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God's plan for the Jews. Paul said that all Israel will be saved, they will all come to the knowledge of Christ. Just when will that happen? What is God's plan for the Jews? Some go to one extreme, some go to the other extreme in the interpretation. The Bible clearly says God has a future for Israel, he has kept Israel all through these years. It is the only nation from antiquity that still exists. He has plans for Israel, but when we get into the details of those plans, how easy it is for some to go way beyond what the Scripture teaches, and how easy it is for others to say ~~Now that doesn't fit at all with our Christian teaching; throw the whole thing out!~~ We must take what Scripture teaches; stand upon it and not feel that we have to make a whole complete system that explains everything, and that we can understand the inter-relation of them. If there is one fact that is clear in the NT it is that Jesus is going to return to earth, and the Christian is expected to be looking for His return, to be longing for it, to be hoping for it and to know that it may perhaps be a factor in his own life. There is no question that is the clear teaching of the NT. Not any one passage, but in many different passages. Yet a large part of the Christian church through many centuries has almost completely ignored this teaching! ~~There have always been some who have been looking for the return of Christ. But when you read the statements in Acts how the disciples looked and saw Him go into heaven, and the angel said, This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven -- how then can anyone doubt that the statement in Daniel that he saw one like the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven and there was given to him power and glory and kingdom, a kingdom that will never be destroyed, -- how can anybody doubt that Jesus will indeed come in His kingdom?~~