



The Present Condition and Result of Israel's Temporary Blindness

Scripture Reading:

Romans 11: 7-15

INTRODUCTION

Previously, we've examined the question of why there is renewed world-wide antisemitism today.



In answering that question from Scripture, we've come to understand Israel's beginning, their glorious future.



Today, we continue to look at Romans 11 to understand their situation for the last twenty centuries until the present

Romans 11:1-6

There has ALWAYS been a remnant of Israel that is chosen to salvation by God's grace!

Israel's Present Condition of Spiritual Blindness

Romans 11:7-10

Israel has not obtained righteousness by means of working for it – vs 7a, cf Rom 10:3

But the elect obtained righteousness by means of faith in the gospel – vs 7b, cf Rom 10:4

Israel's Present Condition of Spiritual Blindness

Romans 11:7-10 (continued)

The unbelieving of Israel were hardened (“blinded” KJV) – vs 7c-8, cf Isa 6:9-10, Matt 13:10-15

David's prophecy of this blindness – vs 9-10, cf Ps 69:20-25

The Result of Israel's Temporary Spiritual Stumbling

Romans 11:11-14

- Israel's "stumbling" is not permanent – vs 11a
- Israel's stumbling is a result of the "trespass/offense" ("the fall" KJV)
- Israel's stumbling has resulted in the offer of salvation to the Gentiles – vs 11b

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Romans 11:11-14 (continued.1)

- This offer of salvation results in stimulating Israel to be zealous for the things of God –vs 11c
 - cf vs 14 – Paul's desire to stimulate those Jews who are elect by grace, to be zealous unto salvation by faith in the gospel - cf Acts 13:42-45
- Israel's stumbling has resulted in (true) riches for the world and Gentiles

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Romans 11:11-14 (continued.2)

- Israel's fulness (unto salvation –cf vs 26) will provide the world and Gentiles greater riches yet!
 - Future-tense salvation for today's grace believers – vs 12b
- Vs 13 is Paul's authoritative explanation of Israel's stumbling and recovery for the benefit of the Gentiles understanding

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Romans 11:11-14 (continued.3)

- Vs 15 – the results again stated:
 - Provisional reconciliation of the world to God
 - Israel's future reception by God is going to result in "life from the dead" = The resurrection of OT believers at the beginning of Christ return and millennial reign
 - cf Dan 12:2-3, 13

CONCLUSION

Israel's temporary blindness and being cast away has resulted in the riches of salvation being provided to the whole world and will ultimately result in the fulness of their salvation and the resurrection of the Jewish believers from the OT era.



How should these present and future realities affect our daily lives as NT grace-believers?

II Pet 3:11 NKJV “ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness”