

Romans Chapter 11

V 1-4. Is Israel permanently cast off? No ! Paul states his genealogy.

Quotes from I Kings Ch 19- Elijah- remnant- 7000 men. Always a remnant.

5-6 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.

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

Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day." Isaiah 29:10. Didn't want to see so God made them more blind. They had the eyes and ears but didn't see and didn't hear. Isaiah 6:9.

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

Paul preaches to the Gentiles when the Jews reject him. Acts 13:46- Jews were judged to be unworthy- so to Gentiles.

13-15 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.

For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

Paul was made for this. Chosen vessel to the Gentiles. Gentiles must not reject the Jews but be ready to receive them again.

16-18 grafted in after some branches are broken off. This is the opposite of what human farmers do – they put **good** branches into plants, not **wild** ones. God grafts to mend the **branch**. The root nourishes

them. So blessing of Abraham comes to the Gentiles. Also a parallel with the Church – tree is Christ ; those outside of Him are wild and have to be grafted in.

Grace should not lead to boasting but to thankfulness. Abraham was the root – leads to our salvation.

Branches were broken off by unbelief. But don't boast and be proud. We should be awed and fear. God dealt with His people. If Gentiles could be grafted in, the Jews can be brought back. Can graft them in again- they are the natural branches.

25-27: 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. 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; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.” Isa 59:20-21.

Not a permanent rejection. Israel will eventually be saved.

They are beloved because of the fathers- the patriarchs. God's promises are eternal. Can't go back on them.

Israel became enemy of the Gospel for the sake of the Gentiles. We have received mercy due to their disobedience. Then **they** will obtain mercy. They bare committed to disobedience so that **all** may obtain mercy.

God's Sovereignty. Who can understand it? How can we understand these things?

Isaiah 40:13 ; Jer 23:18