this statement was prior to the judgment of 70 AD when the Temple was destroyed and the Jewish people annihilated, one must wonder if Paul had some prophetic knowledge of this soon coming event. Know for sure that just a few short years from the time of Paul’s writing this, the destruction that came upon the Jews at the Roman invasion of Jerusalem in 70 AD was indeed a terrible one. Not only did Titus the Roman general kill some 1.1 million Jews, but the nation was literally scattered to the wind and their Temple and entire system of sacrifice and offering came to an end. Of this end and judgment from God’s hand, the Jewish religion has never recovered and to this day some 2000 years later they still have no Temple sacrifice. This begs the question, what about the modern religion of Judaism? How should we view it, in light of the Gospel and the Christian age? One should consider that from a religious perspective, they still remain under the terrible wrath of judgment and blindness from God, so much so that they teach their people to abhor the Christian Messiah and to reject Him and His Gospel utterly. This religious teaching could not be more demonic. It is in direct opposition to God’s way of salvation, which salvation modern Judaism rejects and opposes, so as to be without hope and without God in the world. Clearly stated, the modern Jewish religion stands in the same place that it stood in the 1st Century, opposing the Gospel and hindering the Gentiles from being saved, teaching that Jesus is not the Christ. Even today Jews can become angrily provoked at the mention and discussion about Jesus being the Christ. Because of this rejection of Him, they remain under the wrath of God. It is important to note however that although the religious Jews throughout history have persecuted the true messengers of God, as they do today, there has always been a faithful remnant among God chosen people who love Him and faithfully follow Him. Of this Paul writes in Romans 11:…

Romans 11:1-6 - 11 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. 2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 3 "Lord, they have killed Thy prophets, they have torn down Thine altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life." 4 But what is the divine response to him? "I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice. NASB

Paul goes on to speak about the glorious restoration of the Jews when God’s purposes have reached their fulfillment. At that time they will be reconciled to God through a massive conversion that God has promised through the prophet Zechariah(chapters 12-14) and others, wherein the entire surviving ethnic population of Israel will be saved at the revelation of Jesus Christ at His second coming.

Romans 11:25-26 - 25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.” NASB

God has a yet glorious plan for Israel in future days, but not until He lifts the blindness from their eyes to see the glory of Messiah and receive Him as their king and savior.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 – 17 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short while — in person, not in spirit — were all the more eager with great desire to see your face. 18 For we wanted to come to you — I, Paul, more than once — and yet Satan hindered us. NASU A. But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short while — in person, not in spirit — were all the more eager with great desire to see your face. 18 For we wanted to come to you — I, Paul, more than once — and yet Satan hindered us. - Paul again acknowledges his great love for the Thessalonians and his longing to see them stating, “But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short while.” From this we know it had not been too long since Paul was run out of Thessalonica. But he speaks as if to say that his heart was ever with them saying,