

# ROMANS 45 – 11:16-18

## *Olive Trees and Broken Branches*

### 1. 11:16

- a. Remember the context, talking about Israel's promises, and their fullness
- b. The firstfruit in the law - Exo 22:29; Lev 27:30; Deu 26:10-15, Prov 3:9-10; Mal 3:10
- c. We see the initial part made holy, then the rest is blessed – Rom 11:7, 12, 15
- d. The firstfruit is the elect of Rom 11:5, the remnant of Israel – Jam 1:18, Rev 14:4
- e. Holy land, holy priesthood, holy nation, holy city – Zec 2:12, 1Pet 2:5, 9, Rev 21:2
- f. The point is that Israel can, should, and will be restored in belief - Rom 11:24
- g. Until then, you have this remnant boasting against them that needs to be stopped

### 2. The Olive Tree

- a. What is the tree? Who are the branches? Israel. Why are both trees olive trees?
- b. Tree talk in Psa 1; trees for earthly dominion in Eze 31:1-7, Dan 4:10-16, 20-27
- c. Israel as trees in prophecy – (wild) Isa 5:1-7, 5:24, Psa 80:5-19, Hos 14:6, Isa 4:2-3
- d. God prophesied about Israel's trees being broken– Isa 10:16-22, 32-34; Jer 11:16-17
- e. The root and the branches are Israel's fullness - Jer 12:2, 12:10, 14-15, Jer 23:1-6
- f. Can a fig tree produce berries? No! Jam 3:12, we are getting olives from this tree
- g. The olive had special place in the religion of Israel – 1 Kings 6:23, 31-33
- h. Olive oil was a testimony of faithfulness to Israel's covenants: Exo 25:31, 27:20-21
- i. God keeps his promise to the olive trees – Zech 4, Isa 60:2-3, 61:3

### 3. 11:17-18

- a. The branches that didn't bear olives were cut off - Mal 4:1, Matt 3:10, 7:19
- b. They were broken off because of unbelief – Psa 52:7-9, Rom 9:32-33, 10:3
- c. We are never described as trees. Olive oil has nothing to do with the church.
- d. Members of the church today are a new creature, not grafted into an old one
- e. We are flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone, not branches – Eph 5:30-32

## Identifying the Root and the Branches

	Romans 11:12	Romans 11:15	Romans 11:16	Romans 11:16
<b>First</b>	Riches of the world (remnant)	The reconciling of the world (remnant)	Holy firstfruit	Holy root
<b>Later</b>	Much more Israel's fullness	The receiving of Israel = life from the dead	Holy lump	Holy branches

“Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded” – Romans 11:7

**Branches in the tree** = The election (the remnant)

**Branches cut off** = The rest of Israel that were blinded

**The good olive tree** = Israel that thought they were doing good (Luke 18:10-11)

**The wild olive tree** = Israel not doing so good, but got it by faith (Luke 18:13)

**The root and fatness** = God's purpose for Israel, their covenants of promise (Rom 9:4-5, 11).

You are strangers of Israel's covenants (Eph 2:12), and are part of a new creature, not an old one – (Eph 2:15)