

Romans 11

Jesus

- **Romans 9,10,11** Israel
- **Romans 12-16** Practical Application

Romans 10:21 All day long I have **stretched out My hands** To a **disobedient and contrary** people.

I. Israel's Rejection Not Total

1 I say then, **has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite**, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

- **Some assume by Ch's 10-11:** God is done with Israel turn solely to the Church

Replacement Theology: The church has replaced Israel as God's people. After Israel rejected Jesus at His first coming all of God's promises to Israel have been taken from Israel and given to the Church. **No.**

- **God's Promises** to Abraham/David are **everlasting**
- **Rationale?** Paul says I'm a Jew and **God saved me**

God's promises to Israel are Everlasting/Irrevocable

Warning/Admonition to Those who adhere to **Replacement Theology**

1) Danger of Antisemitism and 2) Don't know the Bible...**at all**

2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or **do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah**, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, 3 "Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? 4 But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the **election of grace**. 6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

Do you not know what the Scripture says? Good question. Scripture reiterates God always leaves a remnant of His people to carry on the line, that the entire world through Abraham would be blessed by his Seed and that the promise to David would be fulfilled; David's descendant the Jewish Messiah would one day sit on his throne in Israel. IOW's God's future promises to the Jews **cannot be fulfilled without the Jews**. [NJC]

Jeremiah 46:28 Do not fear, O Jacob My servant," says the Lord, "For I am with you; For I will make a complete end of all the nations To which I have driven you, But **I will not make a complete end of you**."

Church/Bride is a parenthesis of time in between Gods plan for Israel

- **Israel is the inheritance of God forever...**

Psalm 94:14 ... the Lord **will not cast off His people**, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

1 Samuel 12:22 ... the Lord **will not forsake His people**, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you [Jews] His people.

Jeremiah 31:37 "If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, [then] I will also cast off all the seed of Israel..."

- God saves a remnant **according to the election of grace**

All those that were, are, **or ever will be** saved...are saved by the election of Grace

Q. Whom does God elect? A. Those who will respond to His Grace

7 What then? Israel has **not obtained what it seeks**; but the **elect have obtained it**, and the **rest were blinded**.

- **True** Israel as a nation rejected Jesus
- **Yet** The elect of Israel received Jesus...including Paul, Apostles, Pharisees
- **But** Rest blinded. Hearts hardened/God obliging...

8 Just as it is written: "God has **given** [Jews] them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day." **9** And [even] **David says**: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. **10** Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always."

- **Psalm 69**: David prophesies of those hurling insults at his great grandson on cross...

Psalm 69:21 They also gave me **gall for my food**, and for my thirst they **gave me vinegar** to drink. **22** Let their table become a snare before them, And their well-being a trap...

Matthew 27:24b... "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it." **25** And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

- God has given the nation of Israel over the spirit of stupor/judgment
- Yet individual Jews w/in national Israel who turn to Jesus **can be saved...**

2 Corinthians 3:14 [Of Jews] ...their **minds were blinded**. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the **reading of the Old Testament**, because the veil is **taken away in Christ**. **15** But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

Isaiah 50:6 I **gave My back** to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who **plucked out the beard**; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

Isaiah 52:13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. **14** Just as many were astonished at you, So **His visage was marred** more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; **15** So shall He **sprinkle many nations**. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? **2** For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. **3** He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not

esteem Him. 4 Surely He has **borne our griefs And carried our sorrows**; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The **chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed**. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; **He was led as a lamb to the slaughter**, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge **My righteous Servant shall justify many**, For He shall **bear their iniquities**. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And **made intercession for the transgressors**.

- Jews believe Isaiah is speaking of Nation of Israel. Blind

[Continued] **1 Corinthians 3:16** Nevertheless **when one [Jew/Gentile] turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away**. [Understand the Word because by the Spirit] 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the **Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty**. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed** into the same image from **glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

- **God can remove spiritual blindness...Cause the blind to see...**

2 Corinthians 4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord...

Paul's Prayer/Our Prayer: Lord, remove veil and let them see Jesus

SUMMARY Israel's Rejection Not Total

II. Israel's Rejection Not Final

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not!

Has the Nation of Israel fallen never to get up again? Certainly not!

11b... But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, **salvation has come to the Gentiles**. 12 Now if their fall is **riches for the world**, and their failure **riches for the Gentiles**, how much more their fullness!

Acts 13:46 [Paul/Barnabas] "It was **necessary** that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but **since you reject it**, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, **we turn to the Gentiles**."

Israel's rejection allowed room for God to pour out His riches on us
IOW's While Israel is figuring it out...We the Church cash in on our common promises

- **Israel/Church:** Kingdom of Priests/Holy Nation

Exodus 19:5 ... if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me **above all people**; for all the earth *is* Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**'

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood, a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

Revelation 1:6 [God] has made us **kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The things that once exclusively belonged to Israel – their election (chosen), priesthood, and calling are now no longer the property of Israel alone. These are now the property of every Christian, and we have them in a greater and spiritual sense. [Guzik]

Your Special People status has now been opened up to the dogs

Romans 10:19 "I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are **not a nation**, I will move you to anger by a **foolish nation.**"

- **Jews will watch/fume...you took our God**

1. **Those not a nation:** Gentiles receive Jesus
2. **Foolish nation:** Idolaters of Galatia/Ephesus etc. now receive Jesus

Jews should be jealous of our New Wine/Freedom of Walking in Spirit

- Messianic Christian Churches seek to go back to what God rejected. Rituals/Dietary
- Why would Jews be jealous **if we simply imitating them?**

Israel's Rejection of God/God's Rejection of Israel
Allowed God to be rich to rest of world...to us

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an **apostle to the Gentiles**

- **Peter:** Apostle to Jews
- **Paul:** Apostle to Gentiles. Currently to those in Rome. Not his plan

What if your plan is not God's plan?

Your agenda not God's agenda...Your desire not God's desire for your life?

A truly Spirit led life usually means not taking the path of least resistance...but setting our face like flint to do God's will no matter what. Every fiber in Paul's being desired to stay in Jerusalem to save his fellow Jews, yet God's will was for Paul to go throughout the world to preach/suffer for the Gentiles [previously referred to by Paul as dogs] [NJC]

- Paul's great desire: Go to the Jews. Yet...

Acts 22:21 [Jesus to Paul], 'Depart, for I will send you **far from here to the Gentiles.**' "

Galatians 1:16 [God revealed] His Son in me that I might preach Him among the

Gentiles...

Ephesians 3:8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach **among the Gentiles** the unsearchable riches of Christ...

- **Paul's great desire:** Ministry Jews. God's desire. Ministry Gentiles. Paul's response?

13b... I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and **save some of them.**

- **Paul's greatest desire?** Magnify God before others would seek Him. Especially Jews

Romans 9:2 ...I have **great sorrow and continual grief** in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites

Romans 10:1 Brethren, **my heart's desire** and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

- **Great desire:** Go to the Jews.
- **Greatest desire: Magnify/Please the Lord by doing His will**

Is our Greatest Desire to Magnify the Lord by obeying the Lord?

Q. What if our desire is not God's desire? **A.** We are not delighting ourselves in Him

- When we delight in God our desires become the same...

Psalms 37:3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. ⁴ Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

- **Delight:** heb. aw-nag' lit be soft/delicate/pampered/happy/merry/spend in enjoyment

Psalms 94:19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts **delight my soul.**

Isaiah 58:14 [Yielding to God] Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And [He] will cause you to **ride on the high hills of the earth,** And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Song of Solomon 2:3 [Bride/Bridegroom delighting in one another] [Bride to Bridegroom] Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, So is **my beloved among the sons.** I sat down in his shade with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste.

Song of Solomon 7:6 [Bridegroom to Bride] How fair and how pleasant you are, O love, with your delights!

- When we delight ourselves in God our desire/God's desire **become the same**
- E.g., God's desire was to raise up His bride from Gentiles/Paul's desire to save Jews

God would save Israel by raising up Church causing Jews to seek God

God's ways are not our ways [they're better] /thoughts not our thoughts [their greater]

- **God's Manifold** wisdom/Manifold grace/Manifold works

Using one man's ministry to accomplish many things as that man yields to God's Spirit
Paul knew God's heart. God knew Paul's heart and both would be satisfied

As we delight/rest in the Lord, we can trust Him to fulfill the desires of our heart

- **Magnify ministry to Gentiles:** Jews might **see their Joy and want some...**

Some Jews will be saved now...

Many Jews will be saved in the Great Tribulation

- **Jesus:** Accept first Elijah J the B or else suffer during the second Elijah in Trib

Israel present rejection means Salvation to Gentiles...

15 For if [Israel's] being cast away is the reconciling of the [Gentile] world, what will their acceptance be but **life from the dead?**

- **Israel's Rejection** Allows God to bless rest on mankind
- **Israel Return** Miraculous as a man rising from dead. **And they will return...**

16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the **lump is also holy**; and if the root is holy, **so are the branches.**

- **Rationale for Jews return?** Paul uses the analogy of Bread/Olive Tree
1. **Like Bread** If the wheat [firstfruits] is holy so is bread that comes from it
 2. **Like Olive Tree** If the root is holy so will be the branches that extend from it

IOW's If what God began was Holy it will yield a remnant that remains holy

17 And if some of the branches were **broken off** [rejected], and you [Gentiles], being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree

Israel was holy/set apart to/for/by the Living God. Went sideways in self-righteousness
God broke off the branches not producing good fruit

- Bad branches of Israel broken off/New Branches of Gentiles grafted in
- IOW's We are partakers of root of Israel; i.e., God's grace/goodness to His people

We did not replace Israel...We are simply **place keepers** for when they return

Gentiles once apart from God now brought near to God

Ephesians 2:15b [Jesus created] ...**one new man from the two**, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both [Jew/Gentile] to God in one body through the cross, ... **17** And [Jesus] came and preached peace to you who were afar off [Gentiles] and to those who were near [Jews].18 For through [Jesus] we **both have access by one Spirit to the Father.**

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all **one in Christ Jesus.**

- Jews broken off that **we might be grafted in...**

18 [**So...**] do not boast against the branches [rejected Jews]. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

Lest Gentiles think of themselves as superior to Jews, Paul also reminds them that the root supports the branches – not the other way around. [Guzik]

Stern Warning against Antisemitism

1 Corinthians 10:12 ... let him who thinks he stands **take heed lest he fall.**

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- **Q.** What would boasting against the Jews sound like?
- **A.** Sound just like **Replacement Theology**/Antisemitism/Spiritual Pride

19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off **that I might be grafted in.**" 20 Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. **Do not be haughty,** but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, **He may not spare you either.**

- Great Falling away before Rapture...

1 Timothy 4:1 ... the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the **falling away comes first...9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- Paul warns Gentiles **not to boast** of taking Israel's place with God

22 Therefore consider the **goodness** and **severity** of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. 23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, **will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.**

Severity of God: Breaking off the natural branches
Goodness of God: Grafting in wild branches

24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is **wild by nature,** and were grafted **contrary to nature** into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Warning to Gentiles? Check your pride. If God cut off the natural branches and grafted in

wild branches, how much easier would it be to cut off the wild branches and graft back the natural. God is able to graft them back in and will when they begin to believe again. [NJC]

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be **ignorant of this mystery**, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the **fullness of the Gentiles** has come in.

- **Mystery:** Hidden in OT and revealed in NT

Israel will be Spiritually blind until one special event takes place
The Rapture of the Church to the place Jesus prepared

John 14:14 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and **prepare a place for you**, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that **where I am, there you may be also**."

- **Fullness of Gentiles come in?** Last Gentile put in the coffer; **i.e., saved**
 1. **Rapture takes place:** Jesus takes His church/bride to heaven
 2. **Tribulation begins:** Beginning of sorrows. AC, War, Famine, Death
 3. **2 Witnesses sent** to Israel rejected for most part
 4. **AC Possessed.** Stops Jewish worship demands worship.
 5. **Dragon attack begins** the Great Tribulation. Time of Jacob's sorrow...

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 "then let **those who are in Judea flee to the mountains**."

6. **144,000 Jewish witnesses raised:** 12,000 from each tribe
7. **Israel flees** to place God has prepared and wait for their Messiah

Luke 21:27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your **redemption draws near.**"

26 And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: "The **Deliverer will come out of Zion**, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, **When I take away their sins.**"

- **All Israel:** Those from Israel in the Trib **who listen to Jesus' instruction**

Zechariah 13:9 I will bring the **one-third through the fire**, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "

- **Only 1/3** of nation of Israel will be saved. **These are true Israel**

Israel is Spiritually Blind today but one day the veil will be taken away. How?

2 Corinthians 3:16 **...when one turns to the Lord**, the veil is taken away.

Warning to the Gentiles

Don't think for a second God is done with His people Israel

28 Concerning the gospel they [Jews] are **enemies for your sake**, but concerning the election they **are beloved for the sake of the fathers**.

- **Enemies now** Rejecting Jesus/Gospel. Hostile to those who preach it
- **Beloved always** For sake of Fathers; i.e., Firstfruits [Abraham, Isaac and Jacob]

Genesis 12:1 [First Jew called by God] Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- What Gentiles will be **cut off and when in v22? Those who curse Israel**
 1. Any so-called *church* of today that rejects Israel will **go into Tribulation**
 2. Anyone going through Great Tribulation who sides w/AC and harms Jews ...

Matthew 25:40 [Sheep/Goat judgment] ...the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these **My brethren, you did it to Me.**'

So what? So... make sure your Eschatology, i.e., End times theology, includes the restoration of Israel **or you're wrong** [and in trouble] [NJC]

29 For [and] the **gifts and the calling** of God are **irrevocable**. 30 For as you [us] were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so **these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.**

- Gifts/Calling of God are irrevocable no matter what it looks like. He said it...it will be

Nation of Israel rejected God's will but this does not defeat God's purposes. A remnant of Jews does believe and God's word has been fulfilled. [Wiersbe]

- **Seem/Act like enemies yet God will show them mercy**
 1. In our sin we saw the blessing of God on the Jews/obtained mercy from God
 2. In their sin they see the blessing of God on us/ will obtain mercy from God

Gifts and Calling of God are irrevocable... because of His mercy

If the disobedient were disqualified forever from salvation we're all in trouble

32 For God has **committed them all to disobedience**, that **He might have mercy on all.**

- **We all need Mercy:** Not getting what we deserve Judgment
- **We all need Grace:** Getting what we don't deserve Salvation

We are all in desperate need of a Savior...Same Savior all...Jesus Christ

To Him be the glory for His mercy and grace!

Galatians 3:22 ...the Scripture has confined **all under sin**, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be **given to those who believe**.

Israel rejected their Messiah/Paid a massive price

2nd Coming: Overcome by sorrow/repentance

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And **all the tribes of the earth will mourn** because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on **the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem** the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will **look on Me whom they pierced**. Yes, they will mourn for Him as **one mourns for his only son**, and grieve for Him as one **grieves for a firstborn**. 11 In that day there shall be a **great mourning in Jerusalem...**12 And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; 13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; **14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.**

- National repentance followed by **Joy inexpressible**

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...**

Israel finally embraced their Savior and that for all eternity

Those forgiven much love much

Luke 7:47 [Sinful woman worship Jesus' wiping feet with tears and oil]... her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for **she loved much**. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

Manifold Wisdom/Manifold Grace/Manifold works. Mystery of God

God uses Israel's disobedience to bring us to obedience to bring them back to obedience

Paul can't contain His praise....

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! **34** "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" **35** "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" **36** For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, **to whom be glory forever. Amen.**

SUMMARY Israel's Rejection Not Final

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace