

**ROMANS**  
**Our Message to the World**  
AMEN Bible Study 2015-2016

**All Israel Saved**  
Romans 11:1-36  
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:1-10 **I. God has not rejected Israel.**

*<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! ...*

cf. Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; I Samuel 12:22; Isaiah 49:15; Jeremiah 31:37; Romans 9:6; Hebrews 13:5

:1b-6 **A. He has preserved a remnant of Israel by His grace.**

*... 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. <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.*

cf. I Kings 19:10, 14, 18; Isaiah 10:19-22; 28:5; 37:31-32; 46:3-4; Jeremiah 23:3; 31:7; 50:20; Micah 2:12; 5:7-9; 7:18; Romans 9:27; Acts 26:9-18; Ephesians 2:8-9; II Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:4-7

:7-10 **B. He has hardened the hearts of stubborn Israelites.**

*<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.”*

cf. Isaiah 29:10; Deuteronomy 29:4; Isaiah 6:8-13

:11-24 **II. God is enlarging Israel.**

cf. Genesis 12:2; Isaiah 49:6; Acts 1:8; 13:47; Romans 16:26

:11-16 **A. Israel's hardening led to Gentile inclusion.**

*<sup>11</sup>So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. <sup>12</sup>Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! <sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup>If the dough offered as first fruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. cf. Luke 4:16-30; Acts 22:21, 22*

:17-22 **B. The Gentiles' inclusion is not irreversible.**

*<sup>17</sup>But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup>do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. <sup>19</sup>Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” <sup>20</sup>That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. <sup>21</sup>For if God did not spare*

the natural branches, neither will he spare you. <sup>22</sup> Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. cf. John 15:2, 6; Hebrews 6:1-8

- :23-24 C. Israel's unbelief is not irreversible.  
<sup>23</sup> And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup> For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.  
cf. Hosea 14: II Corinthians 3:16

:25-36 **III. All Israel is saved to the glory of God's grace.**

- :25-27 A. Elect Gentiles are being gathered into a new multi-ethnic Israel.  
<sup>25</sup> Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. <sup>26</sup> And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob". <sup>27</sup> "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."  
cf. Luke 21:24; Isaiah 59:20-21; John 10:16; Romans 2:28-29; Galatians 3:29; 6:11-18

Note:

1. The context is chapters 9-11.
2. Paul is using "Israel" in two senses: all of Israel are not Israel. (Romans 9:6)
3. The olive tree analogy points to only one redeemed people.
4. The grafted and regrafted branches belong to the same tree.
5. The "mystery" of the gospel is Gentiles as "fellow heirs" with believing Jews. (Eph 3:6)
6. There is no indication here of a separate blessing upon ethnic Israel apart from the new Gentile believers, neither is there an explicit promise of massive conversions among ethnic Jews.

- :28-32 B. Elect ethnic Israel is being gathered into a new multi-ethnic Israel.  
<sup>28</sup> As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. cf. Acts 15:12-17

- :33-36 C. God's plan of salvation glorifies God.  
<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. cf. Isaiah 40:13; Job 35:7; 41:11

**So What?**

1. Our Jewish friends must be evangelized
2. All in Christ are the children of Abraham, heirs to *all* the promises of God.
3. The Old Testament is the believers' family history.
4. We are all saved by grace.
5. We are all bound to obey the law of God.