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Rm 9-11

Ex 19, 5f.

Dt 7, 7f.

Jn 4, 22

Gen 12, 1-3

Is 49,6

Ho 11,1-9

Rm 11, 26

5. The people of Israel and the church of Jesus Christ

Through faith in Jesus Christ, whom God brought forth from Israel in his time, we recognize Israel as God's chosen people. God demonstrated his creative power and his Lordship over all nations by the election and calling of this one nation in a unique way. His love towards all peoples leads to a covenant with this special people. Through Israel, God wants to bless all peoples and make them into a light to the peoples. The election and calling of Israel by God is not revoked by their faithlessness and disobedience. As God has preserved the Jewish people until our present time, we recognize a sign of the faithfulness and compassion of God. The secret of this nation is and remains its election and redemption through God.

2 Cor 3

Jr 31, 31-34

Lk 22,20

Heb 9,15

Lk 2,25-32

Mt 28, 19f.

Rm 5,18

2 Cor 1, 20

Mi 4,1-4

Dn 7,13f.

God has not dissolved his covenant with Israel when he founded a new covenant through Jesus Christ and thereupon established his reign of grace for all people. That is why we recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah of Israel and the savior of the world. In him salvation is for the Jews and for the other peoples.

The church of Jesus shares in Jesus Christ the promises, which were first given to Israel. In Christ all people are included in God's salvation, while God's people of the new covenant is called and gathered from Israel and the other peoples. The eschatological reign of God, promised to Israel, has begun in Jesus Christ, but it is not yet fulfilled. The church of Jesus Christ awaits together with the people of Israel its perfect fulfillment.