT THE CHURCH BUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE THAT BELIEVE IN JESUS. ROMANS 9:31 ISRAEL HAS NOT OBTAINED RIGHTEOUSNESS. THIS ISRAEL IS NOT REFERRING TO THE BORN AGAIN GENTILE CHURCH WHICH HAS ATTAINED RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH JESUS. AGAIN, SCRIPTURAL PROOF THAT WHEN THE BIBLE SAYS ISRAEL IT MEANS THE JEWISH PEOPLE NOT THE GENTILE BORN AGAIN CHURCH. ROMANS 11:6 PAUL SAYS THAT AT THAT PRESENT TIME THERE WAS A "REMNANT" OF BELIEVERS CHOSEN BY GRACE. THE WORD "REMNANT" IS REFERRING TO JEWISH BELIEVERS NOT THE "CURRENT GENTILE CHURCH" ROMANS 11:7 TALKING ABOUT THE PORTION OF JEWISH PEOPLE THAT BECAME BELIEVERS USES THE TERM "THE ELECT". WE SEE THAT THE "ELECT" WERE THE JEWISH BELIEVERS NOT THE "GENTILE CHURCH" ROMANS 11:11 PAUL SAYS "DID THEY STUMBLE SO AS TO FALL BEYOND RECOVERY?" HE ANSWERS THE QUESTION. "NOT AT ALL!" THE TRUE ISRAEL, THE JEWISH PEOPLE WILL RECOVER! Romans 11:15-21 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? 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 graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the ${
m root}$ and fatness of the olive tree; {among them: or, for them} 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 graffed 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. (KJV)ROMANS 11: 25 SAYS THAT ISRAEL HAS EXPERIENCED A HARDENING IN PART UNTIL THE FULL NUMBER OF GENTILES COME IN. OBVIOUSLY, THE ISRAEL SPOKEN OF HERE IS THE JEWISH PEOPLE NOT THE CHURCH. GENTILES ARE REFERRED TO AS GENTILES. LET'S LET PAUL INTERPRET PAUL! ROMANS 11:28 PAUL TELLS THE GENTILES THAT AS FAR AS ELECTION IS CONCERNED ISRAEL, THE JEWISH PEOPLE, ARE LOVED ON ACCOUNT OF THE PATRIARCHES. EPHESIANS 2:13 BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YE (GENTILES) WHO WERE FAR OFF ARE MADE NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. THIS WORD NEAR OR NIGH IN THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE MEANS "NEAR" A PLACE. THIS SCRIPTURE NO MORE THAN ANY OTHER SAYS THAT GENTILES ARE ISRAEL. THEY ARE BROUGHT NEAR. GOD CERTAINLY HAD THE ABILITY TO SAY THE CHURCH WAS ISRAEL OR JEWISH IF IT WAS HIS WILL. IT WAS NOT HIS WILL AND IT WAS NEVER