

# The Future of Israel

Romans  
11:1-10

# Review: The Israel race

Romans 9:32 - Israel stumbled over a stumbling stone

Romans 10:21 – Israel is described as a disobedient and contrary people

Note: Romans 10:2 Israel have a zeal but their religion is based on works and rituals. Not faith in Jesus.



# Explore the question: Has God rejected Israel?

- 1) Who would ask such question?  
Why? Romans ch. 9-11?
- 2) Do we need these 3 chapters?
- 3) Why Paul brought it up and what is it has to do with us.

# Israel's behavior

## 1) A rebellious nation

1 Kings 19:9-10

9 There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, “**What are you doing here, Elijah?**” 10 He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”

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## 2) Rejection of the Messiah

John 1:9-12, 12:37

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

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## 3) Israel rejects the gospel messengers

Acts 18:5-6

5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. 6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

# Should God reject Israel?

If you ask people this question. The answer is?



# IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL?

(Next week - Romans 11)

# Romans 11:1-5

<sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

<sup>3</sup> “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.”

<sup>4</sup> But what is God’s reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”

<sup>5</sup> So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by **grace**.

# Has God rejected His people? NO for 3 reasons

- 1) V1, Paul himself is an Israelite, a saved person. (1 Sam 12:22 For the Lord will not forsake His people. For His great name's sake...) (Ps 94:14)(Ps 89:31-34)(Neh 9:8)
- 2) V2, God Foreknew Israel (Amos 3:2, "You only have I known of all the families of the earth" (Amos 3:2). God chose them freely for his own and loved them the way a husband takes a wife and makes a covenant with her.  
[Will God change His mind?](#)
- 3) v4-5 In Elijah's Day and Paul's Day, God in His Sovereign Grace chose and kept a faithful Remnant for Himself. (1 King 19:10,18)

# Question: What is a remnant?

A small, faithful minority of God's people who survive a time of catastrophe, judgment, or widespread apostasy (google ai)

Conclusion: God partially set aside the Jews. There is always a remnant of Jews.

# Question: Do you dislike the Jews?

- 1) What do we learn about the Jews?  
Have you met one? What is the present state of Israel?
- 2) What do we learn about the Apostle Paul's attitude who was persecuted by his own people? (Rom 9:1-3,10:1)  
Wished to be cursed if he can save his own.



***"sought to establish their own [righteousness]"***

# Romans 11:6-10

<sup>6</sup> But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

<sup>7</sup> What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking.

The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

<sup>8</sup> as it is written,

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

<sup>9</sup> And David says,

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

<sup>10</sup> let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,  
and bend their backs forever.”

# Question: What is the definition of Grace?

God's freely given, unmerited favor, love, and kindness towards undeserving humanity, providing forgiveness, salvation, and spiritual strength through Jesus Christ, rather than something earned by good works. (Google) God chose to do it for Israel and Gentiles.

# Grace versus Works (previously: Faith vs Works) (John Piper)

Romans 11:6

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Note: Salvation is given freely. Not earned. Less anyone boasts.

# Group Discussion: What have you learned?

- 1) What do you learn about the Jewish people? (John 12:37)
- 2) What do you learn about God?
- 3) How does this passage apply to your life as a Christian?

# Question: What have you learned about God?

- 1) He can be trusted. He keeps His word with Israel. (Heb 10:23 He is faithful that promised. Abrahamic covenant.)
- 2) Titus 1:2 God cannot lie.
- 3) What are promises made by God to you in Romans 8?

# Question: What happened to the Jews today?

- 1) Do they still exist?
- 2) Do they have land?
- 3) Is it a nation?

Note: The corporate Israel still exists. It demonstrates God's integrity, trustworthiness and faithfulness.

# Some Implications (John Piper and John McArthur)

- 1) Be humbled – we were saved by grace. Zero pride.
- 2) Be sure that our God is trustworthy and will fulfill His promises for you as well as for the Jews.
- 3) Love the Lord of grace and His consistency. God is long suffering and compassionate to both Jews and Gentiles. Be happy and thankful. (Rom 8:29, we are foreknew by God)

# Summary

- 1) God did not and will not reject Israel. The future of Israel still unfolding.
- 2) God will never walk back on what He said and promised.
- 3) Salvation is by the grace of God. Not by good works or religious practice.
- 4) We should be confident to believe that all the promises for us in Romans 8 – No condemnation. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.