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 that will come to pass. What He says is proved to be right and then He calls here to the Israelites specifically and tells them to assemble, they who are escaped to the nations. They have no knowledge--the idol worshippers and they set up images and pray to them, a god that cannot save but you who have escaped, the remanent willlbe saved. God's power is omnipotent and omniscient. It is a wonderful offer of salvation, declaration and no matter how far away can come to him and He is God and there is none else. "Unto me every kneewshall bow and every tongue shall swear" and a marvelous prediction which is not yet fulfilled but which He declares is still going to be fulfilled. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory. The time is coming when all Israel shall be saved.

Ques. It was certainly the purpose but if it was His purpose for that particular time it is hard to say. V. 25 speaks of the future justification of all Israel. I am not sure you draw it from this verse alone if you had no similar teaching elsewhere but it does fit in with the clear teaching elsewhere. Alone it would certainly seem like this. Ques. Yes, the word Israel can be used in two senses just as the word church can be used in two senses.

{ Israel can be Jacob so it can really be used in three senses. Israel can be the seed of Jacob in the physical sense and in the spiritual sense. Also a church can be a building or an outward organization and the whole body of the redeemed. Church is pused in the physical sense as those who are members of an organization and it is used in the ppiritual sense for those who are ~~tar~~ truly redeemed by Christ. Israel also means those who are the descendants of Jacob. Those who are descendant's of Israel, include the race of Israel and those others are the ~~unes~~ redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ., whether they be of the seed of Israel or whether they be of some other national background. The church visible that is made up of saved and lost people, the physical church, made up of sincere people and hypocrites, made up of people because of some external circumstances that brought them in and made up of people who have true & saving faith in Christ--it is icomparable but is distinct from Israel to those who are of the blod of Jacob, whether they are true believers or whether they have cast it aside and have not accepted it. The use of the two terms is similar and there is a place where the two mean exactly the same thing and there is an overlapping of the truth.

It is has been from the time of Adam--there has been a true Israel all along, but the physical Israel and the visible church are in general distinct entities though there is an overlapping here. Where he speaks of the seed of Israel here--that means physical Israel.