



What About Israel? (Part 3)

Romans 11:1-36

#16 in a series on Romans

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Theme: **Faithful, sovereign God is not done with Israel.**

The extent of Israel's rejection of Christ.

1. It is partial, not total. (1-10; see also 3:3; 1 Kings 16:30; 18:1 – 19:18)
2. It is temporary, not permanent.
(11-16, 23-32; see also 9:4-5; Joshua 7:1-26; Isaiah 25:9; 60:16; Zechariah 12:10; Acts 15:14)

The results of Israel's rejection of Christ.

1. Rich blessings to the Gentiles. (11-17; see also Acts 13:45-48)
2. A warning to the Gentiles. (17-22; see also 8:28-30, 38-39)
3. Restoration to the Jews. (11, 13-14; see also 15, 23-32)

The response to faithful, sovereign God's revelation.

1. Acknowledge God's wisdom and unsearchable, unfathomable will. (33-35)
2. Give God glory always and forever. (36; see also Psalm 19:1; 63:3-4; Matthew 5:16; John 15:8; Romans 4:20; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 1:16; 1 Peter 2:12; 4:10-11)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Paul concludes this three-chapter section on Israel by telling us God has a future of faith and blessing for them. Their rejection of Christ is partial and not permanent. While the numbers are small, there are Jewish people being saved today. What does this tell you about God and our witness to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

Tuesday. Paul makes it clear that one result of Israel's rejection of Christ is a rich blessing for Gentiles (verse 12). Review verses 11-17, noting some descriptions of our blessings. Now reflect on the great spiritual blessing we have in Christ noted in Ephesians 1:3-14. Thank God for your spiritual blessings.

Wednesday. In verses 17-22 Paul sounds a warning to Gentiles. Here Paul is dealing with a possible arrogant superiority over Jews because we Gentiles have been "grafted in" and some or many of the Jews have been broken off the tree, that is, the place, position, opportunities and privileges of being connected to God's truth and work. There is no place for any kind of arrogance for anyone, especially believers who are saved by God's Grace.

Thursday. All of Israel's history—being chosen, becoming rebellious, being temporarily set aside, being promised renewed faith and blessing in the future—reflects God's sovereign, gracious and faithful reign. It is summed up well in the three brief phrases in the first sentence of verse 36. Join with Paul in giving glory to God for His gracious faithfulness.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we will slow down the pace of our march through Romans as we plan to consider 12:1-2. Read these verses several times.