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Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ³ “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.” ⁴ But what is God's reply to him?



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“I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵ So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.



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⁷What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, ⁸as it is written,



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“God gave them a spirit of stupor,
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and ears that would not hear,
down to this very day.”



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⁹ And David says,

“Let their table become a snare and a trap,
a stumbling block and a retribution for them;

¹⁰ let their eyes be darkened so that they
cannot see,

and bend their backs forever.”



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¹¹ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.



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¹² Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! ¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry



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¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?



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¹⁶ If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy,
so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy,
so are the branches.



Leader: **The Word of the Lord**
Congregation: **Amen! Praise be to God!**



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Romans 11:4-6

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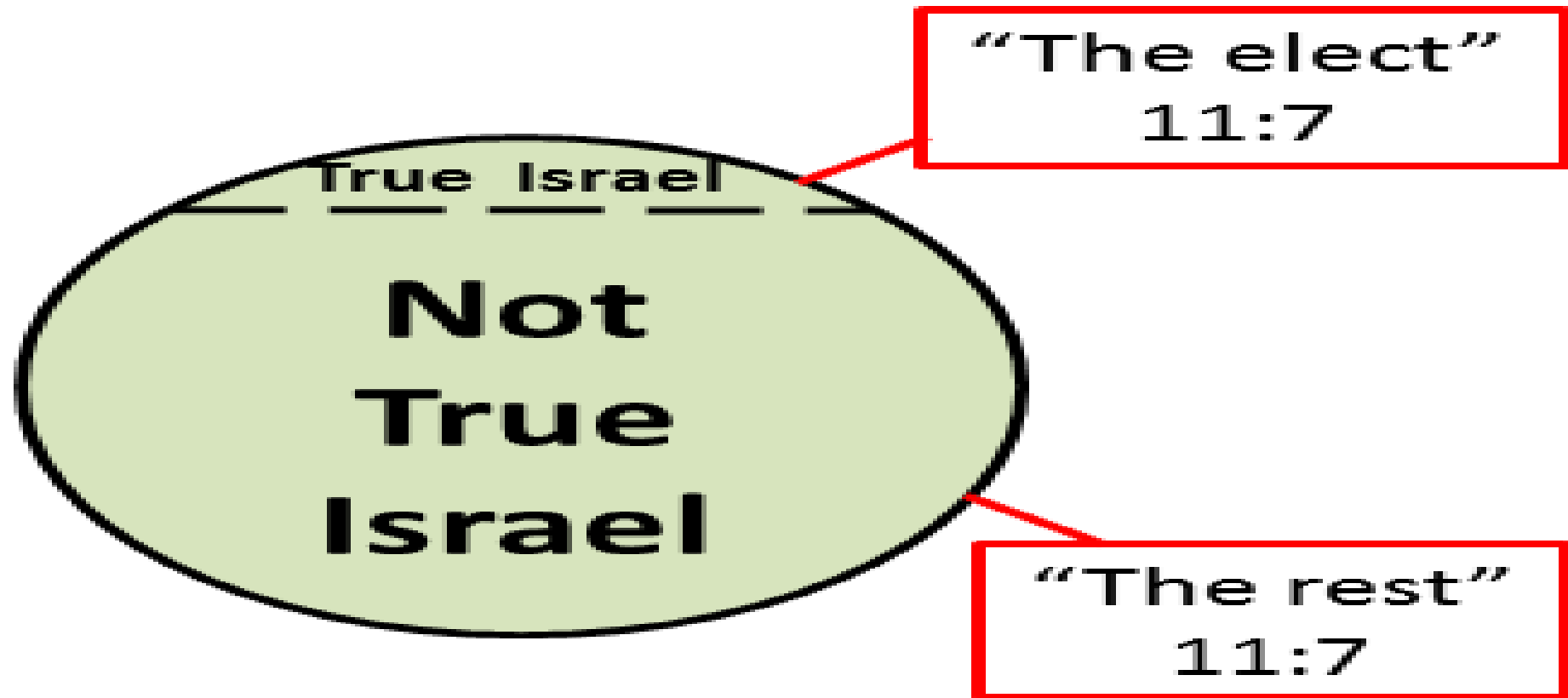


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Why God hardens a heart might best be answered by **how** God hardens a heart.

Acts 13:44-45

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.



Acts 13:49-50

⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews *incited* the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up *persecution* against Paul and Barnabas, and *drove them out* of their district.



Romans 11:11

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Application

1. Pray for the Jewish people to come to know Jesus as their Messiah.
2. Pray for Messianic Jews who are actively reaching out to other Jews.

