

Romans 11:1 - 10

Is God finished with Israel? No!
Paul's exhibit A

11:1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the

speaking of the elect Remnant of Israel "those He foreknew"

Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 3 "Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life." 4 But what is the divine response to him? "I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have

Just as in Elijah's day

not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

a remnant

So there are chosen Jews today

election MUST be unconditional to truly be sovereign grace

7 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened; 8 just as it is written,

- Summary:
1. Israel has failed
 2. The elect will be saved
 3. The rest hardened

"GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."

lit. 'sleep' unresponsive

can't see the light or hear the truth

a progression

the king of Israel

9 And David says,

"LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP,

ensnared by life

Gall and Vinegar as Israel did Jesus

AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.

10 "LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT,

AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."

Their sin has a payback
life will stumble

As if an old man ... vulnerable
and weak...

Life Group Application Questions

1. Why should a Christian never be anti-Semitic?
2. What does "engrafted into the rich root of the olive tree" mean?
3. Why did the chaplain tell Frederick the Great, "Israel sire"?