

The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

November 17: Has God Rejected Israel?

Romans 11:1-12

What false teachings do we hear regarding the Israelites?

Colossians 3:11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Romans 11:1

Has God rejected Israel? What is Paul's argument?

Psalm 94:14-15 For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

Romans 11:2-4

What does foreknowledge suggest?

To what story does Paul point his readers?

1 Kings 19:10 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

How many were still faithful in Elijah's time?

Romans 11:5-6

How many are faithful in Paul's time?

What is the nature of this remnant?

Isaiah 37:32 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Romans 11:7-8
What did Israel fail to attain? Why?

Who are the elect in this passage? What happens with the rest?

Isaiah 29:10-12 For the LORD has poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes (the prophets), and covered your heads (the seers). And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

Romans 11:9-10
What passage is Paul citing in these verses?

Psalm 69:22-23 Let their own table before them become a snare; and when they are at peace, let it become a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see, and make their loins tremble continually.

Why does God judge them in this way?

Acts 3:14-15 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

Romans 11:11-12
Is all Israel damned forever? What is God's purpose in bringing salvation to the Gentiles?

What does Paul mean by their "full inclusion"?

NKJ **Romans 11:12** Now if their fall *is* riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!
NLT **Romans 11:12** 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.

How can we make others jealous of what we have in Christ?