

Israel Is Not Cast Away

11:1 I SAY then, God has not ^arejected His people, has He? ^bMay it never be! For ^cI too am an Israelite, ¹a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God ^ahas not rejected His people whom He ^bforeknew. ^cOr do you not know what the Scripture says in *the passage about Elijah*, how he pleads with God against Israel? 3 “Lord, ^aTHEY HAVE KILLED THY PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN THINE ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.” 4 But what ¹is the divine response to him? “^aI HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.” 5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time ^aa remnant according to *God’s* ¹gracious choice. 6 But ^aif it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. 7 What then? That which ^aIsrael is seeking for, it has not obtained, but ¹those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were ^bhardened; 8 just as it is written,

“^aGOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,
EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT,
DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.”

9 And David says,

“^aLET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP,
AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.

10 “^aLET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT,
AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER.”

11 ^aI say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? ^bMay it never be! But by their transgression ^csalvation *has come* to the Gentiles, to ^dmake them jealous. 12 Now if their transgression be riches for the world and their failure be riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their ¹ ^afulfillment be! 13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as ^aI am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if somehow I might ^amove to jealousy ^bmy ¹ fellow countrymen and ^csave some of them. 15 For if their rejection be the ^areconciliation of the world, what will *their* acceptance be but ^blife from the dead? 16 And if the ^afirst piece of *dough* be holy, the lump is also; and if the root be holy, the branches are too. 17 But if some of the ^abranches were broken off, and ^byou, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the ¹rich root of the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* ^ait is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you. 19 ^aYou will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” 20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you ^astand by your faith. ^bDo not be conceited, but fear; 21 for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you. 22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s ^akindness, ^bif you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also ^cwill be cut off. 23 And they also, ^aif they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For ^aI do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this ^bmystery, lest you be ^cwise in your own estimation, that a partial ^dhardening has happened to Israel until the ^efulness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is

written, “^aTHE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”

27 “^aAND THIS IS ¹MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
^bWHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”

28 ¹From the standpoint of the gospel they are ^aenemies for your sake, but ²from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for ^bthe sake of the fathers; 29 for the gifts and the ^acalling of God ^bare irrevocable. 30 For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so these also now have been disobedient, in order that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. 32 For ^aGod has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.

33 Oh, the depth of ^athe riches ¹both of the ^bwisdom and knowledge of God! ^cHow unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For ^aWHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or ^aWHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM ¹THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36 For ^afrom Him and through Him and to Him are all things. ^bTo Him *be* the glory ¹forever. Amen.

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^a 1 Sam. 12:22; Jer. 31:37; 33:24-26

^b Luke 20:16

^c 2 Cor. 11:22; Phil. 3:5

¹ Lit., *of the seed of Abraham*

^a Ps. 94:14

^b Rom. 8:29

^c Rom. 6:16

^a 1 Kin. 19:10, 14

¹ Lit., *says*

^a 1 Kin. 19:18

^a 2 Kin. 19:4; Rom. 9:27

¹ Lit., *choice of grace*

^a Rom. 4:4

^a Rom. 9:31

¹ Lit., *the election*

^b Mark 6:52; Rom. 9:18; 11:25; 2 Cor. 3:14

^a Deut. 29:4; Is. 29:10; Matt. 13:13f.

^a Ps. 69:22

^a Ps. 69:23

^a Rom. 11:1

^b Luke 20:16

^c Acts 28:28

^d Rom. 11:14

¹ Or, *fulness*

^a Rom. 11:25

^a Acts 9:15

^a Rom. 11:11

^b Gen. 29:14; 2 Sam. 19:12f.; Rom. 9:3

¹ Lit., *flesh*

^c 1 Cor. 1:21; 7:16; 9:22; 1 Tim. 1:15; 2:4; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5

^a Rom. 5:11

^b Luke 15:24, 32

^a Num. 15:18ff.; Neh. 10:37; Ezek. 44:30

^a Jer. 11:16; John 15:2

^b Eph. 2:11ff.

¹ Lit., *root of the fatness*

^a John 4:22

^a Rom. 9:19

^a Rom. 5:2; 1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Cor. 1:24

^b Rom. 12:16; 1 Tim. 6:17; 1 Pet. 1:17

^a Rom. 2:4

^b 1 Cor. 15:2; Heb. 3:6, 14

^c John 15:2

^a 2 Cor. 3:16

^a Rom. 1:13

^b Matt. 13:11; Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7-10; Eph. 3:3-5, 9

^c Rom. 12:16

^d Rom. 11:7

^e Luke 21:24; John 10:16; Rom. 11:12

^a Is. 59:20

^a Is. 59:21; Jer. 31:33, 34; Heb. 8:10

¹ Lit., *the covenant from Me*

^b Is. 27:9; Heb. 8:12

¹ Lit., *According to the gospel*

^a Rom. 5:10

² Lit., *according to the election*

^b Deut. 7:8; 10:15; Rom. 9:5

^a Rom. 8:28; 1 Cor. 1:26; Eph. 1:18; 4:1, 4; Phil. 3:14; 2 Thess. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Heb. 3:1; 2 Pet. 1:10

^b Heb. 7:21

^a Rom. 3:9; Gal. 3:22f.

^a Rom. 2:4; Eph. 3:8

¹ Or, *and the wisdom*

^b Eph. 3:10; Col. 2:3

^c Job 5:9; 11:7; 15:8

^a Is. 40:13f.; 1 Cor. 2:16

^a Job 35:7; 41:11

¹ Lit., *and it will be paid back*

^a 1 Cor. 8:6; 11:12; Col. 1:16; Heb. 2:10

^b Rom. 16:27; Eph. 3:21; Phil. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2 Tim. 4:18; 1 Pet. 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet. 3:18; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6; 5:13; 7:12

¹ Lit., *to the ages*

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation)

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