

Romans 11:1-36 **God has not cast away His people Israel – God's Great Wisdom Has God cast Israel away?**

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. 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.

Partial and temporary blindness to Israel

⁷ What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. ⁸ 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."

⁹ And 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."

Purpose of the fall of Israel – Salvation to the Gentiles

¹¹ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! 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! ¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.

World impact of the plan of God

¹⁵ For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, 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, ¹⁸ do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

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.

Consideration of attitude toward severity and goodness of 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. 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?

Temporary blindness of Israel – Then all Israel will be saved

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. 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 committed to disobedience that God might have mercy on all

28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you 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. 32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

Depth of the Riches of Wisdom and Knowledge of God

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.

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Facts Revealed:

Has God cast Israel away? [Romans 11:1-3]

- ✚ God has not cast Israel away forever, but has always kept a remnant for Himself.
- ✧ Jewish believers including Paul are evidence that God has not cast away the Children of Israel because they were instrumental in the crucifixion of Christ Jesus.
- ✧ Certainly some of the Jews did obey the Gospel message as evidenced by the multitude of Jews who made up the church in Jerusalem in the book of Acts, and Jews outside of Jerusalem.
 - ✧ The Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved. [Acts 2:47]
 - ✧ 5,000 men. [Acts 4:4]
 - ✧ Multitudes of men and women. [Acts 5:14]
 - ✧ Many in Joppa. [Acts 9:42]
 - ✧ Great number in Antioch of Syria. [Acts 11:19-22]
 - ✧ Great multitude of Jews and Greeks. [Acts 14:1]
 - ✧ Pharisees believed. [Acts 15:5]
 - ✧ Many Jews believed in Berea. [Acts 17:12]
 - ✧ Crispus the ruler of the synagogue at Corinth believed. [Acts 18:1-8]
 - ✧ Myriads of Jews in Jerusalem. [Acts 21:15-20]
- ✧ God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew, as in the case of Elijah who said:
"LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? [Romans 11:3, 1 Kings 19:10, 14]
- ✧ God answered Elijah:

"I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."
[Romans 11:4, 1 Kings 19:18]

✧ Now at the present time there is a remnant according to the election of Grace. [Romans 11:5-6]

✧ If it is by Grace, it is no longer by works. [Acts 15:11, Romans 11:6, Ephesians 2:4-9]

Partial and temporary blindness to Israel

✧ Israel through the works of their traditions did not obtain the righteousness of God.

✧ They were blinded according to Scripture:

"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." [Romans 11:8, Deuteronomy 29:4, Isaiah 6:10]

✧ And as David said:

"Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, and bow down their back always." [Romans 11:9-10, Psalm 69:22-23]

✧ The Elect have obtained the righteousness of God by believing faith. [Romans 3:21-22, 4:5, 11:7]

Purpose of the fall of Israel – Salvation to the Gentiles [Romans 11:11-14]

✧ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! [Romans 11:11]

✧ The fall of Israel, opened the door of Salvation to the Gentiles, to provoke Israel to jealousy that they may be Saved.

✧ Paul wrote this epistle as an Apostle to the Gentiles in the hope that by any means Israelites may be provoked to Jealousy and some of them might be Saved.

World impact of the plan of God [Romans 11:15-21]

✧ Paul uses the illustration of an olive tree showing Christ as the holy root and trunk, the Jews as the natural branches, and the Gentiles as the branches from a wild olive tree.

✧ Some of the Jews, natural branches, were broken off because of unbelief.

✧ Some of the Gentiles, wild branches, were grafted in because of their believing faith.

✧ The warning is to the Gentiles to guard against haughty pride and boasting, because they do not support the tree which is Christ, but rather, Christ the tree supports the grafted in branches.

✧ If God did not spare the natural branches (Jews) who fell into unbelief, He will not spare the wild branches who fall into the same unbelief.

Consideration of attitude toward severity and goodness of God [Romans 11:22-24]

✧ This is all an example of the severity and goodness of God.

✧ Severity of God toward those who fell in unbelief and were cut off.

✧ Goodness of God toward the Gentiles who were grafted in because of believing Faith.

✧ There is a serious warning to the elect who are abiding in the tree:

✧ The requirement for continuing in the tree is fulfilled by your faithful adherence in Saving Faith.

✧ If God cut off the natural branches because of unbelief, He will certainly cut off the wild branches who fall into unbelief.

✧ The Hope is that God is able to graft the natural branches back into their own olive tree if they do not continue in unbelief, but repent and come to Him in believing faith, the same as He grafted in the wild branches who stand in believing faith.

Temporary blindness of Israel – Then all Israel will be saved [Romans 11:25-27]

✧ Israel will continue to be partially blinded regarding the Gospel message until the "**Fullness of the Gentiles**" has come in, and **then all Israel will be saved.**

- ✧ Gentiles began to be equal heirs of the Kingdom of God by Salvation through believing faith in the Gospel message from the time of Cornelius who was saved by the preaching of Peter, beginning the "Time of the Gentiles." [Acts 10:1-48]
- ✧ The "Time of the Gentiles" continues through the time of the Great Tribulation, also called "The Day of The Lord." [Ezekiel 30:1-8, Luke 21:24]
- ✧ The clue to the end of the fullness of the Gentiles is found in the text at hand:
 - "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.**" [Romans 11:26-27, Psalm 14:7]
 - ✧ The timing for the removal of Israel's sins will be when Jesus returns and sets up His Kingdom. [Isaiah 1:24-31, 33:14, 59:1-21, Ezekiel 20:33-38, 30:33-38, Joel 3:14-17, Zephaniah 3:8-9, Zechariah 12:1-14, Malachi 3:1-5, 18, 4:1, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:10-12, Matthew 3:10-12, Luke 3:9, 16-17, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, 25:31-46, Acts 3:19, 2 Thessalonians 1:4-10, Jude 1:14-15, 1 Corinthians 4:5, 2 Timothy 4:1]
 - ✧ So when he says "All Israel will be saved," he is referring to the **remnant** who survive the purge of evil from the earth at the beginning of the Kingdom age.
 - ✧ At that time, all the remnant of the Gentiles who survive the Purge at the Judgment Seat of Christ, will also be saved. [Revelation 7:9-17]

All committed to disobedience that God might have mercy on all [Romans 11:28-32]

- ✧ Speaking of the Jews who will see and understand to be saved, Paul is referring to those who are found acceptable for the Kingdom of Heaven, who will believe when they see Jesus seated on the throne.
 - ✧ They have been blinded for the sake of the Gentiles until the end, but they are beloved for the sake of the fathers of promise.
- ✧ The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.
 - ✧ The Lord knows those who are His, both Jew and Gentile. [2 Timothy 2:19]
- ✧ God has made all men both Jew and Gentile guilty of sin and disobedience, that He might have mercy on all who believe, and judge the rest. [Romans 3:9-19, 21-26, 5:12, 11:30-32, Galatians 3:22]

Depth of the Riches of Wisdom and Knowledge of God [Romans 11:33-36]

- ✧ Human understanding can not grasp the full significance of depth of the riches of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God.
 - ✧ The Judgments and Ways of God are far beyond our ability to learn on human level.
 - ✧ No human has known the mind of Yehowah.
 - ✧ Certainly no human has been a counselor to God.
 - ✧ God owes nothing to any mortal.
- ✧ All things originated by God. [John 1:1-3]
- ✧ All things were made through and for God the Word. [John 1:1-3, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 1:13-18, 2:9-10]
- ✧ To God be all glory forever. [Romans 11:36, 16:27, Matthew 6:13, Philippians 2:9-11, 4:20, 1 Timothy 1:17, 2 Timothy 4:18, Hebrews 13:21, 1 Peter 4:11, 5:11, 2 Peter 3:18, Jude 1:25, Revelation 1:6, 4:9-11, 5:12-13, 7:12]