



What About Israel? (Part 3)

Romans 11:1-36

#14 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; cf. 3:3; 1 Kings 16:30; 18:1–19:18)
2. It is temporary, not permanent. (11-16, 23-32; cf. 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; cf. Acts 13:45-48)
2. A warning to the Gentiles. (17-22; cf. 8:28-30, 38-39)
3. Restoration to the Jews. (11, 13-14; cf. 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; cf. Psalm 19:1; Colossians 1:16)

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, not complete and temporary, not permanent. While the numbers are small, there are Jewish people being saved today. What does this tell you about God? What does it mean in terms of your prayer and 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 turn to Ephesians 1:3-14 and reflect on the great spiritual blessing listed there that we have in Christ. Thank God for your spiritual blessings.

Wednesday. In verses 17-22 Paul sounds a warning to Gentiles. God extends His grace and mercy to His people. He also disciplines our sin. 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.

Being comfortable because we are saved, not truly being concerned about people who are not by both praying and speaking to them, is a form of arrogance. Ask God to motivate you to humbly and genuinely reach out to those who do not know Him.

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. Check them out once more. Then 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. Start memorizing them, if you have not already done that.

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