

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

DATE: April 13, 2021

Wednesday Class: "Romans: God's **Good News** for the World"

TEXT: Romans 11:1-32

#### INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS:

1. Theme:

"God did not reject His people, whom he foreknew" (vs. 2a; **compare** 28b-29, and 3:3-4)

2. Outline:

A. Israel's rejection is not \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 1-10)

God's always had a remnant among Abraham's desc. through whom He will fulfill His promises.

B. Israel's rejection is not \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 11-24)

"Not at all". God has a bigger purpose; He will overrule their fall/rejection. His purpose is that as a result of their fall, salvation might come to the Gentiles, thus provoking Israel to envy. This envy is designed to bring Israel back to God eventually.

C. Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 25-32)

Their future national conversion is confirmed by Scripture (vss. 26b-27; fr. Isa. 59:20-21). Israel's restoration is root in God's unswerving faithfulness to his promise and his election (vss. 28-29).

3. Target Audience: "I am speaking to \_\_\_\_\_ Gentiles" (vs. 13)

All second person pronouns in verses 13-32 refer to Gentiles. "You" appears \_\_\_\_\_ times.

4. Purpose:

To stifle the trend among Gentile Christians to "\_\_\_\_\_ " the Jews (vss. 18, 20, 25)

#### **ISRAEL'S REJECTION IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 1-10)**

Has God rejected his people? "By no means!" What evidence is offered to support his strong negation?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1b). Paul himself (a Jew) was proof (cp. 1 Tim. 1:13).

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2a). See vss. 28b-29 and 3:3-4 (cp. Rom. 8:28-30).

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 2b-4). See 1 Kings 19:10, 14, 18.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 5-10).

"**So too**" = as in Elijah's day, so it was in Paul's day. Despite widespread apostasy, a remnant remained.

In vss. 5-10 Paul divided the descendants of Israel (Jacob) into two groups:

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ group called "the \_\_\_\_\_" (vss. 5-6; "elect", vs. 7).

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ group called "the \_\_\_\_\_" (or "the rest").

## ISRAEL'S REJECTION IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 11-24)

### 1. Instructions about Israel (to Gentiles). You, Gentiles, listen up! (vss. 11-16)

- A. Israel's fall is \_\_\_\_\_ permanent (11a).  
"Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery?" Was this the only purpose?
- B. Israel's sin has been \_\_\_\_\_ (11b). See 11:30-31 and 8:28-30.  
Israel's fall is tragic; but has been used by God in the accomplishment of a greater purpose.
- C. Israel's restoration will result in \_\_\_\_\_ riches for the world (12-15).  
"Their fullness" is explained in verses 25-27.

**NIV Study Bible Note on 11:15:** *The sequence of redemptive events is: The "transgression" & "loss" (vs. 12) of Israel **leads to** the salvation of the Gentiles, **which leads to** the jealousy or envy of Israel, **which leads to** the "fullness" (vs. 12) of Israel when the hardening is removed, **which leads to** even more riches for the Gentiles.*

This "chain of blessing" is a chain with 3 links: (1) from Israel to the Gentiles; (2) from the Gentiles back to Israel; (3) from Israel to the Gentiles again.

This "chain of blessing with 3 links" by which God's blessing oscillates between Israel and the Gentiles is at the heart of this entire section (vss. 11-31).

- D. Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ is guaranteed by its "past" (16).  
Israel "past" = God's covenant with Abraham, expanded in the Land, Davidic, & New covenants.

### 2. Warnings for Gentiles (vss. 17-24)

Here in these verses Paul expands the root and branches metaphor just used in verse 16b.

- A. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) The root of the tree (a cultivated olive tree) is Abraham and the unconditional covenant God made with him (vs. 16). "Root" = ethnic Israel desc. through Isaac and Jacob.
  - 2) Some of the branches have been broken off, referring to unbelieving Jews (17a). The branches remaining = the remnant of believing Jews (6b with 2:28-29).
  - 3) Now "a shoot" from a wild olive tree is grafted in, referring to the Gentiles (17b-23).
  - 4) The once-removed natural branches will someday be grafted back in, referring to the future repentant Israel (24).
  - 5) Paul summarized all this (actually verses 11-24) in verses 25-27.
- B. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) He warns against \_\_\_\_\_ (17, 18)  
"You do not support the root, but the root supports you." Thank God for Israel.

- 2) He warns against \_\_\_\_\_ (19)  
Gentile advantage is the result, not the cause, of Israel's rejection.
- 3) He warns against \_\_\_\_\_ (20-24)  
You Gentiles, don't think that you are going to be in this position forever!
  - a) The prophetic future of the Gentiles is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) The prophetic future of the Jews is \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 25-27).

**ISRAEL'S \_\_\_\_\_ IS \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 25-32)**

What Paul has been writing about in chs. 9-11; namely, Israel's corporate stumbling which is temporary, not permanent; this he now calls a "\_\_\_\_\_".

1. Paul's Profound Mystery. It has three components:

- A. Israel's hardening (her "rejection" vs. 15) is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 25).  
"Israel has experienced a hardening in part" (vss. 1-10; esp. 5-7)
- B. Israel's hardening (her "rejection" vs. 15) is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 25).  
"Until the full number of the Gentiles has come in" (vss. 11-24). When this happens, when the full number of the Gentiles has come in, then God will cause a revival of faith within Israel.
- C. Israel's salvation (her "fullness") is \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 26-32).  
"And so (in this way) all Israel will be saved" ["all Israel" = the great majority of Jews at the end of the Great Tribulation]. Just as there was national rejection of the Christ when He came the 1st time; so there will be national conversion when He comes the 2nd time. This prediction . . .
  - 1) Is confirmed by God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 26b-17).  
Paul quotes Isaiah 59:20, 21 & 27:9. (Israel's national conversion comes thru the promised Messiah (deliverer) and thru the promised Covenant (Jer. 31:31-37; Zech. 12:10-13:6).
  - 2) Is rooted in God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 28, 29).  
God will keep the unconditional covenant he made with Abraham (Gen. 15). Its promises are expanded in the unconditional Land Covenant, the Davidic Covenant, & New Covenant. The Abrahamic Covenant is the fountainhead of all Bible prophecy.
  - 3) Manifests God's \_\_\_\_\_ to all people (vss. 30-32).  
"The chain of blessing with 3 links" ricochets from Israel to the Gentiles, from the Gentiles back to Israel, and from Israel to the Gentiles again.

2. Paul's Practical Purpose (vs. 25). I do not want you to be "ignorant" or "conceited."

Concluding Thoughts:

- 1) The Jew (ethnic Israel) is currently hardened (28a), but ultimately beloved (28b-29; 2a).  
*Thank God for Israel.*
- 2) The Gentile is spiritually honored, but personally undeserving (12a, 15).  
*Thank God for His \_\_\_\_\_ (see 2 Pet. 3:9 and 3:15a).*