

**Romans 11:1-10**

**God's Future Plan for Israel...?**

[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. [26] And in this way all Israel will be saved...

[31] “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, [32] not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. [33] For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Romans 10:1

**[1] Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.**

Romans 10:15

**[15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”**

[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.”

[19] But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;  
with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”

[20] Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

“I have been found by those who did not seek me;

I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

[21] But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

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

[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.

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

[9] And David says,

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

[10] let their eyes be darkened so that they  
cannot see,  
and bend their backs forever.”

3 evidences that the Lord's setting aside of Israel is partial, not total:

1. Believing Paul (v.1)
2. Believing Remnant (vv. 2-7a)
3. Unbelieving Remainers Predicted (vv. 7b-10)

Romans 10:21

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Romans 11:1

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[20]... “Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.

[21] And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty.

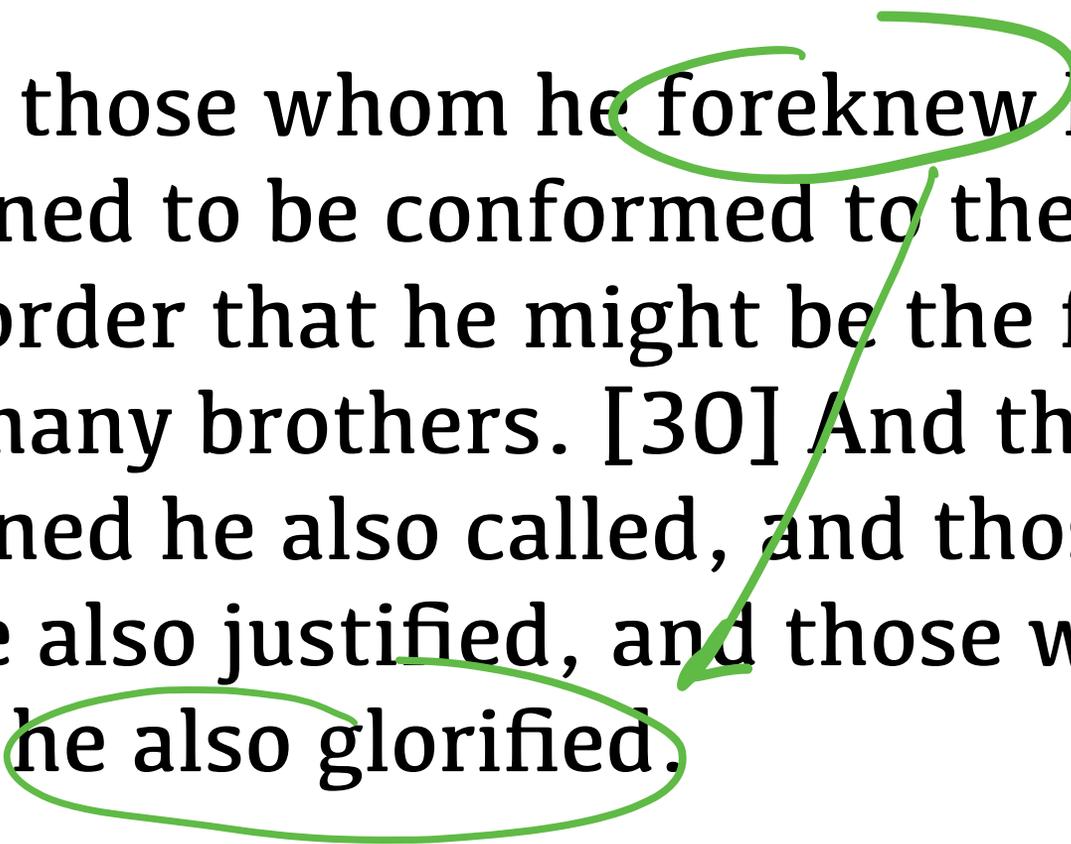
[22] For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself.

[31] if they violate my statutes  
and do not keep my commandments,  
[32] then I will punish their transgression  
with the rod  
and their iniquity with stripes,  
[33] but I will not remove from him my  
steadfast love  
or be false to my faithfulness.  
[34] I will not violate my covenant  
or alter the word that went forth from my  
lips.

**Believing Paul evidences that God has not totally moved past ethnic Israel**

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[29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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**Just as God lovingly foreknows those in His elect church, God lovingly foreknew the nation Israel**

[6] “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. [7] It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples...

As God loved the nation Israel expressed through their Old Covenant relationship, He loves us personally in our New Covenant relationship

[35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... [38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**God's love towards the nation of Israel is the evidence that our hope in His love towards us is not in vain!**

[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 <sup>①</sup> forsaken your covenant, <sup>②</sup> 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.”

1 Kings 19:18

[18] Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

... [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

**Salvation in Elijah's day, Paul's day, and our day  
has always been a personal salvation by grace**

**No matter the spiritual state of the nation of  
Israel, nothing stops the Lord from saving His  
Jewish remnant**

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

[2] For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. [3] For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

**True righteousness is only offered through a personal faith in the person of Jesus Christ**

God was still saving a remnant of Jews through Christ in Paul's day, even as Israel continued to live in apostasy

## Outline

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**The Lord predicted the unbelieving response of national Israel**

**National Israel rejects Jesus, and the elect Jews believe in Jesus - all as God's Word predicted**

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## Discussion Questions

- What hope does the love of God for Israel recorded in the Bible give you today? Why does His love for Israel matter to you?
- What parallels to your relationship with God do you see in Israel's relationship with Him?
- How do you hear the nation of Israel discussed today? How might this passage apply to us in our current world?

