

“Israel Future Restoration”
Romans 11:1-36
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Message 20

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Israel Future Restoration”

- **Illustration – Uncertainties In Life**

- **There are a lot of Uncertainties in this world today**
 - Economy
 - Recession / Depression
 - I have never seen anything like this in my life
 - Future of America
 - Horrible leaders
 - Sadly - The so called “church” has become lost
 - (1 Timothy 4, 2 Timothy 3, 2 Thessalonians 2)
 - The “church” of today is focused on SELF –
 - Pop Psychology, Feel Good messages
- **Jesus is Certain**
 - BUT when we PUT our HOPE in Jesus – SECURITY
 - There is NOTHING MORE CERTAIN!
 - At the end of chapter 8

Romans 8:28–39 (NKJV)

28 *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

29 *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

30 *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

31 *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

32 *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

33 *Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.*

34 *Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*

35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

36 *As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*

37 *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

38 *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,*

39 *nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- Paul revealed this Awesome PROMISES of God
 - That for the Christian
 - All things are working together for their highest good!
 - That NOTHING Can separate us from HIM
- But HOW can WE be sure?
 - Paul uses chapter 9-11 to PROVE his point
 - ISRAEL
 - God is faithful even when His people are NOT

- You can bank on that, you can count on Him

Genesis 17:7 (NKJV)

7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

- Chapter 9 – Israel’s Past Election
- Chapter 10 – Israel’s Present Rejection
- Chapter 11 Israel’s FUTURE Restoration

- **The Bad Teaching of Replacement Theology**

- **Let’s deal with the bad teaching known as Replacement Theology**
 - NOW – before we Go on –
 - What is Replacement Theology?
 - Simply stated – The church has replaced Israel
 - That the Promise that God gave Israel now belong to the church
 - Why? Because Israel rejected their Messiah
 - As a result, God is DONE with National Israel
- **Sadly - Some early “church” fathers**
 - Came to these conclusions because they saw Israel destroyed in 70AD and assumed that their promises went to the church
- **The Results**
 - **1st Anti-Semitism – IN the “Church”**
 - Even in the “CHURCH”

- Illustration Martin Luther
 - At the beginning he was very sympathetic toward the Jews.
 - He expressed this, in an early pamphlet
 - Jesus Was Born a Jew
 - *“Our fools, the popes, bishops, sophists and monks, these coarse blockheads, dealt with the Jews in such a manner that any Christian would have preferred to be a Jew. Indeed, had I been a Jew and had I seen such idiots and dunderheads expound Christianity, I should rather have become a hog than a Christian.... I would advise and beg everybody to deal kindly with the Jews and to instruct them in the Scriptures; in such a case we could expect them to come over to us.”*
 - However – Later Years
 - After no success in Jewish evangelization,
 - Luther changed
 - Writing a series of anti-Semitic pamphlets.
 - In one entitled Concerning the Jews and Their Lies he admonished Christians to destroy Jewish homes and synagogues with fire and cover them with dirt, to silence rabbis on pain of death, seizure of Jewish wealth, and the enslavement of young Jews at hard labor.

- *“To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden—the Jews.”*
- Many Jews have not forgotten this
- Some even argue that Adolf Hitler simply brought to flower the seed planted by Martin Luther.

- **2nd Eschatology**

- If your view is Replacement Theology
- Then you will see the CHURCH going through the Tribulation Period
- The Tribulation Period is ALL about God finishing what He started with ISRAEL
- NOT the CHURCH
- This is why it is known as Jacob’s Trouble

Jeremiah 30:7 (NKJV)

7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

- **The TRUTH IS - Israel is NOT the church and the CHURCH is NOT ISRAEL**

- God isn’t finished with Israel
- Paul deals with this here in Chapter 11

- **Now - This Morning 3 Wonderful Truth’s about Israel’s FUTURE RESTORATION**

- Israel’s Believing Remnant vs. 1-10

- Israel's Rejection Won't Continue vs. 11-24
- Israel's Restoration Will Come vs. 25-36

Israel's Believing Remnant vs. 1-10

- **First: God isn't done with Israel v. 1a**

Romans 11:1 (NKJV)

1 I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

- **1st Has God cast away His people?**
 - Paul's question makes sense at this point in Romans!
 - Israel has been rejecting God's Plan (Romans 9-10)
 - SO, Paul – STOPS and asked this VERY important question
 - Has God CAST His PEOPLE AWAY?
- **2nd Answer - CERTAINLY**
NOT!!
 - Despite their PAST & PRESENT state
 - Israel is not Permanently Cast Away!
 - The details of Israel's future restoration and salvation are given in
 - Tribulation Period
 - Known as Jacob's Trouble

Jeremiah 30:7 (NKJV)

7 *Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble. But he shall be saved out of it.*

- Zechariah 12:10–13:1

- The nation shall see Him as He returns
- Recognize Him as their Messiah
- Repent, and receive Him.
- Then the Millennial Kingdom

• **Second: Paul's Own Conversion v. 1b**

Romans 11:1 (NKJV)

1 I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

- **1st I also am an Israelite:**
 - **Evidence that God has not cast away His people**
 - Paul himself!
 - Paul's faith in Jesus as the Messiah
 - Proved there are Jews who embraced the Gospel
 - **If God has cast away His people**
 - Then how can Paul's conversion be explained?
 - Paul's own conversion was evidence of a believing remnant
 - There are thousands of Jews who believe in Christ

• **Third: Elijah's Prophecies vs. 2-10**

- **1st The Principle of A Remnant vs. 2-4**

Romans 11:2-4 (NKJV)

- 2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,*
- 3 “LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and **I alone am left**, and they seek my life”?*
- 4 But what does the divine response say to him? **“I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”***

▪ **1st Context – 1 Kings 18-19**

- 1st Elijah had just come off the great victory on Mount Carmel
 - Where he stood against the prophets of Baal and had called fire down from heaven.
 - After that, he had ordered the prophets of Baal to all be killed
 - Then in 1 Kings 19:1-18

1 Kings 19:1–4 (NKJV)

- 1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.*
- 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.”*
- 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.*
- 4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!”*

- Recap the Rest of Elijah depression
 - Here was the great, fearless prophet Elijah.
 - Afraid of a woman’s threat, running for his life.
 - He pleads with God against Israel

- Things were so bad that Elijah prayed against his own people!
 - LORD, they have killed Your prophets
 - Elijah thought that God had cast off the nation and he was the only one left serving the Lord.
 - But God showed him that there was in fact a substantial remnant – though it was only a remnant, it was actually there.
- At this present time there is a remnant:
 - 7000 – Not a lot in comparison
 - BUT non- the Less a Remnant
 - **2nd Lesson - We are a Remnant today**
 - Even today HOLDING fast in God's Word make us a remnant
 - A good chunk of the so-called church has drifted from sound Bible teaching
 - As we get closer to the end times
 - It will get even worse
 - **2nd God's right to choose a remnant according to grace vs. 6-10**
 - **1st If by grace, then it is no longer of works vs. 5-7**

Romans 11:5–6 (NKJV)

5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 *And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.*

- The Issue of GRACE
 - The remnant was chosen according to the election of grace.
 - Election
 - We have dealt with this already
 - Definition of GRACE
 - Unmerited Favor
 - The free gift of God
 - God Riches at Christ Expense
- What GRACE is All about
 - Grace came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17)
 - We are saved by grace (Eph. 2:8-9)
 - We are justified by grace (Rom. 3:24)
 - Our salvation is a gift of God's grace (Romans 5:15)
 - Grace is greater than our sin (Rom. 5:20)
 - All believers are under grace, not law (Rom. 6:14)
 - God is the "God of all grace" (I Pet. 5:10)
 - God's grace is sufficient and Able to sustain us under trials and infirmities (2 Cor. 12:9-10)

- God's grace has appeared to all men (Titus 2:11)
- Grace characterizes God's throne and grace will be given to help us (Heb. 4:16)
- Grace is needed to serve God (Heb. 12:28)
- Grace is given to the humble (James 4:6)
- Spiritual gifts come from the "manifold grace of God" (1 Pet. 4:10)
- Believers are exhorted to "grow in grace" in (2 Pet. 3:18)
- Believers were chosen before the world was created so that we would be "to the praise of the glory of His grace" (Eph. 1:6)
- The Lord will continue to show us in the ages to come "the exceeding riches of His grace" (Eph. 2:7)

▪ **2nd The elect have obtained it, and the rest were hardened v. 7**

Romans 11:7 (NKJV)

7 *What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded.*

- The elect among Israel received and responded to the mercy of God
- But the rest were hardened by their rejection.

○ **2nd Just as it is written vs. 8-10**

Romans 11:8–10 (NKJV)

8 *Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day."*

9 And David says: *“Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them.*

10 *Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always.”*

▪ **1st First - Quotations from Isaiah 29**

- They have chosen not to believe, and so God has responded by making them “senseless”.
- This is what happens when you continue to harden your heart to God

▪ **2nd Second - Quotation from and Psalm 69**

- Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them.
- Wiersbe; *“Their “table to become a snare” means that their blessings turn into burdens and judgments. This is what happened to Israel: their spiritual blessings should have led them to Christ, but instead they became a snare that kept them from Christ. Their very religious practices and observances became substitutes for the real experience of salvation. Sad to say, this same mistake is made today when people depend on religious rituals and practices instead of trusting in the Christ who is pictured in these activities.”*
- Last Week – Zeal Without Knowledge
 - We must not have Zeal without intimacy!

Israel's Rejection Won't Continue vs. 11-24

• **First: The Conversion of Gentiles is proof vs. 11-15**

- **1st I say then, have they stumbled v. 11a**

Romans 11:11 (NKJV)

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? *Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.*

▪ **Does Israel's stumbling mean that they have fallen away permanently?**

• Stumbled vs. Fall

○ There is a difference between stumbling and falling.

○ Israel Stumbled, but they would not FALL –

▪ In the sense of being removed from God's purpose and plan.

▪ You can recover from a stumble, but if you fall you're down.

○ **2nd CERTAINLY NOT vs. 11b**

Romans 11:11 (NKJV)

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.

▪ **Certainly NOT! v. 11b**

• God is still working through a remnant of Israel today

• Israel is not lost forever

• God had a specific purpose to fulfill in allowing Israel to stumble

○ **3rd BUT Through their fall vs. 12-15**

Romans 11:12–15 (NKJV)

12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

13 *For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,*
14 *if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.*
15 *For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?*

▪ **Purpose - If by any means I may provoke to jealousy v. 14**

- That the Jews would be provoked to a good kind of jealousy,
- They would see our RELATIONSHIP with God & Want it

▪ **What will their acceptance be but life from the dead? v. 15**

- When the Jews come back to Jesus,
- They will truly be as a nation returning from the dead.
- When the Jews come back to Jesus, it will be the thing that ushers in the Millennial Reign of Christ on earth

Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV)

10 *“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

• **Second: The Choosing of God is Permanent vs. 16-24**

○ **1st If the firstfruit is holy v. 16**

Romans 11:16 (NKJV)

16 *For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.*

▪ **Context**

- Firstfruit – Greek: Aparche (“from” + “the first”)

- Means: To offer firstlings or firstfruits; the first portion of the dough, from which the offering was prepared
- The picture Paul is giving goes back to the “Feast of Firstfruits”.

Numbers 15:18–20 (NKJV)

18 *“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land to which I bring you,*
19 *then it will be, when you eat of the bread of the land, that you shall offer up a heave offering to the LORD.*
20 *You shall offer up a cake of the first of your ground meal as a heave offering; as a heave offering of the threshing floor, so shall you offer it up.*

▪ **The POINT**

- The Dough
 - If the piece of dough is set apart to the Lord
 - So is all the dough that might be made from it.
- The Root
 - If the root is set apart
 - So are the branches.

▪ **The Application**

- The Dough (Firstfruit) is Abraham.
 - He was holy in the sense that he was set apart by God.
 - The argument is that if the piece of dough is set apart to the Lord, so is all the dough that might be made from it.
- The Root is Also Abraham

- If the root is set apart, so are the branches.
 - Abraham is the root in the sense that he was the first to be set apart by God to form a new society, distinct from the nations.
 - If Abraham was set apart, so are those who are descended from him in the chosen line.
- It's NOT that Israel is saved because they're descendants from Abraham
 - But that there's a special relationship they have with God because of Abraham.
- **2nd Some of the branches... a wild olive tree vs. 17**

Romans 11:17 (NKJV)

17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,

- **Again - The olive tree was a picture of the nation of Israel (Jer. 11:16)**
 - The Jews who DID NOT believe
 - The ones who have been broken off.
 - The Gentiles
 - Are pictured as branches from a wild olive tree
 - Which have been grafted into the proper tree.
 - Gentiles have benefited of the life, the sap, of the main tree.
 - We Gentiles are like branches of a wild olive tree.
- **3rd Gentile Reaction vs. 18-20**

Romans 11:18–20 (NKJV)

18 *do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.*

19 *You will say then, “Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.”*

20 *Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.*

▪ **Do not boast against the branches...**

• Please NOTE

○ Branches were broken off

○ So we would have a place to be grafted in.

• We Gentiles need to be careful that we don't get a bad attitude against the original branches, the Jews

○ There is no place in the church for anti-Semitism.

• This is Why at Calvary Chapel we respect our ROOTS –

○ Passover Seder

○ **4th Application of God's purpose in Israel's rejection vs. 21-24**

▪ **1st For If God v. 21-22**

Romans 11:21–22 (NKJV)

21 *For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.*

22 *Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.*

• Perhaps this could be speaking about the end times apostate church!

○ There will be a “church” in the end times that will have fallen away from the Lord.

- They will be “cut off”.
- *Wiersbe; “It is worth noting that, according to Bible prophecy, the professing Gentile church will be “cut off” because of apostasy. First Timothy 4 and 2 Timothy 3, along with 2 Thessalonians 2, all indicate that the professing church in the last days will depart from the faith. There is no hope for the apostate church, but there is hope for apostate Israel! Why? Because of the roots of the olive tree. God will keep His promises to the patriarchs, but God will break off the Gentiles because of their unbelief.”*

▪ **2nd God is able to graft them in again vs. 23-24**

Romans 11:23–24 (NKJV)

23 *And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.*

24 *For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?*

- If Israel was “cut off” because of their unbelief
- They can be grafted in again if they DO NOT Continue in unbelief.

Israel’s Restoration Will Come vs. 25-36

• **First: It’s Based On God’s Timing v. 25**

- **1st That You Should Not Be Ignorant Of This Mystery v. 25a**

Romans 11:25 (NKJV)

25 **For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery,** *lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

- What Paul now reveals is a mystery

- Defined: A truth previously unknown, a truth that could not be known by man's unaided intellect, but a truth that has now been made known

- The Mystery

- This Blindness is ONLY in PART
- The future restoration of Israel is an assured fact.

- **2nd Lest you be wise in your own opinion v. 25b**

Romans 11:25 (NKJV)

*25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, **lest you should be wise in your own opinion,** that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

- This is a warning to take this soberly.
- Christians must not be ignorant of this mystery.

- **3rd Blindness in part has happened to Israel v. 25c**

Romans 11:25 (NKJV)

*25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, **that blindness in part has happened to Israel** until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

- ONLY in PART!

- **4th Until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in v. 25d**

Romans 11:25 (NKJV)

*25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel **until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.***

- Briefly explain the - Times of the Gentiles
 - Last one gets saved we are out of here

- **Second: It's based on God's promise vs. 26-28**

- **1st All Israel will be saved v. 26a**

Romans 11:26 (NKJV)

26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: *"The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*

- Will be saved

- This states clearly for us that God is not finished with Israel!

- What Does ALL Mean

- Depends on who you ask
- What we know for sure is
 - Not every Jewish person ever born
- Some take this to mean at the end of the tribulation period
 - The Jews who remain will be saved
 - *Wiersbe; "There are those who interpret this as meaning salvation to individuals through the Gospel, but it is my conviction that the prophet has national conversion in mind. "All Israel shall be saved" does not mean that every Jew who has ever lived will be converted, but that the Jews living when the Redeemer returns will see Him, receive Him, and be saved. Zechariah 12–13 give the details. It seems to me that there are too many details in these Old Testament prophecies of national restoration for Israel for us to spiritualize them and apply them to the church today."*

- **2nd The Deliverer will come out of Zion v. 26b**

Romans 11:26–28 (NKJV)

26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: **“The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;**

- The quotations from Isaiah
- Show that God still has a redeeming work to accomplish with Israel, and that it will not be left undone.
- **3rd My covenant with them, When I take away their sins vs. 27-28**

Romans 11:27–28 (NKJV)

27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”

28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.

- When that day comes when God takes away the blindness and all.
 - Covenant with Israel, where God will forgive the sins of His people.

• **Third: It's based on God's nature v. 29**

Romans 11:29 (NKJV)

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

- **1st The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable:**
 - Gifts – charisma – a favor with which one receives without any merit of his own
 - Calling – klesis – a calling, invitation; of the divine invitation to salvation
 - Irrevocable – ametameletos – not repentant of, unregretted
 - God has called Israel as a nation.
 - Even in their unbelief, God's call hasn't changed.

- He's not sorry that He called them.

- **Fourth: It's based on God's grace vs. 30-32**

Romans 11:30–32 (NKJV)

30 *For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience,*

31 *even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.*

32 *For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.*

- **1st You were once disobedient to God:**

- The Gentile Christians came from disobedience
- Yet God showed them mercy, in part through the disobedience of Israel.

- **2nd Obtained mercy through their disobedience:**

- If God used the disobedience of Israel for the good of Gentiles
- He can also use the mercy shown to Gentiles for the mercy of Israel.

- **3rd God has committed them all to disobedience**

- The idea is that God has shut up both Jew and Gentile into custody as lawbreakers.
- God offers mercy to these prisoners, based on the person and work of Jesus.

- **Fifth: It's Based On God's Wisdom vs. 33-36**

Romans 11:33–36 (NKJV)

33 *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!*

34 *“For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”*

35 *“Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?”*

36 *For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

○ **1st Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!**

▪ Paul breaks out in WORSHIP

- Considers God’s great plan of the ages, he breaks into spontaneous praise.

○ **2nd For who has known the mind of the LORD?**

▪ The quotations from Isaiah 40:13 and Job 41:11

▪ Emphasize both God’s wisdom and sovereign conduct; no one can make God their debtor.

▪ God is AMAZING

Closing

- The PROMISES of God – are SURE
- Not a HOPE and I hope so...
- BUT a HOPE and I KNOW SO
- Be at peace today