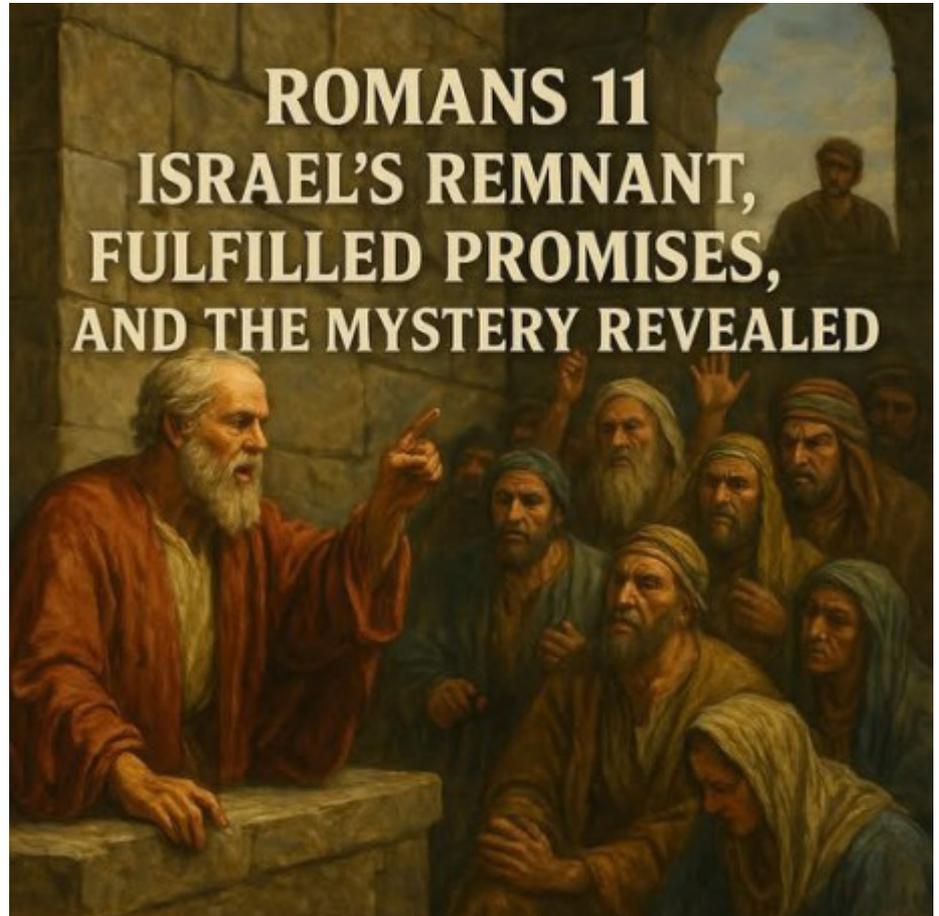


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**Israel - Romans 11:  
Israel's Remnant,  
Fulfilled Promises,  
and the Mystery  
Revealed**



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## **Romans 11: Israel's Remnant, Fulfilled Promises, and the Mystery Revealed**

Today we will walk through Romans 11 and rightly divide the word in light of fulfilled prophecy. Many twist this chapter to support a future plan for national Israel, but Paul was speaking to first-century realities. God's promises were not broken, they were fulfilled.

**Romans 11:1 – Has God Rejected His People?**

"I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? Far from it! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."

Paul affirms that God had not rejected His people. But how? By calling out a remnant.

Paul himself, a Jew, was living proof of this. He stood as a witness to God's faithfulness to Israel.

### **Romans 11:2-5 – The Remnant According to Grace**

"God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?"

Just as in Elijah's day, when God reserved 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal, so too in Paul's time there was a **remnant**.

"In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice." (verse 5)

Paul was not pointing to a future rescue of Israel, but a **present** one, in his generation.

### **Romans 11:7 – The Rest Were Hardened**

"What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened."

National Israel did not receive the promise. The elect within Israel did.

The rest were hardened in their rebellion. Paul quotes Isaiah and David to prove it (verses 8-10).

## **Romans 11:11-15 – Salvation to the Nations, Jealousy to the Jews**

"But I say, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? Far from it! But by their wrongdoing salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous." (verse 11)

Israel's fall served a redemptive purpose: the salvation of the nations.

The Gentiles were not plan B. They were always included (Genesis 12:3).

Paul magnified his ministry to provoke some of his fellow Jews to repentance.

"For if their rejection proves to be the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?" (verse 15)

## **Romans 11:17-24 – The Olive Tree Analogy**

The olive tree represents the covenant people of God. Some branches (unbelieving Jews) were broken off. Gentiles (wild branches) were grafted in.

Paul warns the Gentiles not to be arrogant. The root supports the branches.

This is not about individual salvation but about covenant status.

If God did not spare the natural branches, He would not spare the Gentiles if they fell into the same unbelief.

## **Romans 11:25-27 – The Mystery of Israel's Hardening**

"For I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be uninformed of this mystery... that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in." (verse 25)

The hardening was **partial** and **temporary**.

It lasted **until** the fullness of the Gentiles came in – a first-century event.

Then all Israel would be saved – not national Israel, but the remnant plus the Gentiles, the true Israel of God (Galatians 6:16).

"The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob." (verse 26)

This was fulfilled in Christ. He came, He judged, and He redeemed the faithful remnant.

### **Romans 11:28-32 – Enemies for Your Sake, Beloved for the Fathers' Sake**

"From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved on account of the fathers." (verse 28)

Though the Jews had become enemies, God still honored His covenant promise made to the patriarchs.

His plan was not thwarted – it was **completed**.

### **Romans 11:33-36 – Doxology of Fulfillment**

Paul ends in awe of God's wisdom.

"Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" (verse 33)

This is not the start of a future mystery, but the **completion** of a long-hidden one now revealed in Christ.

## Conclusion

Romans 11 is not about a future national restoration of Israel. It is about a present fulfillment in the first century.

The remnant of Jews, plus the believing Gentiles, became the true Israel – the body of Christ.

The mystery revealed was not a delay, but a divine plan completed in Paul's generation.

"So all Israel will be saved" was **not** a future event. It was the salvation of the remnant and inclusion of the nations – a fulfilled promise.

**Romans 11:36** – "For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen."

Let us rejoice in the finished work of Christ and the fulfilled plan of God.

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