

Ministry of The Holy Spirit
Israel: Not Cast Away by God
Romans 11:1-14

Last time...Israel has a zeal for God but without knowledge of God, being ignorant of God's righteousness which is by faith and not by works

This time...Israel is NOT cast away by God
They are still very much a part of God's Plan of Redemption,
His promises to AI&J are "solid gold"

We are in Romans 11, a continuation of Ch 10:16-21

v17 Scripture interpreting Scripture, not man \ true also in the history
Dan 9, Is 53, and the entire counsel of God / of the Church

v1-2a Therefore, given the answers to the "questions" posed on Ch 10:18-19, another question:
Has God cast away...thrown away, utterly rejected...His people the Jews?
Is the God of AI&J "so done" with their descendants?
Has He withdrawn the hope of salvation and resurrection unto eternal life from the Jews?

God forbid!!!

That is simply crazy talk, an idea without Biblical merit and foreign to the heart of God

Had God thrown away/rejected the Jews, there would be no Apostle Paul, a Jew's Jew!

Phil 3:3b-7 we...have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews;
as touching the law, a Pharisee;
concerning zeal, persecuting the church;
touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
But what things were gain (salvation) to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

All 12 Apostles...are Jewish

The early Church...all Jewish, exclusively Jewish

Inspired by the Holy Spirit to record the very words of God, the Apostle Paul writes directly and unequivocally:
God has **not** cast away/rejected His people...which He foreknew.

Which says 2 very important things

First, Israel's spiritual condition then was, and is now, not a surprise to the God of AI&J – because of His foreknowledge from before the foundation of the world

Rom 8:29-30

Deut 4:24-31

Lev 26:40-45

Secondly, v2a, a direct and impossible-to-misunderstand statement when one simply takes God at His Word, plainly refutes a false doctrine that infected the church very early in its history and remains to this day: Replacement Theology

Replacement Theology rejects God's covenant with Abraham regarding the nation of Israel, an **everlasting** covenant with **everlasting** ownership of the land of Canaan (Genesis 13, 15, 17).

Replacement Theology claims that Israel broke this covenant when it rejected Jesus Christ at His first coming. As a result, the covenant was repealed, and God forever rejected Israel as a nation. Israel lost ownership of the land and the everlasting nature of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Which means the covenant was based on Israel's faithfulness and NOT God's faithfulness to His Word, such we just read in Lev 26 and Deut 4

Replacement Theology states that God will save individual Jews, but He has no present or future plan or promise for Israel as a nation.

What about May 15, 1948 unto this day?

Adherents of this doctrine...professing "Christians"...claim the historical record does not matter, and neither does the resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly on Nov 29, 1947 that called for "Palestine" to be parted into two parts – one part for an independent state of Israel and the other part for an independent Arab state.

(for which God, in His foreknowledge, has something to say in Joel 3:1-2)

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring **again** (Is 11:11-12) the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem (June 6, 1967), I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Adherents of this doctrine claim these historical events in 1947 and 1948 never happened.

They believe the Jews had no governing authority to enter Palestine and establish a new state of Israel, rather Israel went there on their own initiative and drove out the Arab people already there.

As a result, the State of Israel has no legitimate right to exist in the Middle East and should be driven into the Mediterranean Sea.”

Who does that sound like?!

The Muslim neighbors who worship the demon behind the moon god.
“Christians” believing and blindly standing with the devil re: Israel

Replacement Theology claims the God of Israel has rejected Israel as His people and replaced it with the church. The Church is now the Israel of God.
How did this infect the Church?

Initially the Church was exclusively Jewish.

But before the end of the first century of its existence, the church had become predominantly Gentile (Jews are 1% of the world’s population so what could the only result of Acts 1:8 be and Deut 7:7 be true?!)

Justin Martyr (AD 100–165, **after** 70AD)...a disciple of Irenaeus who was an eyewitness of the Apostle John and Polycarp who was a disciple of the Apostle John... defended Christianity against a Jewish enemy and claimed Christians “are the true Israelite race.” He asserted that the Biblical expression “the seed of Jacob” now refers to the Christians, not the Jews.

Tertullian (AD 145–220)...a prominent church theologian from North Africa who started well but finished poorly by joining a group led by a false prophet name Montanus...misinterpreted God’s statements to Rebekah concerning the twins in her womb in the following manner: Esau, the older brother, represents the Jews; and Jacob, the younger brother, represents the Christians. Thus, the Christians would overcome the Jews and that the Jews would serve the Christians (man interpreting Scripture, not using the entire counsel of God).

Origen (AD 185–253)...the leader of the school of theology in Alexandria, Egypt, home of Gnosticism which also infected the Church...claimed that the word “Israel” in the Bible can mean the church, not national Israel.

Augustine (AD 354–430)...a theologian and philosopher...published the influential “*Tract against the Jews*”, obviously an anti-Semitic work. He developed a new eschatological view called amillennialism that interpreted Scripture allegorically rather than literally and denied a future earthly political Kingdom of God over which Christ will rule for the last one thousand years of this present earth’s history. Augustine taught that the Church is the Kingdom of God foretold in Daniel 2 and 7 and Revelation 20. He was the first person to teach the idea that the organized universal (Catholic) Church is the messianic Kingdom, and that the Millennium began with the first coming of Christ.

(Note: So how is it that Satan is bound in hell?)

Augustine’s amillennialism “became the official doctrine of the church.”
The Roman Catholic Church adopted, strongly advocated, and maintained Replacement Theology and the amillennial view.

Replacement theology played a key role in the persecution of Jews by the Roman Catholic Church...and by Hitler. In the name of Jesus Christ, hundreds of thousands of Jews were slaughtered as “Christ killers,” and numerous others were uprooted and forced to move to other countries. (e.g. Spain in 1492...)

During the Reformation, the “apples did not fall far from the tree” when it came to Replacement Theology and amillennialism, such that a vast majority of “Christians” belong to denominations that believe God is done with national Israel...a direct contradiction and denial of what God Himself has said in Rom 11 and many places elsewhere.

Note: Many Gentiles believers (?) in churches today believe the Bible was written by man, a collection moral stories to help us be better people

Replacement Theology is

- a doctrine of man, not of God, that has made the Word of God of none effect
- a lie, a blasphemous lie of demonic origin

Homework for the hungry: Read the letters Jesus Christ dictated to the churches at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, and Sardis now with greater clarity
When believers do not read the Word of God literally, simply taking God at His Word, they err and “go off the rails”

The Holy Spirit continues to speak on this issue...

v2b-5 Wot/know/understand what Scripture...

the Final Authority, not the doctrines or traditions of man taught in seminaries...
says about Elijah?

Elijah was a prophet of God to the NK of Israel during the reign of

- King Ahab, who did evil in the sight of the Lord and did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him
- Queen Jezebel, the bloodthirsty and ruthless daughter of the king of the Zidonians, worshippers of Baal, who introduced Baal worship in Israel

1 Kings 18:17-22

1 Kings 18:36-40

1 Kings 19:1-3a

1 Kings 19:8-14, 18

So regarding Israel during the ministry of Elijah, what have we?

1. Many are disbelieving and rebellious
2. A very small remnant of faithful, living in the midst of the unfaithful

Even so then...in the same way
at this present time...in Paul's time and in ours
there is a remnant...very few faithful Jewish believers in the midst of
very many Jewish unbelievers
according to the election...selection, based on foreknowledge (Rom 8:29-30, v2a)
of grace...unmerited favor by faith (because Rom 10:4)

The Word of God divides...
the children of God (who believe and choose life) from the children of the flesh
(who disbelieve and choose death)...

every family

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| • Adam and Eve...Cain and Abel | all |
| • Abraham...Isaham and Isaac | BEFORE |
| • Isaac...Esau and Jacob | the |
| • Jacob...believe Rom 10:4 or disbelieve | Law |

The Foreknowledge of God and the election/selection of God are inseparable!

Per Scripture:

Man must choose...in time, while he has breath
and

All-knowing God knows every person's choice and chooses...before time
(foundation of world)

Since all people are sinners, born with a sin nature, God's selection is by grace thru faith
whereby believers are born-again of the Spirit of God and made new creatures in
Christ, re-created from man-kind to Jesus-kind

Homework for the hungry: An excellent "review" of grace is Romans 3-5

v6 So, if it...election/selection (salvation and resurrection unto eternal life)...is by grace
(of a merciful God), then salvation **cannot** be by works (of sinners)
Otherwise, if salvation is by works, then salvation by grace is a deception and
grace is but an empty and meaningless promise from God

On the other hand, if salvation and resurrection unto eternal life is by works (of sinners),
then salvation **cannot** be by grace (of God)

Otherwise, if salvation is by grace, then salvation by works is a deception and works
(of sinners) are futile, impossible to save

The two...salvation by works and salvation by grace...are like oil and water –
they do not mix, they are mutually exclusive

It is one or the other, either/or, both are not possible

The disbelieving Jews believed in salvation by works...self-righteousness

The believing Jews believed in salvation by grace...the righteousness of God

Romans 1:16-17

Homework for the hungry: An excellent “review” of this issue is Galatians 1-4 in response to the Judaizers (Acts 15:1) who followed Paul, teaching both and trying to mix salvation by works and salvation by grace, thereby perverting the Gospel of Christ

v7-8 Where does that leave us regarding national Israel?

Israel...like the NK of Israel, the disbelieving multitude

- did not obtain that which they sought – salvation, a right standing before God based on their own righteousness/self-righteousness (Ch 10:3)
- were blinded...unto this day – Paul’s and ours
- given a spirit of slumber, eyes that could not see, and ears that could not hear Matt 13:10-16, quoting Is 6:8-13 and Is 29:10

but

the election...believing Israel selected by God because of their selection

- obtained it – salvation, a right standing before God based on grace thru faith in Jesus’ righteousness (the righteousness of God, 1 Cor 10:30)

Therefore, there is a remnant (v5) among the multitude of disbelieving Israel even today!

Then and now for Jew and Gentile, the ONLY way to be righteous, to have a righteous standing before God, is to trust Jesus Christ – His Person, work, merit
John 14:6...is either true or a lie, it cannot be both

v9-10 The Apostle to the Gentiles, a Jew’s Jew, the best student of the best Jewish teacher and a student of Jesus Christ Himself for 3 years in Arabia, is recording the very words of God about Israel and His plan of salvation

He over and over and over again makes reference to Scriptures...”OT” at the time Paul is inspired to quote OT Scriptures dozens of times in Ch 9-11, regarding Israel’s place in the plan of God moving forward between the comings to earth of Jesus Christ

Here he quotes David from Ps 69:22-23

David...a believing Jew, saved by grace thru faith (certainly not by works!)
Regarding his enemies...disbelieving Jews who are persecuting him

Homework for the hungry: Ps 69, perhaps a prayer of Jesus’ while on the Cross

v11 The believing and saved by grace Apostle Paul,
no longer the self-righteous and disbelieving Saul of Tarsus,
then asks another question, as he did in v1 and in Ch 10:1-19:
Have they...the multitude of disbelieving Israel...stumbled/failed at salvation
that they should fall, down and out?

As in v1: God forbid!!!

That is just crazy talk! That is not the heart of the God of Israel who is faithful to
His Word

Rather,

- thru their fall/error/sin (unbelief) salvation by the righteousness of God is
come to the Gentiles
John 10:14-16 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am
known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I
the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other
sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must
bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one
fold, *and one shepherd.*

Is 42:1-7 the Servant of God is the Light to the Gentiles

Gen 24 Abraham = God the Father
Isaac = the Son of promise, Jesus Christ the Son of God

Rom 1:4

stays with Father in His house

Eliezar (God my helper) = God the Holy Spirit

Sent to the "old country" (earth) to witness of the
Son to gather a Bride for Him

Rebekah = the Church, a (predominately) Gentile bride

"I will go"...believed the witness and went sight
unseen (by faith, Heb 11:1)

given gifts by Eliezar/Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12-14

took a long, hard journey to meet her Husband
face-to-face

- the Word of the God Who foreknew them is fulfilled
Deut 32:21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is* not
God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities:
and I will move them to jealousy with *those which are* not a
people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

Also quoted in Ch 10:19

And the Word of God that divided the family of Jacob/Israel, will divide every family of
the Gentiles (e.g. Rebekah's)...separating the children of God from the children
of the flesh

v12 Therefore, if the fall/error/sin (unbelief) of them (the multitude of disbelieving Israel)
be the riches (salvation and resurrection unto eternal life) of the world (Gentiles)
and the diminishing/failure/fault (the fall/sin) of them the riches of the Gentiles,
how much more (the riches of the Gentiles) their (Israel's) fulness/completion!!!

The Gentiles were unspeakably blessed when Israel disbelieved...eternal life in Christ
Jesus by grace thru faith

Imagine what it will be like when Israel believes...living with our Lord on earth!!!

Is 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the
LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall
be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Zech 2:11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be
my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee

The unfulfilled promises and prophecies of God regarding Israel WILL be fulfilled!
And not only will Israel be greatly blessed, so will the Gentiles

v13-14 The saints in Rome to whom this letter was written were both Jews and Gentiles,
all believing the Word of God and saved by grace thru faith...the children of God
The Holy Spirit thru Paul, sent to be Jesus' witness to the Gentiles, to kings, and to the
children of Israel (Acts 9:15) has spoken to both

Here, he is speaking to the Gentiles: I magnify my office

Rom 1:5

Paul is not boasting in Self but in Jesus (1 Cor 1:31), but is asserting his
Christ-given calling and authority...so they will take these words as the
very words of God

He has the heart of God and the mind of Christ (Rom 9:1-3) to provoke the Jews to
jealousy ala Deut 32:21

that **some** might be saved i.e. whosoever would hear the testimony of the Son of God,
consider the evidence, and choose life

1 Cor 9:19-22

Acts 22:1-21

Paul to Jerusalem to witness to his brethren
shared his personal testimony of "meeting Jesus" and his Divine calling,
was warned by Jesus Personally that the Jews would not receive
his testimony of Jesus, Jesus sent him to the Gentiles
things "blew up" and after several years in jail he ended up in Rome

Acts 28:17-29

some believed

Application/Exhortation

1. remnant

We live in a post-Christian United States

Not quite like “post-Christian” Europe yet, but on the very same path

There has been a very methodical, deliberate, and determined effort in this nation to destroy the influence of

- the Word of God
- Biblical Christianity
 - Bible-believing followers of Jesus Christ, still a threat to the world
 - born-again of the Spirit of God, the children of God

This God-defying destruction has been very thorough and very organized

- Fed Gov’t, State Gov’ts, Big Cities
- Court system
- Schools
- Military
- Corporations

But...The Living God, the Sovereign King of all the earth, still has His faithful remnant...
a few in the midst of the disbelieving multitude

And not in this nation alone but in the nations of Europe and in China, Russia, Iran...
God has His children in every nation, a small remnant in every nation

Our calling is NOT to save the nation by restoring it a “Christian nation”

Our calling is to know Jesus and make Jesus known, issuing invitations to people in our
spheres of influence come out of darkness into the Light by choosing Life over death...
if by any means...

2. some

...might be saved

We should know what God foreknows:

- Most remain in darkness and die in their sin because they refuse to believe in Jesus Christ
- Few humble themselves before God and submit themselves to the righteousness of God

So said Jesus (Matt 7:13-14)

So says the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 9:22, Rom 11:14)

Who are the “some”?
We have no idea!

So we share the Gospel with everyone
And the Lord knows those who are His (2 Tim 2:19)

3. Israel

By Israel and only by Israel do we understand the times to know what we ought to do
1 Chron 12:32 with 1 Cor 11:6-11

We ought to look up for our redemption draws near!!!
The “beginning of sorrow” initiated by the fulfillment of...national Israel the 2nd time

The next “Mount Carmel moment” for national Israel...Ezk 38-39
Russia, Iran, and Turkey are now scheming against Israel
Craziness: 15 of Putin’s 18 oligarchs are...Jewish

Russia this week closed the door to Jews emigrating to Israel
Jer 23:7-8 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Zech 8:7-8 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country [**NOT the north country**]; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

In an energy-starved world governed by mother earth worshippers, Israel has emerged as a major player in the energy sector, holders of a huge natural gas field...and all the money and power it represents

Homework for the hungry: Ezk 38-39

Ezk 38:8

Ezk 38:11-13

Ezk 39:6-7

One of the very best sources for what is happening in and about Israel:
A Jewish believer named Amir Tsarfati
Rom 11:12