

Romans Chapter 11

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Chapter 11. The Remnant of Israel. God will keep His Promise to Abraham, Issac and Jacob. (key verse, 28) This chapter may be more challenging to us than any other in this epistle. It is a message to the Gentiles to call their attention to God's promise to Israel, and that the coming of Christ did not void that promise. While Christ does supersede the civil, ceremonial, and legal aspects and practices of the Law without violating it in any way, He fulfilled the moral essence of the Law and ushered in the dispensation of Grace. Yet the physical lineage (blood line) inherited a promise from God. And God never lies or fails.

Verses 1-6: Paul uses himself as proof that the Jews were, in-fact, in God's plan of salvation from the start. While God could have killed him at any time, God chose Paul to be a first fruit of the Promise to Israel. Paul stated he was part of a remnant of Israel that was present now, but a day is coming when the whole nation and family of Israel will turn to Jesus. It may have appeared to the current Christians that God had moved on from the Jews to the Gentiles, but Paul stated; 'you were chosen to make the Jews Jealous.' That statement is for the Jew only. For we know that it was God's plan from the beginning that the whole world be saved. Paul uses Elijah as an example that no one knows the "all" of God's works, not even Godly men.

Verses 7-10: Paul quotes Deuteronomy and Isaiah as examples of how God disciplines disobedience. But for us, our prejudices can blind us to Truth. Christian Nationalism is a good example of this in our day. As was proud Jews who would not let go of the past and proud Gentiles that felt special by their new status with God.

Verses 11-24: Paul uses the symbology of a husbandman's work in the vineyard of pruning and grafting to produce fine quality grapes to show that Israel was pruned off the vine and God chose to graft the Gentiles into the vine where they had been pruned. But if those pruned were never pruned, there would be no need to graft any new branch. But one day the very branch that was pruned will be regenerated and grafted back into the vine it was pruned from. The Gentiles are stepchildren. The Jews are divorced children. But it is the divorced one that has the bloodline of the parent. But all children are accepted as the same with the parent and treated no different one to the other. Therefore, neither child can brag or boast, and neither child has been abandoned.

Verse 25 -32: The Prophet Isaiah made it clear that Messiah would come from the Jews. And the promise is He will "turn" them from their sins. Now this key verse of Gospel and Election. The Gospel is: "Whosoever will, let them come." The Election is: "I have chosen you." The "Redeem" and the "Elect." Are both God's peoples. The New City's foundation is the Apostles, and its' gates are the 12 Tribes. Yet it in one City under One God.

Verses 33-36: These scriptures form a Doxology; a liturgical (ceremonial, ritual) formula of praise to God. It is formed from many Old Testament passages. Psalms, Isiah, Job, and Jerimiah. It speaks to the deepness of God's Wisdom, knowledge and judgments. Our "All Knowing, Omnipotent, and Omniscent God" never Fails.