
AMEN Bible Study 2026

“God’s Sovereignty over Redemptive History”

Romans 11:11-36
February 26, 2026

1. Israel’s Stumbling is not final (11-15)

- a. Sovereign Mercy
- b. God uses Israel’s rejection to bring salvation to the Gentiles.
- c. Uses Gentile salvation to provoke Israel to jealousy

2. Olive Tree (16-24)

- a. Covenant Faithfulness
- b. The Olive Tree Represents
 - i. The covenant people of God.
 - ii. Rooted in the patriarchal promises.

3. Doxology: Praising God’s Divine Mercy (33-36)

- a. Humility and Worship
- b. God’s judgments are unsearchable.
- c. Salvation originates from Him, continues through Him, and ends for His glory.

AMEN Action Steps

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11:11-36

HEAR the Word

“Open my eyes, that I might behold wonderful things out of your law.”
-Psalm 119:18

1. Verses 11–15 teach that Israel’s rejection of Christ is not final, but part of God’s sovereign plan to bring salvation to the Gentiles and ultimately provoke Israel to repentance. Paul affirms that if Israel’s temporary rejection has brought reconciliation to the world, their future acceptance will result in even greater redemptive blessing: “life from the dead.”
2. Verses 33–36 contain Paul’s doxological response to God’s sovereign plan of salvation, marveling at the depth of God’s wisdom, knowledge, and unsearchable judgments. He declares that all things are from Him, through Him, and to Him, affirming that the entire work of redemption ultimately exists for God’s glory alone.

PRACTICE the Word

“...Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”
-Matthew 7:24

1. God keeps His promises despite human unfaithfulness, and as Romans 11:29 reminds us, “the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.” If He remains faithful to His covenant with Israel even after seasons of rebellion and hardness, then we can rest assured that He will also keep His covenant promises to us—so how does that truth shape the way you feel about God’s faithfulness and security in your own walk with Him?
2. When you pause to reflect on the unbreakable faithfulness of God—how He keeps His covenant promises despite human weakness—does it stir in you a deeper sense of awe and wonder at the greatness and steadfast love of our God?

RETELL the Word

“Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you...”
-Mark 5:19

1. If God shows mercy to people not because they deserve it but because He is gracious (Romans 11:30–32), how does that change the way we explain the gospel to someone who thinks they must earn God’s acceptance?
2. Since “the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable” (Romans 11:29), how can God’s covenant faithfulness give hope and assurance to someone who feels they have failed Him too many times?