

SERMON NOTES:

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ROMANS 11 - THE CHAPTER THAT COULD HAVE CHANGED THE COURSE OF WORLD HISTORY

God has not rejected the Jewish people.

- o V. 1 - "I ask then, did God reject His people? By no means!"
- o V. 11 - "...Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all!"

Gentile believers were to have lived in such a way as to make the Jewish people jealous for their own Messiah. They were to have shown them mercy.

- o V. 11 - ..."Salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel jealous."
- o V. 28-30 - "...Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you."

As more and more Jewish people come to faith, this will release "greater riches" to the whole world, as "life from the dead."

- o V. 12 - "...If their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!"
- o V. 15 - "If their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?"

"Though we do not know the time in which this conversion of Israel will come to pass, yet this much we may determine by Scripture, that it will be before the glory of the Gentile part of the church shall be fully accomplished, because it is said that their coming in shall be life from the dead to the Gentiles."

- Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

"The day shall yet come when the Jews, who were the first apostles to the Gentiles, the first missionaries to us who were afar off, shall be gathered in again. Until that shall be, the fullness of the church's glory can never come. Matchless benefits to the world are bound up with the restoration of Israel, their gathering in shall be life from the dead."

- Charles Spurgeon, 1855 in a volume of sermons

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Gentile believers were never to have replaced Israel, but were to be grafted into the Jewish family and share in their blessing.

o **V. 17** - "If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap of the olive root, do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: you do not support the root but the root supports you."

Ultimately, all Israel will be saved.

o **V. 26** - Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in, and so all Israel will be saved.

o The time of the Gentiles is over! **Luke 21:20** - "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by the enemies, you will know that her devastation is at hand."

o **Luke 21:24** - The Jewish people would be "...taken prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." Jerusalem was trampled on by Gentiles from the time of Babylonian captivity until the Six Day War in 1967.

o Early believers - all Jews, then Jew-Gentile, then Gentiles. But since 1967, the Jews are back, and we are now a Jew-Gentile body of believers.

God's covenant with Israel is irrevocable!

o **V. 29** - "...God's gifts and His call are irrevocable."

ISRAEL'S SALVATION

The time when Israel's eyes were to be opened and her heart softened to the Lord:

o **Isaiah 6:8-14** - When the land is no longer in ruin nor the houses deserted.

o **Ezekiel 36:24-27** - When God brings them back from the countries where they have been scattered, He will put His Spirit in them and move them to follow His decrees.

o **Hosea 3:4-5** - The Israelites will live many days without king or prince. Without sacrifice...afterwards, the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to His blessings in the last days.

o **Ezekiel 36:22** - Brought back in spite of not having become righteous.

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When the fullness of the Gentiles has come in:

o **Romans 11:25-26**

o The early church was totally Jewish. Then, there was a short season when it consisted of both Jews and Gentiles. Then, the church turned against Israel and almost no Jewish people came to faith for 19 centuries, but since 1967, the Jews are back and the time of the Gentiles is past.

o A recent LifeWay study concluded there are now about one million Jewish believers in Jesus in the world.

A SIGN OF THE END TIMES: WHEN JERUSALEM IS NO LONGER UNDER FOREIGN CONTROL

o **Luke 21:20** - The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD predicted.

o **Luke 21:24** - The Jewish people scattered to the nations and Jerusalem trampled on by Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled.

o Jerusalem was trampled on by Gentiles from the time of the Babylonians Captivity in 580 BC until 1967 when the nation again got control of their capital city.

o **Luke 21:28** - When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

o **Luke 21:32** - This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE PRESENT WAR IN ISRAEL

o **Hebrews 1:14** - Angelic protection over those "who will inherit salvation" - both in Israel and Gaza.

o Wise decisions for the Israeli government

o Wise decisions for Israeli military

o The more than 100 believers in the Israel Defense Force - that they will stand strong in their faith and will impact those around them

o Hostages and their families - release and protection

o Protection of innocent people, especially the believers, in Gaza

o Cease of rockets into Israel - their launch sites will be forever destroyed

o That in some strange way, the evil will ignite a revival and an awakening of faith in Jesus among those both in Israel and Gaza

o That Hezbollah from Lebanon and Syria will be kept to a minimum, that Iran will not get in this war nor Russia—both of whom have been behind the scenes in empowering Hamas.

o Decimation of Hamas forever