

Ministry of The Holy Spirit
Israel: The Natural Branches of the Olive Tree
Romans 11:15-25

Last time...Israel is NOT cast away by God who foreknew them

National Israel during the time of Paul's ministry and to this day is like Israel during the ministry of Elijah

1. a vast majority of rebellious and disbelieving Jews
2. a remnant of believing Jews living in the midst of the disbelieving multitude

National (mostly disbelieving) Israel is still very much a part of God's Plan of Redemption...in spite of what most of the Church believes – Replacement Theology

Replacement Theology claims that Israel broke God's covenant with Abraham when it rejected Jesus Christ at His first coming. As a result, the covenant was repealed by God and He forever rejected Israel as a nation.

Which means the covenant...God's unconditional promise...was based on Israel's faithfulness and NOT God's faithfulness to His Word – a blatant falsehood

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

Adherents of this doctrine...professing "Christians"...claim the historical record of 1947, 1948, and 1967 does not matter

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."

"Rooted" in the RCC and maintained by the mainline Protestant denominations, this blasphemous theology is held by a vast majority of "Christians" who believe God is done with national Israel...an affront to the nature of God and a direct contradiction and denial of what God Himself has said in Rom 11 and in many other passages of Scripture

Replacement Theology is a loathsome cancer in the Body of Christ... and the Head of the Body will cut it out (perhaps during the Tribulation?)

This time...this teaching/doctrine regarding national Israel (v2a) continues

v11-14 Has national Israel failed of salvation such that they are TKO-ed, “down for the count”?
No! God foreknew them and their role in the suffering of His Christ...
as He foreknew the role of the Gentiles in the suffering of His Christ
In God’s “hands”, the rejection of Jesus Christ by the Jews opened the door of salvation
to the Gentiles...and Paul is now speaking to the Gentiles about national Israel
God’s heart is to provoke His people Israel to jealousy with the believing Gentiles,
which He foretold His people in Deut 32:21

v15 If the casting away of them

v2a	national Israel is NOT rejected
v5	national Israel includes the believing remnant
v7-11a	the unbelieving are blinded, given a “dull mind” and “dark eyes”

be the reconciling of the world
the restoration of a right relationship by the Person and work of Jesus Christ
in His ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:17-21)
then what will the receiving of them
admission into the kingdom of God
by grace thru faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Ch 1:16)
by the righteousness of God (Ch 1:17)
by denying their righteousness and submitting to the righteousness of God
which is by faith of Jesus Christ (Ch 10:3, Ch 3:22)
be but life from the dead
resurrected Jews by faith in Jesus, born-again by the Spirit of God, new creatures
in Christ, children of God, not in condemnation but passed from death to
life
resurrected national Israel by faith in Jesus
(national Israel is currently in the land but in unbelief, dead-in-sin

When the Living God pours out His Spirit upon national Israel during the DoL
Zech 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants
of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall
look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for
him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for
him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.
the “stiff arm” of God to national Israel becomes “open arms” as the dead-in-sin become
dead-to-sin...by grace thru faith

v16 National Israel is NOT cast away/rejected by God...as declared by two illustrations

1. If the firstfruit be holy/sanctified/consecrated, so is the lump

National Israel is the lump...Num 15:17-21

- first of the dough from the larger lump as a heave offering
- the firstfruit was acceptable, so therefore was the larger lump of dough

What/Who is the firstfruit of national Israel?

A. Abraham

Gen 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And **I will make of thee a great nation**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Heb 11:8

Gen 15:6

Rom 4:16

B. Jesus Christ, the Son of David and King of Israel

1 Cor 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept (died believing God)

Rom 8:23, 29

As the first of the lump was holy (acceptable to the Lord), so was the lump
As Abraham and Jesus are holy/sanctified/consecrated, so is national Israel

2. If the root be holy, so are the branches

National Israel are the branches

What/Who is the Root that is holy?

A. Abraham...root of the "Family tree"

Gal 3:29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs (Rom 8:17a) according to the promise.

B. Jesus Christ

Is 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek:

John 15:1-5

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Rev 22:16 *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

As the root was holy (acceptable to the Lord), so are the branches
As Abraham and Jesus are holy/sanctified/consecrated, so is national Israel

v17-18 Now developing the illustration of the branches as it relates to national Israel...

If some...NOT all
of the branches be broken off...blinded, spirit of slumber, darkened eyes and dull mind
but NOT cast away/rejected/TKO-ed
and you...Gentiles (v11-13)
being a wild olive tree...uncultivated root and branches
were grafted in...inserted into, united with the holy Root of the olive tree
(thereby gaining the nature of the holy Root)
1 Thes 1:9 ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God
1 Peter 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
among them..."*en*"/in them (national Israel), i.e. **NOT** replacing them!!!!
and with them...i.e. **NOT** instead of them!!!!
partake of...participate in the (holy nature of)
the root...Abraham (the Friend of God) and Jesus Christ (the Son of God)
and the richness of the olive tree...Israel (Joel 1:7),
the people and heritage of God (Joel 3:2)

Boast not against the branches...You Gentiles

- do not exalt yourselves because of what God has done (v11, Deut 32:21)
- be not ignorant, be not self-deceived
- have no prideful confidence in yourselves (sinners all, saved by grace)
- take no ambition against national Israel (multitude being disbelieving)
- do not seek privileges from God at their expense

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Rev 3:7-9 is v9 speaking of those who believe Replacement Theology?
Prophecy dictated by Jesus Christ about 50 years prior to the cancer known as
Replacement Theology infected His Body

Gentile believers in Jesus Christ have NOTHING to boast of,
except the Lord Jesus Christ

1 Cor 1:30-31 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Life is in the Root, not the branches!

The branches only bear the fruit sourced by the Life in the Root (Gal 2:20)

The branches are to abide in the Root, receiving from Him and not comparing each other amongst themselves

2 Cor 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

Adherents of Replacement Theology are branches from a wild olive tree boasting against Israel, the olive tree into which they are grafted

Replacement Theology is

- foolishness – not believing what God has said
- arrogant – self-centered and self-serving
- ignorant – not rightly dividing the Word of Truth
- bad fruit – rotten

What is the “right mind” attitude toward disbelieving Israel the Body of Christ is to have? That of the Head of the Body, the mind of Christ!

Rom 9:2

Rom 10:1

Rom 11:11b, 14

Rightly divide the Word of Truth, using Scripture to interpret Scripture, to know what God is doing...which simply cannot be done apart from national Israel

v19-20 With a right understanding of the Word of God, we Gentile followers of Jesus say, The branches were broken off...the opposite of grafted in that I might be grafted in...inserted into, united with the holy Root

To which the Holy Spirit says,

Well...true

Because of unbelief they...disbelieving national Israel...were broken off, but not cast away, indicative of a broken relationship

Rom 10:3

Jer 11:16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, *and* of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

Ps 78:22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

and you...believing Gentiles

stand...before the holy God in a right relationship “in Christ”

by faith...in the righteousness of God and not your own righteousness

And the acceptable, God-honoring attitude toward disbelieving national Israel?

Be not highminded...arrogant

Rom 12:3...think not more highly of yourself than you ought to think

2 Tim 3:1-5

but fear

Eccl 12:13-14 Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

Ps 31:19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Why the warning/exhortation from the Holy Spirit?

v21 Because if God...Who Rom 9:18

spared not...in context does NOT mean

- “cast away/rejected” (v1a, v2a)
- “TKO-ed”, down and out never to stand again (v11a)

But means, in context, blinded, given a “dull mind” and “dark eyes”

the natural branches...the multitude of arrogant, ignorant, self-righteous, disbelieving unfruitful Jews that did not abide in the holy Root planted by the God of AI&J *take heed*...beware (implied, added by KJV translators)

lest He also spare not...in context, blinded, given a “dull mind” and “dark eyes”

you...you arrogant, self-righteous Gentiles, “Christians” as you call yourselves, that have not the mind of Christ or the heart of God and not abiding in the holy Root of Jesse/David

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34),

The Living God is the God of the Jews and the Gentiles (Rom 3:29)

Did God spare disbelieving Israel/Jews? No

Will God spare disbelieving Gentiles? No

What does He think of Replacement Theology and those who believe it and not His Word?

Jer 2:3 Israel *was* holiness unto the LORD, *and* the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

v22 Therefore, consider/know the

- goodness of God...His kindness
 - Ps 145:8 The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
 - Ps 144:2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust;
 - Rom 2:4
- severity of God...the uncompromisingly holy God who will, ultimately not suffer fools (those who do not believe Him)
 - Prov 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

To reject the goodness of God is to select the severity of God

His goodness is for those who believe and continue/abide in Him, bearing fruit pleasing to Him

John 8:31-32

John 15:4

Col 3:1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

His severity is for those who do not believe and do not continue/abide in Christ and live according to the flesh as friends of the world, not standing on faith before God

Rom 8:1-8

1 Cor 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1 John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Matt 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

v23-24 They also...disbelieving Israel

if they abide not still in unbelief..."flip" [Rom 10:3](#), repent of their unbelief in Jesus

Christ, stand before God on [Rom 10:4](#)

shall be grafted in...a promise of God to re- insert them into and unite them with the holy Root

for God is able to graft them in again...the God of Israel is the God Who is able

Matt 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Rom 14:4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

Replacement Theology denies God will or, even worse, that God is able to

But God is able to graft them back into the holy Root!

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Since He was able to take a wild/uncultivated branch and graft it into the good/natural olive tree, how easy-peazy would it be for Him to graft in the natural branch to the good tree, tapped into the holy Root to bring forth fruit pleasing to Him?!

v25 I would not...I desire not and I will labor so it is not so brethren...Family of God

that you should be ignorant...because some in the Family are ignorant!

Listen up, Gentiles, to the Apostle of the Gentiles, a Jew's Jew of this mystery...a truth from before the foundation of the world now being revealed in time

lest you should be wise in your own conceits...arrogant and self-righteous, just like disbelieving national Israel!

(Are you listening, Replacement Theologians?!")

What is the mystery?

that blindness...darkness, no Light, [v7-8](#) and Matt 15:14b

in part...NOT in whole, a faithful/fruitful remnant remains to this day is happened..."granted" by God; it is what they wanted to Israel...national Israel

until...blindness will NOT always will be the case

the fulness of the Gentiles be come in...when the last Gentile sees the Light and the Light turns on for Israel

There is a "completion number" for the Gentiles...the number of souls God knows will trust Him

When that number is complete, God returns His "attention" to Israel and Israel will be completed...[v26a](#)

Application/Exhortation

1. Continue/Abide

Our reconciled relationship with God, made possible by Jesus Christ,
is a loving relationship...no longer a legal relationship
Every healthy relationship takes time and effort by 2 willing volunteers
Motivated by love (Rom 5:8), invest time and effort into your relationship with the
Living God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)
Don't be looking for "loopholes" whereby you can justify to yourself living in the flesh

Every day is a gift from God; give every day back to the Lord

- Walking by faith and not by sight
- Walking in the Spirit and not in the flesh
- Not walking as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind thru the ignorance and blindness in their heart (Eph 4:17-18)

Jude 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our
Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Go not the way of Israel

Jer 2:5-13

We live in perilous times, here at the end of the "times of the Gentiles"
Let the Lord take from you anything and everything that is hindering your finishing well
and hearing "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your
Lord!"

Abide/continue in Christ!

2. Be not highminded, but fear

Humility is beautiful in the eyes of God

Jesus is our Humble King who loves the Jews; He does NOT hate them but Satan does

Do not twist the very words of God with the doctrines and traditions of men,
which make the Word of God of none effect

3. Choose the goodness of God instead of the severity of God

4. Be not ignorant

About the mysteries of God in Scripture

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman not ashamed,
rightly dividing the Word of Truth

1. Scripture interprets Scripture
2. Context