

OPERATION OLIVE TREE



GOD'S STRATEGIES FOR THE JEWISH NATION

ROMANS 9–11

'His ways (strategies) are past finding out!'

Rom. 11:33

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...to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Acts 20:27

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OUTLINE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS

1. **The significance of Romans.**

- a) The bridging book to New Testament epistles.
- b) Influence on Church history.

2. **Historical Background.**

- a) The origin of the Roman Church (Acts 2:10?).
- b) Paul's third missionary journey (Acts 20:1-3).
- c) The City of Rome.

3. **Purpose.** His proposed visit (Romans 15:28-33), His counsel about differences in the Church (Chaps.14,15), His exposition of the gospel of law-free grace (Romans 1:16, 17). The place of Israel in God's plan (9-11)

4. **Key verses.** Romans 1:16,17; 5:1; 6:11; 12:1,2.

5. **Outline and Contents.** Refer to "Romans at a glance".

6. **Message and Themes.**

- 1. Condemnation (Chap.1-3)
- 2. Justification (Chap.3-5)
- 3. Sanctification (Chap.6-8)
- 4. Glorification (Chap.8)
- 5. Nationalization (Chap.9-11) – Vindication – Dispensational
- 6. Consecration or Dedication (Chap.12-16)

Romans at a Glance

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| FOCUS | REVELATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS | | | VINDICATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS | | | APPLICATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS | |
| REFERENCE | 1:1 ————— 3:21 ————— 6:1 ————— 9:1 ————— 9:30 ————— 11:1 ————— 12:1 ————— 14:1 - 16:27 | | | | | | | |
| DIVISION | NEED FOR GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS | IMPUTATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS | DEMONSTRATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS | ISRAEL'S PAST: ELECTION | ISRAEL'S PRESENT: REJECTION | ISRAEL'S FUTURE: RESTORATION | CHRISTIAN DUTIES | CHRISTIAN LIBERTIES |
| TOPIC | SIN | SALVATION | SANCTIFICATION | SOVEREIGNTY | | | SERVICE | |
| | DOCTRINAL | | | | | | BEHAVIORAL | |
| LOCATION | PROBABLY WRITTEN IN CORINTH | | | | | | | |
| TIME | c. A.D. 57 | | | | | | | |

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SESSION 1 – INTRODUCTION

A SUMMARY PASSAGE – ROMANS 11:25-29

“For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part has happened to Israel** until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. (v.26) And so **all Israel will be saved** as it is written: ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion and he will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; (v.27) For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.’ (v.28) concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but **concerning the election** they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. (v.29) For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” (NKJV – emphasis added)

1. “Concerning the election” (11:28)

PAST ELECTION – ROM. 9

ROOTS AND BRANCHES GROWING (see p.6)

2. “Blindness in part has happened to Israel until...” (11:25)

PRESENT REJECTION – ROM. 10

BRANCHES BROKEN OFF (see p.6)

3. “And so all Israel will be saved”

FUTURE RESTORATION – ROM. 11

BRANCHES GRAFTED IN (see p.6)

“It is not as though the Word of God has failed” Rom. 9:6.

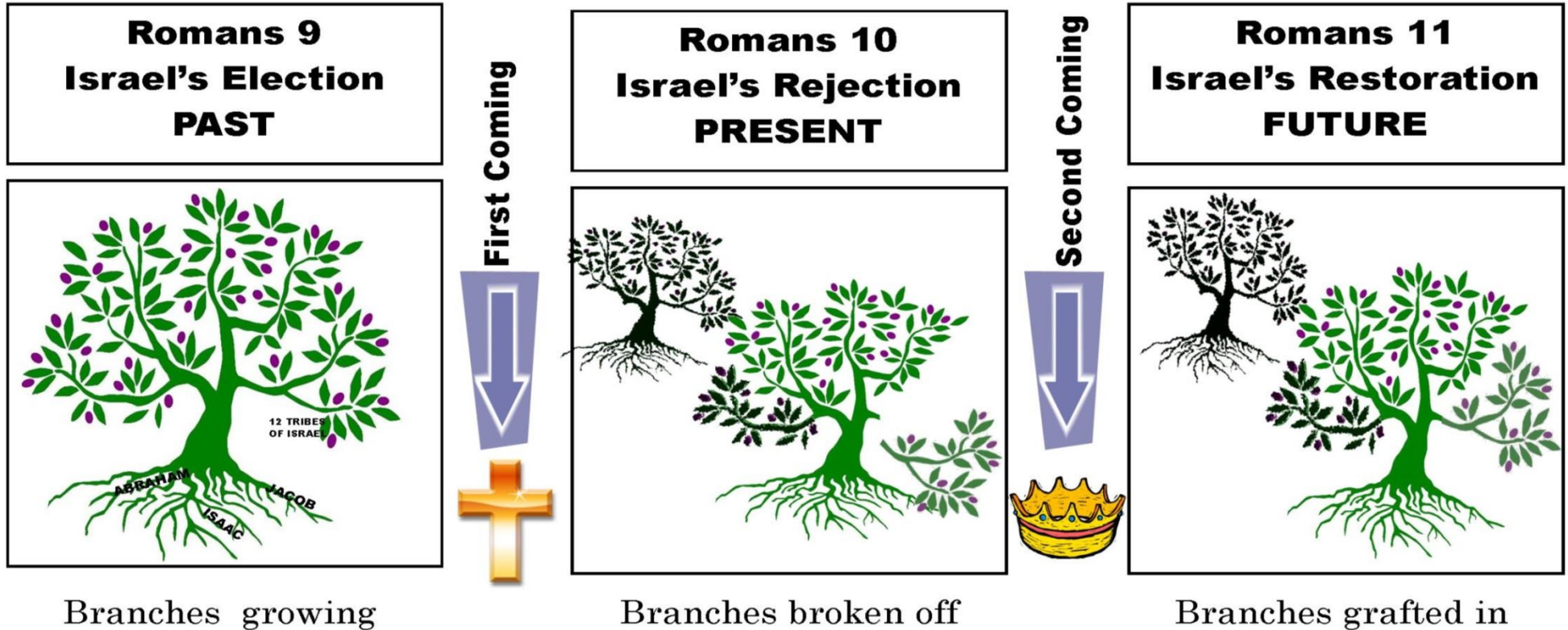
“And so all Israel will be saved” Rom. 11:26. The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.” Rom 11:29.

“God has not cast away His people (Israel) whom He foreknew... (Rom. 11:2) His ways (strategies) are past finding out.” (Rom. 11:33).

“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you. Again I will build you...O Israel” (Jer. 31:3-6).

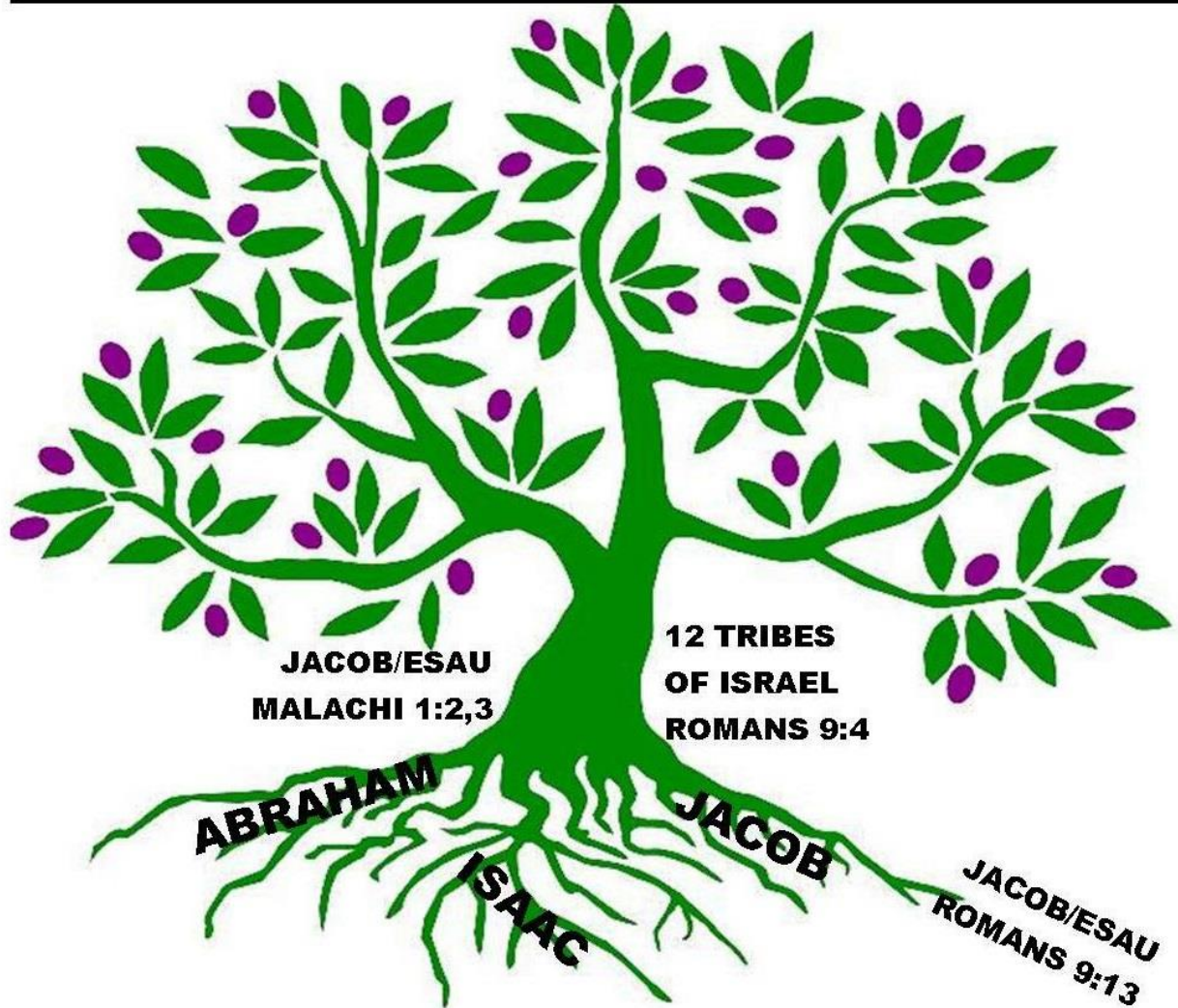
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Romans 11: 26 , 27 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:
“The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;
For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sin.”

Romans 9
Israel's Election - PAST



Patriarchal Family - Romans 9:5, 11; 11:28

The Roots - Romans 11:17, 28, 29

SESSION ONE

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GOD'S STRATEGIES FOR THE JEWISH NATION - ROM. 9-11

Introduction

What happened to Israel in the First Century?

- They rejected their promised Messiah. (Lk. 19:14)
- They came under God's condemnation (Rom. 3:19,20)
- What about God's covenants and promises with Israel? (Rom. 11:1,11)
- These three chapters are a "theodicy" i.e. a vindication of God in his dealings with the nation of Israel (Rom. 11:33-36)
- "To the Jew first" (Rom. 1:16,17; 2:9-11). The divine law of priority.

I.THE ELECTION OF ISRAEL - PAST ROM. 9

"concerning the election" (Rom 11:28)

ROOTS AND BRANCHES GROWING(see diag. p.6,7)

1. Paul's desire for Israel (9:1-3)

- a. His burden and sacrifice

2. Israel's Privileges (9:4,5)

- The Adoption (National)
- The Glory (the Schekinah)
- The Covenants
- The Law
- The Priestly services
- The Promises (Unconditional)
- The Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)
- The Messiah
- A Great calling (Neh. 9:7,8)
- A Great Nation (Gen. 46:3; Amos 3:1)

SESSION ONE (cont.)

3. God's sovereign **ELECTION** of Israel (9:6-13)

“In these three chapters will be found some of the deepest and most difficult statements even penned by the Apostle Paul. We shall therefore have need of patience in our study of what follows. The chief obscurities are doubtless concerning Paul's teaching about Divine Sovereignty and Election. But it should be noted that in the Apostle's statements which are so difficult to grasp in their fullness he is discussing national privilege rather than individual salvation, though he does speak of individuals as “vessels of mercy” (Rom 9:23). Many have got into great bondage of heart through not recognising this. We must take Paul's statements in their setting, and not detached or isolated from this setting, else we may read into them utterly wrong ideas about God.” (Norman C. Deck - Bible study notes - emphasis added).

a. TWO GENEALOGIES

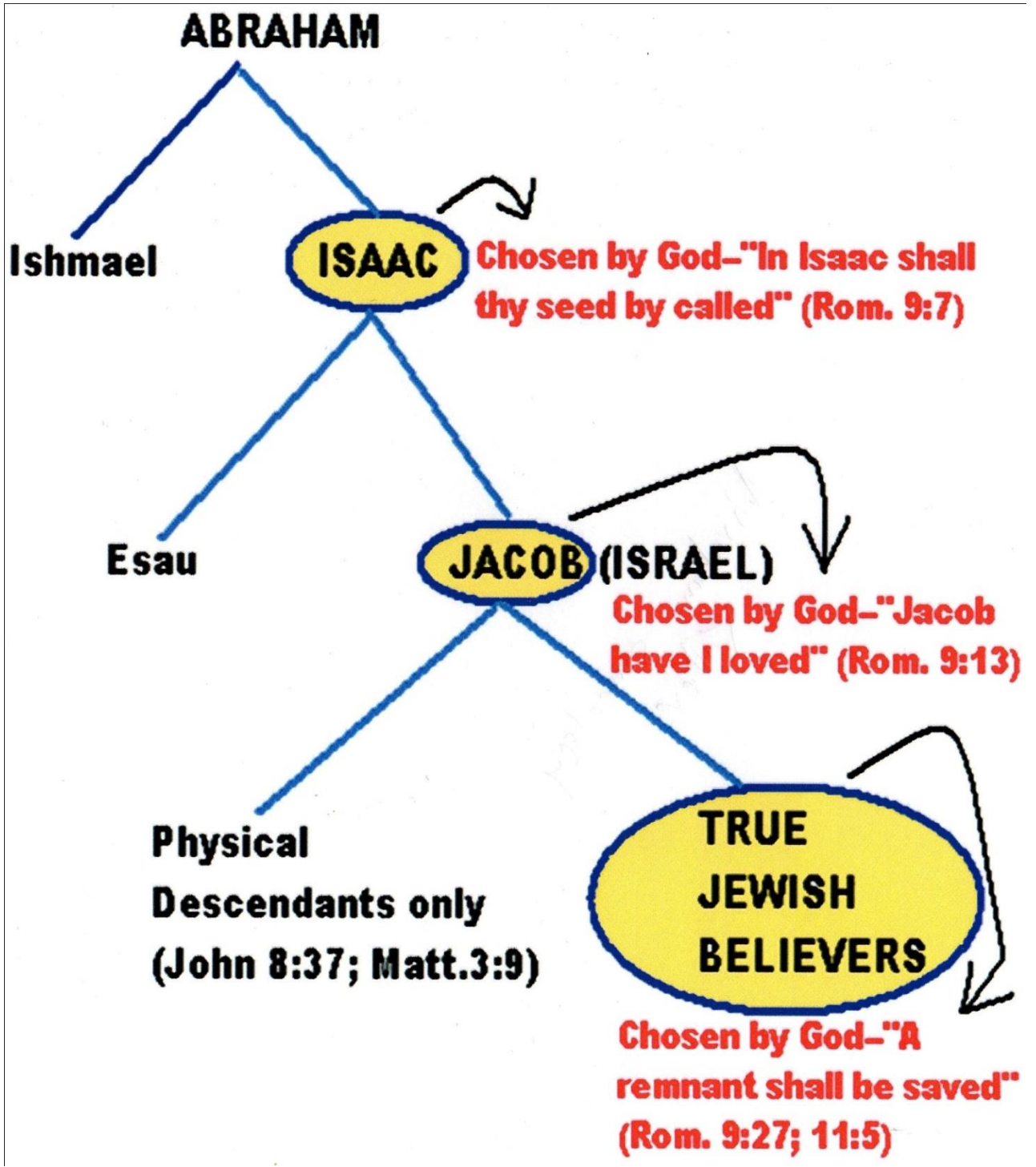
The roots of the Olive Tree (see diag. p. 7).

- a. There is an election within the Patriarchal Family. “Not all Israel are of the promised line.” (v.6).
- b. The promises of God were intended for those in the Nation who were children of God by faith – the remnant, not mere physical descent. (compare John 1:47; Rom. 2:28,29).
- c. The distinction between the children of the flesh (natural descent) and the children of promise - The promised line – (v.7) (see p.10)
Abraham - Isaac - Jacob - The remnant - All Israel
The natural seed Ishmael, Esau, Jacob's physical descendants (see diag. p. 10).

b. TWO NATIONS(9:6-13)

The roots and branches of the Olive Tree (see diag. p. 7)

- a. Concerning the (corporate) election
- b. The original Old Testament contexts are the key to understanding God's strategies of the election. A national corporate election
- c. “The older shall serve the younger” (v.12). Gen 25:13
- d. “Two nations are in your womb and two peoples” Gen. 25:13.



SESSION ONE (cont.)

TWO NATIONS (cont.)

- e. “Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated.” (v.13) Malachi 1:2,3
 - f. “...and laid waste his (Esau) mountains “ (Edom) by the Babylonian armies. 586 B.C.Malachi 1:3-5.
 - g. Jacob and Esau are national/corporate groups.
- 4. God’s freedom in election of Israel (9:14-18)**
- a. God’s sovereign freedom (9:14-16)
 - b. The case of Pharaoh (9:17,18). Sovereign hardening in judgment with Pharaoh “representing the Egyptians” demonstrates Israel’s rejection and hardening today.
- 5. The Power of the Potter (9:19-24)**
- a. The Potter’s work – from the same lump of clay – two possible outcomes – one vessel for honour another for dishonour. c.f. Jer.18:5-12. - The national perspective.
- 6. The confirming message of the Prophets (9:25-29)**
- a. The prophets foretold God’s dealing with Israel in mercy and election along with hardening, blinding and mercy shown to Gentiles as recorded in Hosea and Isaiah. (vv. 25-29)
 - b. The Gentiles obtained mercy but Israel rejected God’s way and Messiah (9:30).

THE ROOTS (the Patriarchs) AND THE BRANCHES OF THE OLIVE TREE

(the twelve tribes of Israel) GROWING

ISRAEL’S SELECTION - PAST (Rom. 9:11)

ROOTS AND BRANCHES GROWING

Romans 10
Israel's Rejection - PRESENT



The Wild Olive
Tree (Gentiles)
Romans 11:17



The Natural Branches (Israel)
“broken off - cast away”
Romans 10:1-3, 16, 21;
11:17, 20

SESSION TWO

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II THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - PRESENT (9:30 – 10:21). BRANCHES BROKEN OFF(see pp.6,12).

INTRODUCTION

What happened to Israel in the first century?

- Israel “did not submit” to the message of God’s righteousness through Christ in the Gospel (10:3,4)
- “They have not all obeyed the Gospel” (10:16)
- Israel “stumbled” bringing blessing to the Gentiles in God’s plan (9:32)
- Summary passage (11:25) “Blindness in part to Israel”

1.ISRAEL’S REFUSAL OF GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE GOSPEL – THE JEWISH FUTILITY OF WORKS-RIGHTEOUSNESS (9:30-10:21)

1. THE JEWISH FAILURE EXPLAINED (9:30-33).

- a. The place of human responsibility before God. God is sovereign - man is responsible to respond (v.30)
- b. The reason for Israel’s failure
 - They “pursued” law–works righteousness (vv.31,32)
 - They “stumbled” over God’s stone the Messiah (vv. 32-33) c.f. Isa. 28:16; 1Pet. 2:8.

2. THE JEWISH REJECTION OF CHRIST AND FAITH-RIGHTEOUSNESS (10:113)

- a. Paul’s Prayer (v.1)
- b. The reason for Israel’s error (vv.2-4). Christ is everything even for righteousness (Jer. 23:5, 6;1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- c. The nature of faith–righteousness (vv. 5-11)

SESSION TWO (cont.)

THE JEWISH REJECTION (cont.)

- Two ways of righteousness (vv.5-7). Faith vs. works (obedience)

JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH ALONE (Rom. 3:28; 4:2; Gal. 2:16) -

BUT THE FAITH WHICH JUSTIFIES CAN NEVER BE ALONE (Gal. 5:6; Jam. 2:26).

WORKS DON'T JUSTIFY A MAN BUT A JUSTIFIED MAN WORKS (Eph.2:8-10;

Titus 3:5; 2:14)

- Scriptural support for faith–righteousness (vv. 8-11)
- The theme of the Roman Epistle (Rom. 1:16,17)
- The example of Abraham in the book of Romans. Abraham was justified by faith alone. (Rom. 4:1-3) (Gen. 15:6). Also, Abraham was obedient to all of God's commandments. (Gen. 26:4,5)

3. THE JEWISH NEGLECT OF THE GOSPEL OF GRACE (10:14-21)

a. The world-wide proclamation of the Gospel of Grace (10:14-21)

- Israel had opportunity – they could not plead ignorance (vs. 14, 15)

b. Israel's disregard for God's righteousness in the Gospel (vs. 16, 17)

c. Israel rejected the offer of faith-righteousness (vs.18-21)

- They heard (v.18)
- They knew (v.19)
- They were obstinate (v.21)

N.B. The remarkable strategy of God. Through Israel's fall God opened the door to the nations. The wild olive branches (Gentiles) were grafted in partaking of the root and fatness of the Olive Tree (11:17)

ISRAEL'S REJECTION - PRESENT (Rom. 10)

“..they have not obeyed the Gospel..” “..a disobedient and contrary people..”

BRANCHES BROKEN OFF

But....God has not cast them away forever. See Romans 11

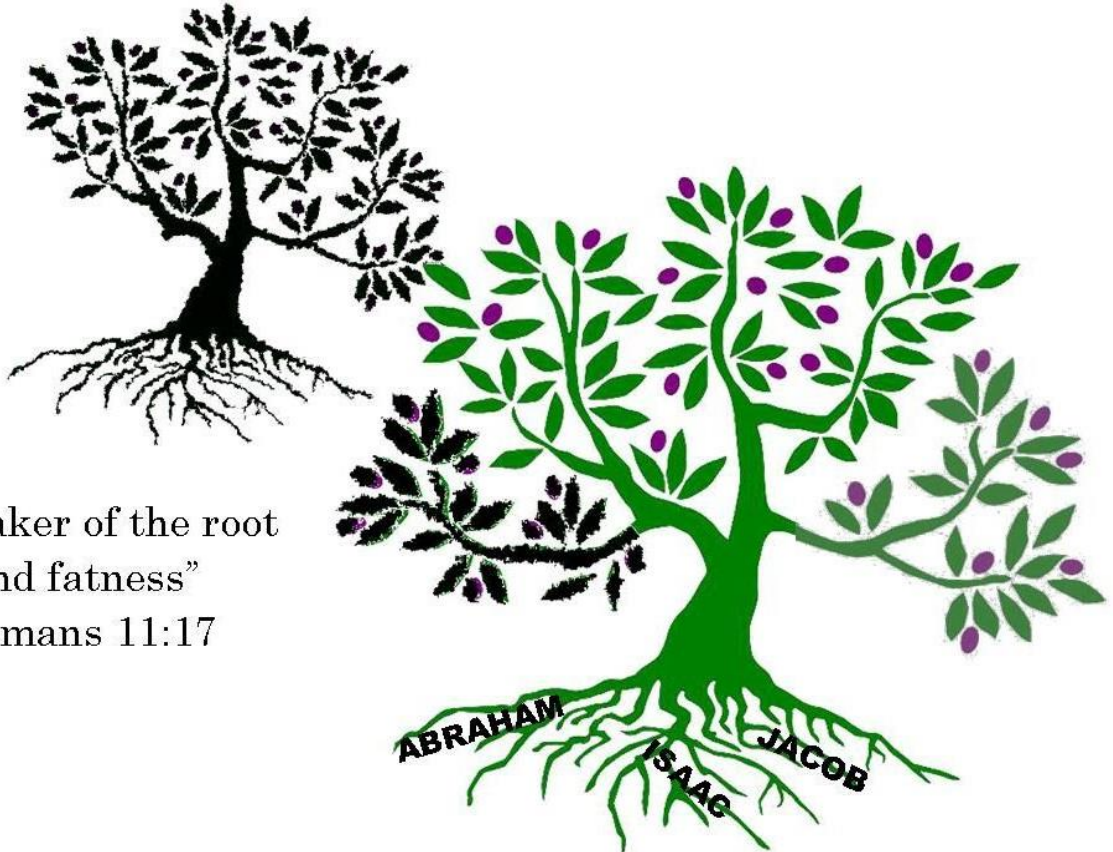
Romans 11

Israel's Restoration - FUTURE

The Wild Branches (Gentiles)

“Grafted in”

Romans 11:17



“partaker of the root
and fatness”

Romans 11:17

The Natural Branches (Israel)

“Grafted in again”

Romans 11: 14, 23, 24

“And so all Israel will be saved”

Romans 11:26

SESSION 3

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III THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - FUTURE - ROM 11

BRANCHES GRAFTED IN

INTRODUCTION

- The Apostle Paul now completes outlining God’s strategies in dealing with the Jewish Nation. Paul reveals the restoration, recovery, reinstatement and conversion of national and ethnic Israel, to bless the world in the coming Messianic (millennial) age.
- This is restoration not amalgamation – into the Church.
- Two Important Questions –
 1. Has God cast away His people? (Rom 11:1)
 2. Has Israel stumbled and fallen irretrievably? (Rom 11:11)

HAS GOD CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE?NO ! Rom. 11:1.

1. ISRAEL’S REJECTION IS NOT TOTAL (11:1-10)

1. The Nature of Israel’s Rejection

- a. Israel’s Rejection is not TOTAL – because the Apostle himself was saved. (v.1)
- b. Israel’s Rejection is not TOTAL – because a remnant is now being saved by Grace (vv.2-6)
- c. Israel’s Rejection is not TOTAL – because the present unbelief was foreknown and predicted. (vv.7-10)

HAS ISRAEL STUMBLER & FALLEN IRRETRIEVABLY?NO ! Rom 11:11.

2. ISRAEL’S REJECTION IS NOT FINAL (Rom. 11:11-25)

God’s purpose in Israel’s Rejection (vv.11-24)

- a. To extend Gospel opportunity to the Gentiles (v.11)
- b. To provide an incentive for Israel’s salvation (vv. 11-14)
- c. To restore Israel to the place of world blessing (vv. 12-16)
- d. To provide warning & blessing to the Gentile Church (vv.17-24)

SESSION 3 (cont.)

2. ISRAEL'S REJECTION IS NOT FINAL (Rom. 11:11-25 cont).

1. God's purpose in Israel's Rejection (vv.11-24) cont. (see diag. p.15)
 - The Olive Tree – roots and branches (vv.11-16)
 - The Olive branches broken off (vv.17-21)
 - The wild Olive branches grafted in to the Olive Tree (vv. 17,18)
 - Gentiles partaking of the root and fatness of the Olive Tree.(v.17)
 - The great secret “blindness in part to Israel until ...” Israel grafted in again when the Redeemer comes to Zion. This will bring worldwide Messianic Kingdom blessing forever. (vv.12,15, 24, 25). (Zech. 13:8; Rom. 9:17; Isa. 66:7,8)

3. ISRAEL'S RESTORATION AND CONVERSION (11:26-32).

1. Israel's Restoration prophesied
 - “And so all Israel will be saved” (v. 26)
 - a. The coming Deliverer and the New Covenant (vv. 26,27)
 - I. The Return of the Redeemer (Isa. 59:16, 17)
 - II. The Recompense of the redeemer (Isa. 59:18)
 - III. The Reign of the Redeemer (Isa.59:19- 60:1 ff)
 - b. The Nation though now enemies of the Gospel is greatly beloved (v. 28)
2. God's unalterable pledge – His gifts and calling are irrevocable (v. 29).
Rom. 9:1-5; Ps. 89:34-37. Jer. 31:3,4.
3. God's Design of Mercy to all men (vv. 30-32)
 - a. Their disobedience led to mercy extended to Gentiles (vv. 30-32)
4. Restoration not Amalgamation into the Church

4. CONCLUDING DOXOLOGY (11:33-36)

a. Praise and wonder of God's ways and strategies.

- God the source of all things – “out from Him”
- God the course (or agent) of all things – “through Him”
- God the goal of all things – “unto Him be glory forever, Amen”

ISRAEL'S – RESTORATION ROM. 11

“All Israel will be saved”

BRANCHES GRAFTED IN

CONCLUSION/CHALLENGE

SOME TAKE - HOME TRUTHS

1. PRAISE !

“Oh the depth of the wisdom of God - His ways (STRATEGIES) are past finding out”

2. PRAY !

“My prayer and heart's desire for Israel is.....”

3. PROPOGATE !

“How shall they hear.....?”



“Yes I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you. Again I will build you....O Israel” Jer. 31:3,4.