



GRACE-POWERED LIVING

A Study of the Book of ROMANS

WHY THE JEW IS IMPORTANT TO YOU
Romans 11:1-32

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Introduction: What does the future salvation of the elect Israelites have to do with your everyday life? More than you think, as we will discover today.

Overview of Romans

Prologue		Problem of Righteousness		Provision of Righteousness		Power of Righteousness		Program of Righteousness		Practice of Righteousness	
1:1	1:17	1:18	3:20	3:21	5	6	8	9	11	12	16

(Adapted from THE PAULINE EPISTLES, Kenneth Boa, Walk Through The Bible, 1980, p. 6)

- I. The Problem: Why Has Israel Rejected Christ?
 - A. "The Gospel of Christ Is Not For the **Jew**"
 - B. "God **Rejected** Israel Because Israel **Rejected** Christ"

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Matthew 21:43 “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it.”

Psalms 89:31-37 “³¹ If they violate My statutes, and do not keep My commandments, ³² Then I will visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. ³³ But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, nor deal falsely in My faithfulness. ³⁴ My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips. ³⁵ Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. ³⁶ His descendants shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me. ³⁷ It shall be established forever like the moon, and the witness in the sky is faithful.”

C. “Israel’s Rejection of Christ Is **Temporary**”

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II. Evidence That God Has Not Rejected Israel

A. God’s Choice of **Paul** (Romans 11:1)

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1 Timothy 1:16 “And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost [of sinners], Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.”

B. God’s Preservation of a Jewish **Remnant** (Romans 11:2-6)

Romans 11:2 “God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?”

Romans 11:5 “In the same way, then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice.”

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C. God's Prediction of Israel's **Rejection** (Romans 11:7-10)

Romans 11:9-10 ⁹“And David says, ‘LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP, AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM. ¹⁰LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT, AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER.’”

Three Examples of God's Blessings That Can Become Curses

1. **Baptism**
2. The **Lord's Supper**
3. **Material** Gifts

D. God's Salvation of the **Gentiles** (Romans 11:11-24)

Romans 11:11, 14 ¹¹“I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. ¹⁴if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them.”

III. God's Ultimate **Redemption** Of True Israel (Romans 11:25-32)

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Romans 11:25-26 “²⁵ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶ and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.’”

IV. Principles From This Passage

A. **Disobedience** Brings God’s **Discipline**, Not **Disinheritance**

Hebrews 12:5-6 “⁵ and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, ‘MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; ⁶ FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.’”

B. God Resurrects the **Dead**, Not the **Living**

Romans 11:15 “For if their rejection be the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?”

Conclusion