

**(1) Has God rejected His people? No, by his grace,
a believing remnant of Jews continues to
experience his blessing because of their faith in
Jesus. Those who did not believe were hardened
(1:1-10)**

(2) So, is Israel's failure final? No, even though it might seem like God has given up on Israel, He hasn't. God is using Israel's current unbelief to extend his plan and promise of salvation to the world (11:11-24)

- **Jewish unbelief opened the way for...**
- **Gentile salvation, which in the end, leads to...**
 - **Jewish salvation.**

(3) What God has done and is doing for Israel is a "mystery," but what is clear is that God's favor will once again rest on Israel as a nation. (11:25-32)

Zechariah 12:10

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Jeremiah 31:31

31"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

Jeremiah 31:32

32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.

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33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they will be my people.

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34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Jeremiah 31:35

35 Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord of hosts is his name:

Jeremiah 31:36

36 "If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the Lord, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever."

The fact that God will keep his promises to Israel reassures us that God will keep his promises to us.

Lamentations 3:22-23

The Lord's loving kindness never ceases, his mercies never end. They are fresh every morning; great is your faithfulness.

(4) When we get a glimpse of the "mystery" of how God has worked to save all people through faith in Messiah Jesus, our theology becomes doxology
(11:33-36)

**Some of God's ways of working can't be forced
into the dimensions of our ways of thinking.**