

GENESIS

God's unveiling plan of Redemption and Blessing

Study 30: Has God finished with Israel (Romans 11:1-36)

READ Gen 12:1-3, 15:1-21, 17:1-21 & Rom 11 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig's [sermon](#).

As we have studied the covenant promises God made with Abraham and His descendants in Genesis 12, 15 and 17 we are left with the question, what group of people do those promises relate to? Is it the church, the nation of Israel or both? In Romans 11 Paul discusses the failure of national Israel and how that resulted in blessings for the Gentiles. However, Paul looks forward to the future to show God's faithfulness toward Israel and how God always fulfills His promises.

Main Lesson: Since God has set aside Israel for their hardness of heart we should be all the more diligent to pray for the lost and make our salvation sure by responding to God's grace with wonder and obedience

Questions:

1. From Rom 11:1, has God rejected Israel? From 1 Sam 12:20-22 what reason does Samuel give for the reason why God will not "forsake his people" and why might this be important? See also Psalm 94:14.
2. How did Paul's salvation through Jesus as well as God's reply to Elijah affirm that God had not forsaken Israel (vv. 1-6)?
3. Paul states that "The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened" (v. 7). Who are the "rest" and what might this hardening look like specifically from vv. 7-10?

4. A. Who are the "they" in v. 11 and how did "their trespass" bring salvation to the Gentiles? Explain.

B. How might the salvation of the Gentiles make Israel jealous and what is the aim of this? See also vv. 13-14. How should this affect our own witness?

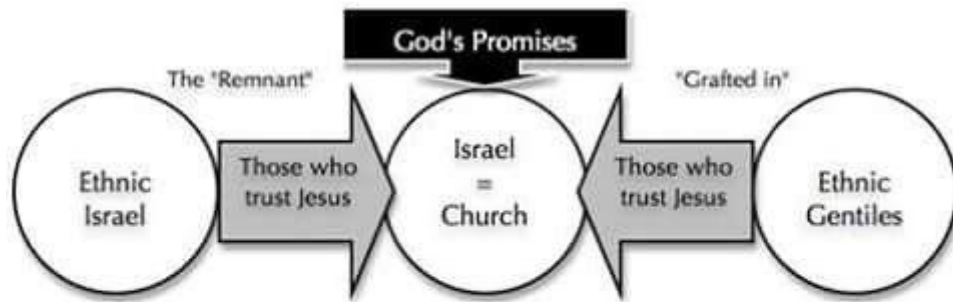
5. From v. 17 and the diagram overleaf what is the relationship between Abraham (root), believing Israel (natural branches), unbelieving Israel (natural branches cut off) and Gentile believers (wild olive shoots)? How are all four groups similar and how are they different? See Gal 3:29.
6. What is Paul's warning to believing Gentiles from vv. 18-24? How might you apply this?
7. From vv. 25-29, how does God plan on dealing with Israel in the future? Explain. See also v. 12; Luke 13:34-35; Zechariah 12:10-13:1.
8. What should be a Christian's posture and view toward the Jews/Israel? What might this practically look like?

STOP AND PRAY:

Adore: the covenant keeping God who is true to every one of His promises

Thank: the Lord for choosing you and crafting you into His family through faith

Pray: that you would not be proud but continue in God's kindness with humility



ROMANS 11

Cultivated Olive Tree

