Scripture

- **Romans 3:29**
  Or is God the God of the Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles only? Yes, of Gentiles also.

- **Isaiah 4:21**
  “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.”

- **Isaiah 60:3**
  Nations will come to your light…”

- **Deuteronomy 32:8-9**
  When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. For the LORD’S portion is His people; Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.”

- **Matthew 23:38**
  “…you will not see Me until you say, ‘Baruch ha-ba B’Shem, Adonai.’” (Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord)

- **Romans 10:1; 11:1, 15-18**
  1Brethren, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.
  1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
  15For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the first piece of dough is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.

Other Scriptures

- Galatians 2:11-14
- Galatians 3:28
- John 8:24
**Main Points**

- The Jewish people were chosen to be the couriers by which Messiah would come to the entire world.
- Jew and Gentile have become one in Messiah Jesus.
- God still has a huge distinctive role for Israel during this time and in the future.
- The return of Messiah Jesus will not happen for Gentiles until it happens for Israel.
- The Jewish people’s reception of Messiah Jesus is intricately bound in His return.
- Jesus is not just the Savior of the world. He is the Messiah of Israel!

**Discussion Questions**

1. For what were the Jewish people chosen?

2. What was Rabbi’s point about being out of balance concerning the role of the Jewish people in God’s plans? What has happened to the idea of the specialness of the Jewish race?

3. What is the difference between distinction for the Jewish people and discrimination?

4. What must happen to the Jewish nation in order for Jesus to return?

5. What is the role of the Gentile in the salvation of the Jewish person?

6. What has challenged you most in this teaching?