



## REJECTED? God Has Not Totally Rejected Israel • Pt 2

Lesson 25 • Romans 11:1-10

In Romans 11 Paul asks a LOGICAL QUESTION, then gives a BIBLICAL ANSWER.

### The LOGICAL Question – Romans 11:1

Has God completely and permanently rejected the nation of Israel, because they have so radically rejected their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ?

### The BIBLICAL Answer—Romans 11:1-2

By no means! God has not rejected the nation of Israel completely (vv. 1-10) or permanently (vv. 11-32)!

*No one's sin—including Israel's—is ever greater than God's sovereign mercy! God's saving purposes are greater than the sinful choices of people!  
God's present rejection (judicial hardening) of His elect people, Israel, is neither **TOTAL** nor **FINAL**!*

## Five Proofs that God Has Not Totally Rejected Israel as His Chosen People

*God has not totally rejected the nation of Israel, because He always saves a remnant that is chosen by His sovereign grace.*

*God doesn't reject His elect, so don't neglect what He doesn't reject!*

### 1. PERSONAL PROOF: The Salvation of Paul (11:1)

- Paul's **CHRISTIANITY** proves that he was an *ethnic Israelite* who also was an *elect Israelite* in Christ.
- Paul's **CONVERSION** is proof that God is *still saving some* of the most rebellious in Israel. *Philippians 3:6; Acts 8:3; 22:4; 26:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:15-16*
- Paul's **COMMISSION** is proof that God is *not finished with Israel's mission* to the Gentiles. *Acts 9:15-16; Romans 1:5; 15:16*

### 2. THEOLOGICAL PROOF: The Sovereignty of God (11:2, 5-6)

- God's **FORE-KNOWING** (v. 2)

Two Ways God's Foreknowledge Is Explained...

- 1) God **KNOWS** beforehand in an *informational* sense of *general* knowledge.

*Three problems with this understanding of foreknowledge...*

- #1 God has clearly revealed *why He chose Israel* to be His elect people and it is *not* because they would someday choose Him to be their God. *Deuteronomy 7:7-9; Isaiah 48:9-11; Ezekiel 36:22-24, 32-33*
- #2 None of the verses that refer to *God's foreknowledge* say that He foreknew people's decisions to choose Christ, but instead that God foreknew people as people or as an entire nation—not their specific choice for or against God. *Romans 8:29; 11:2*
- #3 In passages where *God foreknows Christ* and His crucifixion, the idea that God chose Christ to be the crucified Savior, *because* He knew beforehand that He would choose the cross and not reject it, just doesn't make sense. *1 Peter 1:20; Acts 2:23*

- 2) God **CHOOSES** beforehand in a **relational** sense of **personal** knowledge

*"You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Amos 3:2*

*"But I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no savior. **it was I who knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought**; but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore they forgot me. So I am to them like a lion; like a leopard I will lurk beside the way." Hosea 13:4-7*

*"Before I formed you in the womb **I knew you**, and before you were born **I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.**"  
Jeremiah 1:5*

- Election by **GRACE** (v. 5)

Put "**whom He foreknew**" together with "**chosen by grace**" and you get this:

*God has not rejected His people, Israel, whom **He chose to unconditionally love** from eternity past and even now has saved a remnant of the nation in Christ, because in eternity past **He graciously chose to do so!***

- Grace is grace, not **WORKS** (v. 6)

### 3. **BIBLICAL-HISTORICAL PROOF: The Seven Thousand Besides Elijah** (11:3-4)

- Just as Elijah concluded from widespread unbelief in Israel that he alone was loyal to Yahweh and actually prayed **against** His own people, Paul fears that some people in his day might do the same.
- Instead of doom and gloom, we should take hope in God's sovereign election and trust Him as we seek to share the gospel with all who are lost—*Jew and Gentile!*

### 4. **CONTINUAL-HISTORICAL PROOF: The Saving of Jewish Christians** (11:5)

**Ministries that Are Being Used by God to Save His Elect Remnant**

*Chosen People Ministries* [www.chosenpeople.com](http://www.chosenpeople.com)

*Jews for Jesus* [www.jewsforjesus.org](http://www.jewsforjesus.org)

Watch the movie: "*The Mysterious Prophecy of Isaiah 53*" [www.isaiah53.com](http://www.isaiah53.com)

### 5. **PRACTICAL PROOF: The Significance of God's Sovereignty and Our Responsibility.** (11:7-10)

- The Inevitable Conclusion: "*What then? What Israel is diligently seeking, it has not obtained, but the election (= those who were chosen) obtained it, and the rest were hardened*" (7)
- The Inspired Confirmation (8-10)
- Moses** in the Law ~ *Deuteronomy 29:3-4* "God gave them a spirit of stupor..., down to this very day."
- Isaiah** in the Prophets ~ *Isaiah 29:10* "...eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear..."
- David** in the Writings ~ *Psalms 69:22-23* "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever."

#### **Lessons Learned from God's Elect Remnant**

*Apart from God's sovereign grace no one would be saved (Rom 9:29), so **BE THANKFUL!***

*You are not the only one who is striving to serve God in a time of great unbelief, so **BE HUMBLE!***

*God's elect will be saved from among all peoples—including the nation of Israel, so **BE HOPEFUL!***

*Salvation is of the Lord but He uses us to accomplish His saving purposes, so **BE INVOLVED!***