

Romans 11:1-25

Romans Chapter 11 overview. Everybody who thinks that God is through with Israel needs to read this chapter. This chapter refutes a lot of things that are being taught today regarding Israel.

Chapter 10:21: But as to Israel he saith; All the day long did I spread out my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people. Israel is His chosen people, but they are gainsaying (argumentative), they rejected Jesus Christ and set up their own religion even though they had the Old Testament at that time. They made up their own mind about God's program without studying scripture.

Vs1: God says about throwing away His people "don't even think about it". He will not cast away His chosen people. Paul says that he is from the tribe of Benjamin, and God has not thrown him away. Israel is still God's chosen people to this current day. All the blessings and promises from God to Israel have not happened yet but will happen in the future, don't even doubt it for a second.

Vs2:

Vs3: the Jews were tearing down God's altars and killing the prophets, so Elijah felt all alone and he complained to God about it.

Vs4: God answered and said He has 7000 more who have not succumbed to the enemy.

Vs5: Paul says even then about 60 A.D., the sacrifices still going on and the Romans in control of Jerusalem, there are still some Israelites still staying faithful to God. God always leaves a remnant.

Vs6: it's either grace or it's works. God has people who believe in him by faith and get grace from God. You cannot mix the grace and works to get salvation. Works gets you rewards in heaven, not salvation.

Vs7: the elect few have stood up for God, but most are blind. Most wanted Jesus Christ dead.

Vs8: the majority of Israelis still doesn't understand scripture, still do not believe in Jesus Christ, and are still not saved.

Vs9: let the table that Israel is coming to with their God, thinking it's going to be a nice little feast; beware because they rejected God and Jesus Christ and didn't read and study scripture to understand God and His program. They set up their own program, and they are in trouble because of it.

Vs10-11: has Israel stumbled on God's word? Yes they did, but they have not fallen completely away from God's good grace. God has not replaced Israel with the church. God has not cast off Israel.

Vs12: When Israel rejected their messiah, God offered it to the Gentiles to make Israel jealous and come back to him.

We are getting God's blessings because Israel rejected Him. All we have to do is accept Him. Gentiles, if you are blessed now because you are getting God's blessings to make Israel jealous, just think how much more great the blessings to Israel will be when they do come back to the one true God.

Vs13: Paul is magnifying the office that God gave him: to bring the Good Word of God to the Gentiles.

Vs14: if he makes any of the Jews jealous, then he may save some of them. Paul had a deep love for his brothers and wanted them all saved.

Vs15: if God has put Israel out of the picture temporarily to reconcile with mankind (Gentiles) and we receive the blessings because of that, what about when Israel became a nation again on May 14, 1948? Israel reviving as a nation again is just like resurrection from the dead.

Vs16-19: Paul makes an illustration of an olive tree. Because of unbelief, the Israelis were broken off and the Gentiles were grafted in. The nation of Israel is the natural chosen people of God, but since they went wild and rejected God, the Gentiles are now grafted in.

Vs20: Don't get high-minded and think you're special, because God can break you right off like He did the Jews. No bragging allowed.

Vs21: God is not like a lovey-dovey old grandpa who never gets angry. He is young and will judge you harshly.

Vs22: 10 years after Paul wrote this, the Jerusalem temple was destroyed, the city was destroyed and the people were carried off as slaves.

Vs23: the warning is there.

Vs24: Israel is able to come again and will come back again and God will graft them in again sometime in the future. How much better will the natural Jews be blessed when they are grafted back in. Gentiles are not that special – they are being used to make the Jews jealous and make them come back to God.

Vs25: don't be wise in your own conceits. There is going to be an end to this sometime. The Jews will be reinstated in God's good graces. We think it's soon since the nation of Israel has been reinstated.