



REJECTED?

God Has Not Permanently Rejected Israel • Pt 3

Lesson 26 • Romans 11:11-29

Romans 11 ~ Logical Questions & Biblical Answers

The Question of Israel's **TOTAL/COMPLETE** Rejection Is Answered – *Romans 11:1-10*

The Question of Israel's **FINAL/PERMANENT** Rejection Is Answered – *Romans 11:11-32*

God Has Not Rejected Israel Forever...*They Have Stumbled But Not Fallen!*

- The Question Is Asked: *"I ask then, they did not stumble into an irrevocable fall, did they? NET (v. 11a)*

Has the nation of Israel stumbled over the Cornerstone in such a way that they have fallen and can't get up?

- The Question Is Answered: *Absolutely not! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make Israel jealous." NET (v. 11b)*

- The Answer Reveals a **MYSTERY**: *"Lest you wise in your own sight, I want you to understand this mystery, brothers..." (vv. 25-26)*

- 1) A mystery in the Bible is not unraveled by **human reasoning** but **divine revelation**. *Romans 16:25; Ephesians 3:1-3*
- 2) The divine revelation often reveals truth that **has not been previously revealed or understood**. *Romans 16:26; Ephesians 3:4-9*

Overview of the Mystery of God's Majestic Mission of Mercy in Romans 11		
The PHASES of the MYSTERY <i>11:11-15, 25-29</i>	The PICTURES of the MYSTERY <i>11:16-24</i>	The PURPOSE of the MYSTERY <i>11:30-36</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Rejection of Israel as a Nation Full Number of Gentile Salvation Future Salvation of All Israel as a Nation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Small Lump of Dough & the Whole Lump The Root of the Olive Tree & the Branches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To justly judge all sinners—Jews & Gentiles To mercifully save some—Jews & Gentiles To show God's wisdom & ways are greater than ours, so He gets all the glory!

The Mystery Proves God Has Not Finally Rejected Israel as His Chosen People

The THREE PHASES of the MYSTERY <i>"Lest you wise in your own sight, I want you to understand this mystery, brothers..." Romans 11:25-26</i>		
PHASE 1 <i>"A partial hardening has come upon Israel..."</i>	PHASE 2 <i>"...until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in."</i>	PHASE 3 <i>"And in this way all Israel will be saved."</i>
Israel's Past & Partial Rejection <i>due to unbelief</i>	Gentile's Present Redemption <i>to make Israel jealous</i>	Israel's Future Restoration <i>after the full number of Gentiles are saved</i>

Phase 1 The Past & Partial **REJECTION** of Israel as a Nation due to Unbelief.

"A partial hardening has come upon Israel..." (11:25a)

- Israel's **TRESPASS** of rejecting Christ and stumbling over the cornerstone. *(vv. 11-12; 9:32-33)*
- Israel's **LOSS** of God's salvation blessings as a nation. *(v. 12)*
- Israel's **REJECTION** by God due to their disbelief, disobedience, and defiance of the gospel. *(v. 15)*

Phase 2 The Present **REDEMPTION** of the Gentiles (and Jewish Remnant) to Make Israel Jealous.

"...until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in." (11:25b)

- Due to Israel's **trespass** the **SALVATION** of God has come freely to the Gentiles. (v. 11)
- Due to Israel's **loss** the **RICHES** of God's salvation have been poured out on the Gentile world. (v. 12; 10:11-13)
- Due to Israel's **rejection** by God **RECONCILIATION** with God has been made possible for the entire world. (v. 15; 5:10; Colossians 1:20; 2Corinthians 5:17-20)

How Long Will This Last?

Until the **FINAL** Gentile is saved and "the times of the Gentiles" comes to an end right before the Second Coming of Christ!

Can Individual Jews Still Be Saved during this Time?

YES, which is why Paul magnified his Gentile ministry to somehow make his fellow Jews jealous and thus save some of them!

Phase 3: The Future **RESTORATION** of Israel as a Nation after the Full Number of Gentiles Are Saved.

"And in this way all Israel will be saved." (11:26-27)

Paul Is Arguing from Lesser to Greater!

- If Israel's **trespass** meant **salvation** for the Gentiles, then what **greater things** will happen when Israel **JEALOUSLY SEEKS** what the Gentiles already have! (v. 11)
- If Israel's **trespass** meant **riches** for the Gentiles, how **much more** will their **FULL INCLUSION** mean! (v. 12)
- If Israel's **rejection** by God meant **reconciliation** possible the entire world, then what will their **ACCEPTANCE** by God mean but **the resurrection and restoration of all things!** (v. 15; Zechariah 12:10; Revelation 1:7; 20:1-6; Daniel 12:1-3, 13; Isaiah 26:19-20)

The OT Confirms the Future Salvation of Israel when Christ Returns to Reign. (vv. 26-27)

Isaiah 59:20; Psalms 14:7; 53:6; Jeremiah 31:31-34

The NT Reveals the Mystery of the Phases that Had Been Hidden in the OT. (vv. 25-26)

- 1) **The reversal of the blessing:** Gentiles getting in on the blessing of salvation **before** the majority of Jews!
- 2) **The result of the hardening:** The birth of the Church where Jew and Gentile are **one** in Christ! *Ephesians 3:1-13*

Paul Explains the Implications of the Mystery. (vv. 28-29)

- 1) **In terms of Christ's gospel**, the people of Israel are the enemies of God for the sake of us Gentiles.
- 2) **In terms of God's election**, the people of Israel are beloved by God for the sake of the patriarchs, whom God sovereignly chose and unconditionally promised the covenants.
- 3) **Such gifts from God** (unconditional promises) and **such calling by God** (unconditional election) are irrevocable!

"The New Covenant not only promised Israel salvation, it also promised a new life as all her covenants are realized under the kingship of her Messiah on earth for a thousand years." ~J. Dwight Pentecost, *Thy Kingdom Come: Tracing God's Kingdom Program and Covenant Promise throughout History*

"The one thing, therefore, that God is doing in all of redemptive history is to show forth His mercy in such a way that the greatest number of people will throughout eternity delight in Him with all their heart, strength, and mind. When the earth of the new creation is filled with such people, then God's purpose in showing forth His mercy will have been achieved." ~Daniel P. Fuller, *The Unity of the Bible: Unfolding God's Plan for Humanity*