

ROMANS: PART 71  
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*The Deliverer Will Come*  
Romans 11:11-32

The Context: Has The Word of God (to save the Jews) failed? Rom 9:1-5

1. Ans. #1: No, God never *determined* to save all the Jews. Rom 9:6-24
2. Ans. #2: No, God never *said* He'd save all the Jews. Rom 9:23-33
3. Ans. #3: No, the Jews failed to *believe*. Rom 10:1-21
4. Ans. #4: God's rejection of the Jews is only *Partial* - some know Him now. Rom 11:1-10

Answer #5: God's Rejection Of The Jews Is Only Temporary. Rom 11:11-32

God Has Not Rejected The Jews Forever. Romans 11:11-17

1. Is Gods rejection of His people beyond recovery? NO! Its temporary not permanent. Vs 11
2. God has planned a **Pattern of Blessing**. Vs 11b-12
  - ◆ Through Israel's fall ⇒ The Gentiles received salvation.
  - ◆ Through Gentile salvation ⇒ Jews made envious leading to *fullness*, i.e.: salvation
3. Paul glorifies (δοξαζω, i.e.: doxology) his ministry to Gentiles in this pattern. Vs 13-14
4. God has determined a future **fullness** for Israel. Vs 15-17
  - ◆ Thru Israel's transgression, rejection ⇒ Gentiles received *riches, reconciliation, salvation*
  - ◆ Thru Gentile salvation ⇒ The Jews will experience *acceptance, life from the dead*

God's Allegory of the Olive Tree Concerning Israel's Future Blessing. Rom 11:17-24

1. The Olive Tree represents the true people of God. Saved people.
  - ◆ Natural branches: Most Jews haven't believed in Jesus -- cut off from spiritual blessing.
  - ◆ Wild branches: Some Gentiles have believed in Jesus -- entered into those blessings.
2. A warning to Gentiles. Vs 17-22
  - ◆ Don't boast: you contributed *nothing* to the salvation process. It came thru Jews. Jn 4:21f
  - ◆ Fear God: You are saved through faith alone...God will spare no one who fails to believe
  - ◆ Consider His character: *kindness* to ones who continue in faith. *Severity* to ones who don
3. A promise to Jews. Vs 23-27
  - ◆ God is *able* to re-graft Jews into the olive tree, when they stop persisting in unbelief. v 23
  - ◆ God is *ready & willing* to re-graft Jews back into their own tree! v 24
  - ◆ God is *going to* re-graft Jews back into their own tree! Vs 25-27.

The Divine Mystery of Israel's Future Revival. Rom 11: 25-32

A NT *mystery* is not a secret known only to the initiated. It's a previously hidden revelation, now made known. If Christian Jews & Gentiles understand their position *vis-à-vis* one another there will be humility and not pride

1. Israel's hardening is partial & temporary. Vs 25.
2. Israel's future salvation is coming. Vs 26-27.
  - ◆ *Israel* in Romans 11 refers to Jews. Not the OT theocracy or the NT Church.
  - ◆ *All* in Rom 11:26 refers to the vast majority of Jews. Not necessarily every single Jew.
  - ◆ *Saved* in Rom 11:26 means justified, delivered, removal of godlessness, sins taken away. Isa 59:20; Jer 36:33
  - ◆ N.B. the promise is for *salvation*, not a restored Jewish geo-political kingdom. Eph 2:14
3. Israel's future hope is based upon the character and Covenant promises of God. Vs 27-32.
  - ◆ Irrevocable electing grace toward enemies - He saves them cuz' He promised! Vs 28-29
  - ◆ Mercy to the disobedient - He desires to show mercy to the undeserving! Vs 30-32.

Application.

1. God keeps His Word concerning salvation & judgment. Gen 15:13; Jer 25:11f; Dan 9:2; Mt 24:2; Isa 59:20; Jer 36:33. He is coming.
2. Gods "Gospel" is His only plan: the *disobedient* are saved thru *faith alone*, in *Christ alone*.
3. God can save you only the on the basis of "mercy".