

ROMANS 11:1-12 ISRAEL IS HARDENED NATIONALLY, BUT ONLY TEMPORARILY

Review: Chapter 10 began with Paul's prayer that Israel (collectively) might be saved. It ends with God stretching forth His saving hands to Israel, only to be rejected by a persistently disobedient and contradicting people. Their problem (as Chapter 10 explained) was not want of God's truth, knowledge or revelation; like that of any unbeliever, it was willful, stubborn rebellion against God.

God Was Not Surprised

But God was not surprised by Israel's rejection. Paul quotes prophecies by Moses (10:19) and Isaiah (10:20) in which the Lord predicted positive response by Gentiles and the opposite by Jews.

11:1-5 A Major Issue Raised and Answered

v. 1a A MAJOR ISSUE EXPRESSED: "Has God _____ His people (Israel)?" (KJV).

NASV: "God has not rejected (permanently) His people, has He?"

The question concerns Israel _____, not _____, (the answer will prove this).

v. 1b A CATEGORICAL ANSWER: "God forbid" (μη γενοιτο). "It could never be." In a word: _____!

Note: This answer should once and for all silence those who teach that God is through with national/ethnic Israel.

11:1c-5 Three Examples that Prove that God Has Not Cast Away Israelites (as Individuals)

v. 1c #1 A Present Example: _____ (_____) am an evidence.

v. 2a A SECOND ANSWER: No, God has not _____ His people whom He _____ (omniscience).

Israelite responses (as are yours and mine) were foreknown (προγινωσκω/proginosko) by God: This included both positive and negative responses.

v. 2b-4 #2 A Past Example: _____ and the _____ are evidences of an Old Testament remnant whom God foreknew.

v. 5 #3 Another Present Example: a believing _____ of Jews.
This believing remnant is in accord with a GRACE-TYPE-ELECTION or grace-type-choice (by God).

11:6 "The Election of Grace" Defined

v. 6 1) "grace" = God acting _____ and _____ with His essence without the merits of mankind in view.

2) "works" = man seeking blessing from God on the basis of human merit.

THE TWO ARE _____! _____!

(OVER)

Please note the following salvation-election-logic in Romans:

11:6 Election is compatible with grace (work is not).

4:4, 5, 16 Faith is compatible with grace (work is not).

Conclusion: Faith is compatible with election (faith, therefore, is not a work).

Compare 3:26: Where salvation is the issue, boasting is excluded by the law of _____, not by the doctrine of election (as taught by most Calvinists).

Application: Paul's concern was not whether individuals were elect or not elect. His concern was that they hear clearly the gospel message so that their faith would be grounded properly. This should be our concern.

11:7-10 National Israel is Judicially Hardened

v. 7 What Israel _____ (+R), he has not obtained (aorist active indicative).

The _____ have _____ it (+R).

The rest were * _____ (KJV, "blinded).

*πωρω/poroo, aorist passive indicative = to be stubborn, irresponsible, hardened

v. 8 The hardening was prophesied and described in the Old Testament.

v. 8 Quote of Isa. 29:10

v. 9, 10 Quote of Psa. 69:22

11:11,12 National Israel's Judicial Hardness is Temporary

v. 11a A RHETORICAL QUESTION (same as v. 1): lit., "I say therefore, they did not stumble that they might fall (permanently), did they?"

CATEGORICAL ANSWER: "God forbid" (μη γενοιτο). "It could never be." I.E., NEVER!

v. 11b The Divine Logic and Motivation in all This

– "by their *fall"

*παραπτωμα/paraptoma = blunder, transgression, trespass

– "salvation has come to the _____"

– (purpose) "to provoke them (Israelites) to jealousy and emulation of the faith response of Gentiles to God's message in Christ, AND THUS BE RETORED TO GOD'S FAVOR."

v. 12 Israel's Blunder = the enriching of the world (of mankind)

Israel's _____ = the riches of the Gentiles

SINCE THIS IS SO: WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECT OF THE FULLNESS OF ISRAEL!?!

Compare: "fulness of Israel" (11:12) with the "fulness of the Gentiles (11:25). Since Nebuchanezzar (ca. 605 BC), the world has been living in the "times of the Gentiles": These times will end with the "fulness of the Gentiles," i.e., the completeness of the Gentiles.

AT THAT TIME, GOD TAKES UP AGAIN WITH NATIONAL ISRAEL AND BRINGS IN THEIR FULLNESS in the Millennial Kingdom.

PAUL'S BIG POINT: GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH ISRAEL AS A PEOPLE. In view of this, how can anyone accept AN amillennial understanding of the Church and the New Testament?