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Romans 11- A Future for Israel

I. Romans – Gospel of the Righteousness of God

A. Rom 1-8 Gospel Source of Salvation [slide 1]

Ro 1:5 ... we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the **obedience of faith** for the sake of his name among all the nations,

8:39 [Nothing] in all creation, **will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

B. Rom 12-16 Transformation: Response to the Gospel

Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, ...

C. Rom 9-11 The Israel Issue

Israel is the only nation in the world with a complete history—past, present, and future. Yet Paul's experience —> Most Jews rejected, Church becoming predominantly Gentile.

1. Past Election & Divine Sovereignty– Ch 9

2. Present Rejection & Human Responsibility– Ch 10

3. Future Restoration & God's Glory – Ch 11

II. God Rejected Israel? Impossible!

A. Context: Israel Rejected God's Revelation

Rom 9:30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who **did not pursue righteousness** have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;

Ro 10:17 So faith comes from **hearing**, and hearing through the word of Christ. [slide 2]

18 But I ask, have they not **heard? *Indeed they have***, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." [Ps 19]

19 But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, “I will make you **jealous** of those who are **not a nation**; ... [Dt 32]

20 Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, “I have been found by those who did not seek me; ...²¹ But of Israel... “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.” [Is 65]

B. The Rejection is not Total

1. Example: Saul of Tarsus

Ro 11:1 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.

2. Example: Elijah and the 7000

a. Elijah’s Complaint: It Looks Bad

11:2 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? ³“Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and **I alone am left**, and they seek my life.”

b. God’s Reply: Remnant Chosen by Grace

11:4 But what is God’s reply to him? “I have *kept for myself* seven thousand men who have not bowed ... to Baal.”

11:5 So too at the present time *there is a remnant*, **chosen** by **grace**. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

3. Election & Hardening

11:7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

a. Became de-sensitized

11:8 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.”

b. BLESSING became snare, trap, stumbling block

11:9 And David says, "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them;

Beware of Comfort Zones

C. Rejection not Permanent: Pregnant with Purpose

1. Out of Israel's trespass came salvation to the nations!!

2. Salvation in the nations would *awaken* jealousy in Israel!

11:11 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.

3. The trespass and failure of Israel released the riches of God's mercies to the world, to the nations.

11:12 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! (fullness)

4. How much MORE their fullness?

5. Paul's Deep Desire

11:13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry **14** in order somehow to make **my fellow Jews** jealous, and thus save some of them.

D. Israel, the Catalyst

11:15 For if their **rejection** means the **reconciliation** of the world, what will their **acceptance** mean but **life from the dead**?

Rejection —> Reconciliation <Crucifixion>

Acceptance —> Life from the Dead <Parousia>

Paul suggests the return of Israel to God's favor will mark the climax of history, when the dead are raised. This ... reference of "life

from the dead” constitutes one important reason to think that Paul is describing a linear sequence of ... salvation history that climax with the return of Christ in glory — Douglas Moo

III. The Olive Tree — Warning to Gentile Believers

A. Holy Firstfruits and Holy Root

11:16 If the dough offered as **firstfruits** is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the **root** is holy, so are the branches.

Images refer to the patriarchs of Israel.

B. Warning to the Arrogant Gentile Believer

11:17 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, **18 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]**.

1. Remember the Source of Salvation

Unusual to graft the wild into the domestic. (Against nature)

2. Avoid Pride with Holy Fear (Awe)

11:19 Then [you] will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” **20** That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but [you] stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.

3. God is Impartial

11:21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare [you].

4. Behold! Continue...

11:22 Note [**Behold!**] 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. **23** 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.

5. Humility and Hope

11:24 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.

IV. Never Outgrow Mystery!

A. Partial Hardening ... Until Fullness of the nations

11:25 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.

B. The Promise: All Israel Will be Saved!

11:26 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;" [Is 59]

1. Covenant and removal of sins

11:27 "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins." [Is 27; Jer 31]

2. Enemies yet Beloved because of the Patriarchs

11:28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. [Dt 7:8; 10:15]

3. Irrevocable Gifts and Callings!

11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

4. Disobedience, Mercy, and God's Plan — JUST AS... SO

11:30 For **just as** you were at one time **disobedient** to God but now have **received mercy** because of **their disobedience**, **31 so** they too have now been disobedient **in or-**

der that by the mercy shown to you **they also may now receive mercy.**

5. We were all Trapped... So that God could show mercy!

11:32 For God has **consigned** all to **disobedience**, that he may have mercy on all.

Consign — delivered into custody

So that we, by mercy come to the **obedience of faith**

God **magnified his mercy** by the very fact of disobedience, binding all men over to it (that he might have mercy on all.

Disobedience does not have the last word!

Gal 3:22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

V. Doxology - God's Awesome Purpose & Plan

His ways are beyond our understanding and criticism.

11:33 Oh, the depth of the **riches** and **wisdom** and **knowledge** of God! How **unsearchable** are his judgments and how **in-scrutable** his ways! **[slide 3]**

34 "For **who** has known the mind of the Lord, or **who** has been his counselor?" 35 "Or **who** has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

11:36 For **from** him and **through** him and **to** him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. **[slide 4]**

Source,

Sustainer,

Goal

Rev 7 — 144,000 of Israel, a multitude no man can number!

[slide 5]

Salvation belongs to our God who **sits** on the throne, and to
the **Lamb!**" **[slide 6]**

**PRAYER — "Catch me up in your story, all my life for
your glory" All the Earth will be filled with His Glory**

BOLDNESS w MERCY

POWER w LOVE