

## God's Plan of Salvation, Part 3

### Lesson #22

### Romans 11

Paul began writing about his concern for the salvation of his people in chapter 9. That discussion concludes in chapter 11 with the future hope of Israel and a beautiful doxology.

#### **Israel's Faithful Remnant – Romans 11:1-10**

1. Based upon the evidence Paul had given of Israel's rejection of Christ, he asked the question, *"Did God reject His people?"* What was his emphatic answer? (Romans 11:1b)
  
2. What proof did Paul give? (Romans 11:1c)
  
3. A second time Paul stated, *"God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew."* What Old Testament prophet did he refer to and why? (Romans 11:2b)

#### **Background**

This story is found in 1 Kings 16:29-19:18.

4. Who was Ahab? (1 Kings 16:29)
  - What information was given about him? (1 Kings 16:30-32)
  
  - What did Ahab call Elijah? (1 Kings 18:17)
  
  - What was the issue Elijah had confronted Ahab with? (1 Kings 18:18)
  
5. Elijah had appealed to God against Israel. What had Elijah said to the Lord? (Romans 11:3)

6. "And what was God's answer to him?" (Romans 11:4)
7. What was the Lord's view on this? (Romans 11:5)
8. Why was it important to emphasize God's grace? (Romans 11:6)
9. In this account of ancient Israel, and still relating to his topic of righteousness, what did Paul say about Israel? (Romans 11:7a)
  - There is a short phrase here, "but the elect did." Who were the elect? (Romans 11:4)
10. What about the rest of Israel? (Romans 11:7c)
  - How? (Romans 11:8)

Paul also quoted the words of King David calling for *"their eyes to be darkened so they cannot see."* (Romans 11:10)

#### **The in Grafting of Gentiles - Romans 11:11-14**

11. Paul finally got to the point of his argument in verse 11. How did he answer his question, *"Did they stumble as to fall beyond recovery?"* (Romans 11:11)
12. Paul's next statement becomes more clear when read in the New Living Translation, *"Now if the Gentiles were enriched because the Jews turned down God's offer of salvation, think how much greater a blessing the world will share when the Jews finally accept it."* (Romans 11:12)  
Who was Paul saying this to and why? (Romans 11:13)
13. Why did Paul say he made so much of his ministry? (Romans 11:14)

14. Paul was very hopeful. He said the rejection of the Jews of Christ brought \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. Their acceptance would be \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 11:15)
15. Referring to the offering of "*firstfruits*" (Leviticus 23:9-14 & Numbers 15:17-21), Paul said if the firstfruit of dough is holy (set apart for the Lord) then the whole batch is also holy. What else did Paul say is holy? (Romans 11:16)
16. In this metaphor, context is the key. Who are the branches?
  - Natural branches (Romans 11:1)
  - Wild branches (Romans 11:13)
17. What did Paul state as a fact? (Romans 11:17)
18. What was his warning? (Romans 11:18)
19. Paul continued the discussion, "*you will say then, 'branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.'*" (Romans 11:19) Paul said, "*Granted,*" but what additional explanation and warning did he give? (Romans 11:20)
  - Why? (Romans 11:21)
20. "*Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God.*" What were they to consider? (Romans 11:22)
21. What was Paul's great hope for Israel? (Romans 11:23)

22. Why was he so confident in this? (Romans 11:24)

**Israel's Future - Romans 11:25-32**

23. Paul told the Gentile readers that he did not want them to be ignorant of *"this mystery."* What was that mystery? (Romans 11:25)

24. Then what will take place? (Romans 11:26a)

25. Quoting the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, what was written about Israel's deliverer? (Romans 11:26b)

26. How could Paul be so sure? (Romans 11:27)

27. Paul said, *"As far as the gospel is concerned, they are \_\_\_\_\_ on your account."* But he doesn't end there, and neither should we. What else did Paul say regarding those Jews who have rejected Christ? (Romans 11:28b)

28. How is that possible? (Romans 11:29)

29. In his conclusion about God's mercy, what was Paul's final reminder? (Romans 11:30-32)

**Doxology - Romans 11:33-36**

30. As Paul began to reflect on God's plan of salvation for all people, Jew and Gentile alike, he burst into praise for our awesome, merciful God. What attributes of God did Paul praise in verse 33?

31. What three questions did he reflect upon? (Romans 11:34, 35)

32. Paul concluded these three chapters on God's plan of salvation by praising Him for who He is. How did Paul express his gratitude to God? (Romans 11:36)