

Romans 11:11-22

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...

Romans 10:21

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

Romans 11:1

[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.

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)

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[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. [15] For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? [16] If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

[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.

[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. [21] For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. [22] 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.

[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. [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.

The Lord's setting aside of Israel is temporary:

1. The Purpose(s) (vv. 11-15)
2. A Warning to Us (vv. 16-24)

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[30] What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; [31] but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. [32] Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, [33] as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

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[25] ... “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: [26] “Go to this people, and say, “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” [27] For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’ [28] Therefore [because of their hardened hearts and blind eyes] let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”

[22] “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. [23] And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. [24] I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

[36] “The LORD will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. [37] And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the LORD will lead you away.

[25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols. I will cleanse you. [26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. [28] You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

[29] And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. [30] I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations.

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[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.”

As Jews see Gentiles coming to faith in Christ, the Lord intends for that to cause them to become jealous and turn to Jesus in repentant faith.

Genesis 12:1-2

[1] Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

→ Israel

“Although Israel failed to witness to the world in righteousness, God caused her to witness to the world, as it were, in unrighteousness. Because the Lord could not use Israel’s faithfulness to bring riches to the Gentiles, He instead used her failure.”

- John

MacArthur

[10] “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

[9] And the LORD will be king over all the earth...

[11] And [Jerusalem] shall be inhabited, for there shall never again be a decree of utter destruction.

Jerusalem shall dwell in security... [16] Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.

Israel's national repentance brings global blessing -
Christ's physical earthly reign, beginning the
eternal Davidic Kingdom

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[11]... The purpose [of circumcision] was to make [Abraham] the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,

We share with true Israel in the nourishing root of relationship with God through His covenant promise made to Abraham.

Ephesians 2:8–9

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Romans 3:27

[27] Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

The fact that we are kept by faith is humbling.

We boast against Israel when we fail to see that, without the grace of God, we would be just as opposed to God as they are today, and were in the Old Testament.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think about the purpose we have to make Israel jealous as we walk with the Lord? How can knowing that purpose fuel your sanctification?
2. Do you find yourself boasting against Israel? How does this passage challenge and equip you to fight against this scheme of Satan?