

Has God Rejected His People, Israel?

(Romans 11:1-24)

Intro: In our last message in Romans 10:14-21, Paul showed that Israel's rejection of Jesus Christ resulted in the nations' loss of her favored position as God's elect, and the Gospel being sent out to and eagerly received by the Gentiles. This shocking turn of events raises the logical question in 11:1, "I say then, God has not cast away His Jewish people, has He?" Paul will prove that the nation of Israel's rejection is only temporary.

I. There Is A Remnant According To God's Gracious Choice (vv. 1-10)

A. Paul himself (v. 1)

B. The prophet Elijah (vv. 2-4)

C. The remnant according to God's gracious choice (vv. 5-10)



II. There Is A Reason For Israel's Unbelief; There Are Benefits Derived From It (vv. 11-24)

A. Israel's stumbling resulted in salvation for the Gentiles (vv. 11-14)

B. Israel's rejection resulted in the reconciliation of the world (vv. 15-24)

1. The lump of dough (v. 16a; Numbers 15:17-21)

2. The olive tree (vv. 16b-24)