

Only a Minority of Jews will be Saved (vv. 27-29)

VERSE 27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED (*noun nom.m.s. Isaiah + conj. de + pres.act.ind.3s. krazo cry out + prep huper concerning + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. Israel + conj. ean though + d.a.w/noun nom.m.s. arethmos number + d.a.w/noun gen.m.p. huios son + noun gen.m.s. Israel + conj. hos as + d.a.w/noun nom.f.s. ammos sand + d.a.w/noun gen.f.s. thalassa sea + d.a.w/noun nom.nt.s. hupolemma remnant + fut.pass.ind.3s. sozo save*]);

VERSE 28 FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD ON THE EARTH, THOROUGHLY AND QUICKLY (*conj. gar for + noun acc.m.s. logos word + pres.act.part.nom.m.s. sunteleo establish; "thoroughly" + conj. kai and + pres.act.part.nom.m.s. suntemno bring about swiftly + fut.act.ind.3s. poieo "will execute"+ noun nom.m.s. kurios + prep. epi upon + d.a.w.noun gen.f.s. ge earth*) ."

VERSE 29 And just as Isaiah foretold (*καὶ καθὼς προείρηκεν Ἰσαΐας [conj. kai and + conj. kathos just as + pf.act.ind.3s. prolego say beforehand + noun nom.m.s. Isaiah]*), **"UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOOTH HAD LEFT TO US A POSTERITY, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE RESEMBLED GOMORRAH** [*Εἰ μὴ κύριος Σαβαώθ ἐγκατέλιπεν ἡμῖν σπέρμα, ὡς Σόδομα ἂν ἐγενήθημεν καὶ ὡς Γόμορρα ἂν ὠμοιώθημεν [conj. ei + neg. me + "unless" + noun nom.m.s. kurios lord + noun gen.m.p. Sabaoth; literally: "of the armies" + aor.act.ind.3s. egkataleipos leave behind + pro.dat.p. ego "to us" + noun acc.nt.s. sperma seed, posterity + conj. hos as, like + noun nom.nt.p. Sodom + conj. kai and + conj. hos as + noun nom.f.s. Gomorrah + part.an + aor.pass.ind.1p. homoioo resemble*])."

ANALYSIS: VERSES 27-29

1. Paul here expands upon the observation of 9:6 “For they are not all Israel who are of Israel.”
2. A Jew who fails to make the salvation adjustment is not regarded by God as a complete Jew.
3. For an individual Jew to be regarded as complete that individual must have followed the example of Abraham (cf. Gen. 15:6 “And he believed in the LORD, and He credited it (salvation) as righteousness (imputed + R).”
4. Verse 27 is a quote from Isa. 10:22 (LXX).
5. That Isaiah “cries out” is to underscore the fact that all racial Jews are not automatically saved.
6. A bloodline does not confer salvation, even one as illustrious as that which descended from Abraham (Jn. 1:13 “who were born, not of blood nor of the will of man, but of God.”).
7. The observation of these verses squares with the above citation from Hosea 9:26.
8. If all of Jews are a non-people, then it is because they were negative and unsaved.
9. Verse 27 documents the fact that a very huge percentage of the Jewish race down to the present time were never saved.
10. All Jews are NOT *ipso facto* heirs of the Abrahamic covenant according to this citation from Isaiah.
11. So Paul from the OT demonstrates that not all racial Israel will be saved.
12. Beyond that, he shows that only a small percentage of the total number of Jews who have lived on the earth will be saved.
13. Hence, the term “remnant” always indicates a lesser amount of something that is left over.
14. The remnant here has prophetic last days significance.
15. Out of all the Jews residing on the earth during the seven year tribulation only a minority will survive to the 2nd Advent and be brought over into the thousand years.
16. Zechariah describes the blessings of this remnant in chapter 8.
17. That the total number of racial Jews throughout history is likened to “the sand of the sea” is designed to show the vastness of the Jewish race through time.
18. That Jews would proliferate to this level is one aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 32:12)
19. But during the centuries to the 2nd Advent the unbelieving Jews greatly outnumber those who are believers.
20. Things will change during the kingdom of God on earth (cf. Jer. 33:22 and Hos. 1:10 previously cited).
21. This remnant is the believing Jews of the tribulation as further indicated by the quote from Isa. 10:23 here in verse 28.
22. In this citation taken from the Greek version of the OT (LXX) two things are said in connection with the judgments that will come upon humanity.
23. “Thoroughly and quickly” tells us that not stone will not be turned over, so to speak, and it will all happen in a relatively short time period (seven years plus the post 2nd advent judgments of the nations and Israel).
24. In verse 29 Paul quotes once again from Isaiah (1:10).
25. “Unless the LORD of the armies had left us posterity” refers to the preservation of the Jewish race during the long centuries of their dispersion among the nations.
26. It is a miracle of divine providence that the Jews have survived exile among the nations retaining their identity living among the Gentiles.
27. The comparison to Sodom and Gomorrah illustrates what the fate of the Jews would have been apart from divine preservation by the Lord of the armies.

28. The two main cities of the lower Jordan Valley suffered the total loss of inhabitants when God rained fire and brimstone on them in the days of Abraham.
29. Israel in her history committed high crimes such as those of S&G (Deut. 32:32; Isa. 1:10; 3:9; Jer. 23:14; Lam. 4:6; Ezek. 16:46, 48, 49, 53, 55, 56).
30. Note also Rev. 11:8, and the fact some of the leaders of present day Israel condone sexual perversion (Gay parades).
31. At the first advent the leaders of Israel condemned to death our Lord (they killed their Messiah!; cf. Acts 2:23), yet they as a race survived the centuries of their dispersion on into the Fig Tree generation.
32. If all that were not enough, the leaders of Israel will make a treaty with the Antichrist embracing him as their messiah (Isa. 28:15; Dan. 9:27)!
33. Liberals and their followers in the USA will experience a nuclear holocaust (cf. Jer. 50:40; also 2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 1:7).
34. Even though the sins of the Jewish race living in the land, and outside the land, far surpasses that of the inhabitants of S&G, a remnant will survive, and enter the kingdom of God based on their faith in Jesus Christ their promised Messiah.