

STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 21 - The Remnant of Israel - [Romans 11:1-10](#)

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

Materials may be copied and used for Bible study purposes. Not to be sold.

God Has Not Rejected Israel

1 But listen: Has God cast away His people? No, He certainly has not! After all, I'm an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham through the tribe of Benjamin.

² God hasn't cast away His people whom He foreknew. Don't you remember what the Scripture says about Elijah, how he cried to God about Israel?

³ Elijah said,

“Lord, they have killed all your prophets and torn down your altars. I'm the only one left, and they're trying to kill me too.” (*1 Ki. 19:10, 14*)

⁴ And how did God answer him? God said,

“I still have 7,000 men who have not kneeled in front of the idol of Baal.” (*1 Ki. 19:18*)

⁵ It's the same today as then. There are still a few who are faithful today. They have been chosen by God's grace.

⁶ The point is, if we benefit by a favor from God that we don't deserve, we can't claim that we earned it by working for it. Otherwise the promise that our salvation is by God's grace doesn't really mean that it's “by God's grace.” Because if our salvation is obtained by working for it, it's no longer a gift from God. In that case the word work wouldn't really mean work either.

⁷ So what are the facts? *Most of the Jews* haven't found what they're looking for. But the chosen ones have, while the hearts and understanding of the rest have become calloused and hardened.

⁸ The very thing that was written about them has happened:

“God has caused them to become drowsy, so that they can't see with their eyes or hear with their ears. And that's true to this very day. (*Dt. 29:4; Isa. 29:10*)

⁹ And David said:

“May even the abundant food on their table become a snare and a trap to them. May it become a stumbling block and the reward for their hard hearts.”

¹⁰ “May their eyes become so darkened that they can't see, and their backs continually bent down with troubles.” (*Psa. 69:22-23*)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 21 - The Remnant of Israel - [Romans 11:1-10](#)

250. What was Paul's background? ([11:1](#))
251. How did Paul answer those who believed that God had rejected the Jews? ([11:1-6](#))
252. How did God answer Elijah's call to destroy Israel? ([11:2-4](#))
253. What has God chosen by grace? ([11:5](#))
254. What caused God's remnant of people to survive? ([11:5](#))
255. How did Paul describe the people in Israel who please God? ([11:5-6](#))
256. Who are the elect? ([11:7](#))
257. What had Israel done to try to obtain righteousness in God's sight? ([11:7-9](#))
258. What prevented Israel from responding to God as the elect had responded? ([11:7-9](#))
259. What results from God's decision to harden people's hearts? ([11:9-10](#))
260. What characteristics separated the remnant of Israel from the rest of Israel?

Lesson 22 - Ingrafted Branches - [Romans 11:11-24](#)

¹¹But again, listen: Have they stumbled so badly that their fall puts them beyond recovery? Certainly not! But their fall has resulted in salvation being offered to people everywhere, and this in turn will make the Jews want it for themselves.

¹²Now then, if the sinful mistake they made has resulted in the rest of the world being enriched by it, and if their loss has enriched people in all other nations, think how much greater the results will be when Israel fully recovers and recognizes Christ *as their Lord and Savior*.

¹³I'm saying all this to you Gentiles, because I'm a messenger of Christ to everyone who is not a Jew.

¹⁴If I make a big thing of the assignment given me, it's only to provoke my own people to envy, so that some of them might be saved.

¹⁵Now then, if the temporary throwing aside of Israel has resulted in many throughout the world being reconciled to God, isn't it the same as a resurrection from the dead *when Jews accept Christ*?

¹⁶Also, if the first fruits* were dedicated to God, the same is true of the entire harvest, and if the root was dedicated to God, so are the branches.

Romans 11:16 – “If the first fruits.*” The first fruit offerings of Israel acknowledged that the entire harvest belonged to God. The reference here is likely to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob being dedicated to God, and therefore all of Israel belongs to God.

¹⁷Now then, if some of the branches have been broken off, and you, being just a wild olive branch, have been grafted in among the remaining branches, you are now being nurtured by the rich sap coming from the root of this olive tree.

¹⁸But don't ever boast that you are better than those broken-off branches. If you do, just remember that you are not giving nourishment to the root, but the root is giving nourishment to you.

¹⁹“But,” you might say, “these branches were broken off so I could be grafted in.”

²⁰True, but they were broken off because of their unbelief, and you are standing firm only because of your faith. But don't be proud about that! Instead, stand in awe and reverent fear.

²¹Because if God didn't spare the natural branches, take heed, or He may not spare you either.

²²Seriously consider then, both God's kindness and His severity—His severity toward those who had fallen away, and His kindness toward you. So you must continue to live in his kindness. Otherwise, you too will be cut off.

²³As for those who were cut off, if they turn from their unbelief they will be grafted back in, because God is well able to graft them in again.

²⁴Think about it: If you've been cut out of a wild olive tree, and have been grafted against your nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will God want to take these, who are the natural branches, and graft them back into their own olive tree?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 22 - Ingrafted Branches - [Romans 11:11-24](#)

261. What hope do the Jews ever have of recovering their relationship with God? ([11:11](#))

262. How have Gentiles been helped by the Jews' rejection of God's salvation plan? ([11:11-12](#))

263. What will be an even greater result than just the response of the Gentiles to God's plan? ([11:12](#))

264. How did Paul hope his own Jewish people would respond when they saw him ministering to the Gentiles? ([11:13-14](#))
265. What did Paul imagine the response of the Jews to God could bring to the world? ([11:15](#))
266. What long illustration did Paul use to describe the situation of the Jews and Gentiles? ([11:16-24](#))
267. To what did Paul liken the Gentiles? ([11:17](#))
268. Why do we need to be careful not to boast that God has reached out to us? ([11:18](#))
269. To whom does God show severity and kindness? ([11:22](#))
270. What is promised to Jews who do not persist in unbelief? ([11:23](#))

Lesson 23 - All Israel Will Be Saved - [Romans 11:25-32](#)

All Israel Will Be Saved

²⁵Now, my brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be in the dark about this previously unrevealed truth, and come to your own conclusions. The truth is, part of Israel has been hardened, but only until all other nations have had ample opportunity to receive God's mercy.

²⁶Eventually, all of Israel will be saved. This is what the Scriptures say about this: "The Savior will rise up out of our own nation, and will turn the descendants of Jacob away from all their ungodliness.

²⁷Then My promise to Israel will have been fulfilled, when I have forgiven their sins." (*Isa. 59:20-21; 27:9; Jer. 31:33-34*)

²⁸So it's for your benefit that they are now so violently opposed to the Great News about Jesus the Messiah. But, because they are the descendants of those chosen by God, they are dearly loved by Him because of their forefathers' unshaken faith in His promises.

²⁹Because God never takes back a gift, nor does He change His mind about any assignment or promise He has given anyone.

³⁰In the past, you were disobedient to God. But when the Jews rejected God's gift of life through Jesus, He was merciful to you instead.

³¹Now the Jews are being disobedient, refusing to have anything to do with the mercy you have accepted. But this is your chance to now show them kindness, and explain God's mercy to them.

³²Because God has found all guilty of not obeying Him, so that He might show mercy to all of us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 23 - All Israel Will Be Saved - [Romans 11:25-32](#)

271. To what mystery did Paul refer? ([11:25](#))
272. How had Israel responded to the message Paul preached? ([11:25](#))
273. When would Israel's period of hardening end? ([11:25](#))
274. What will eventually happen to Israel? ([11:26](#))
275. What promise has God made to Israel? ([11:26-27](#))
276. In what two contrasting ways were the Jews described by Paul? ([11:28-29](#))
277. What did Paul say about God's promises? ([11:29](#))
278. What has been the good result of the disobedience and unbelief of the Jews? ([11:30](#))
279. How is God responding to the unbelief of the Jews? ([11:31](#))
280. For what reason has God allowed all people to be disobedient? ([11:32](#))

Lesson 24 - Doxology - [Romans 11:33-36](#)

To God be the Glory

³³Oh, how immeasurably deep are the riches of both God's wisdom and knowledge. It's impossible to even begin to probe into and understand why He makes the decisions He makes. And His ways of doing things are way beyond our present ability to even begin to look into and understand. As the Scripture says,

³⁴“Who has ever understood how the Lord's mind works? Or who has ever been able to give Him advice?” (*Isa. 40:13*)

³⁵“And who has ever given anything to God, that would put God under obligation to pay him back?” (*Job 41:11*)

³⁶Because everything has been created by God, and it all comes to us through Him and for His purposes. May He forever be glorified! Indeed, so be it!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 24 - Doxology - [Romans 11:33-36](#)

281. How did Paul describe God's judgments? ([11:33](#))
282. What is beyond our understanding? ([11:33](#))
283. How did Paul describe the mind of God? ([11:33-34](#))
284. What force or power is higher or wiser than God? ([11:33-34](#))
285. How did Paul describe God? ([11:33-36](#))
286. Why did Paul praise God? ([11:33-36](#))
287. What does God owe? ([11:35](#))
288. What is God's place in the universe? ([11:36](#))
289. What is from God, through God, and to God? ([11:36](#))
290. How did Paul summarize his doxology? ([11:36](#))