



The Present Condition and Result of Israel's Temporary Blindness

(continued)

Scripture Reading:

Romans 11: 1-17

REVIEW and INTRODUCTION

- Romans 11 explains the details of the parenthesis of Israel's 490-year prophetic prophecy as recorded in Daniel 9:25-27
 - **11:1 God has not permanently cast aside the nation of Israel – the Jewish people regardless of today's "replacement theology in which the Church replaces Israel – cf Rev 2:9, 3:9**
 - Much of Christendom teaches that one earns salvation by keeping (parts) of the Mosaic Law, thus earning 'law righteousness'- Rom 10:3

REVIEW and INTRODUCTION

- **11:2-6** There has always been a remnant of believers by God's election of grace
- **11:7** The elect remnant has obtained grace-righteousness. The majority were hardened ("blinded" KJV) to grace righteousness.
 - As a nation, has now been set aside from God's dealings for about 2000 years


Romans 11:11-12 Israel's stumbling trespass = attempting to earn righteousness before God by keeping the Law. This stumbling has:

Allowed for the offer of salvation to come to the Gentiles, and

Provoked Israel to become zealous for the things of God



Israel's stumbling trespass has become the (spiritual) riches of the world




Israel's "fulness" unto salvation will provide greater riches – the glorification of today's believers – cf vs 15

Israel's Separation (Holiness) Unto Salvation

Holiness – being separated unto something - I
Cor 7:12-14



The holiness of the “first-fruit” and “the lump”
- Rom 11: 16 a, cf Num 15:18-21




The present “first-fruit” = Remnant of saved
Jews shows that the whole lump of future Israel
will be separated unto the Lord – cf 11:26

The Holiness of the Root and the and the Branches of the Olive Tree in vs 17

The olive tree pictures the blessing of God UNTO salvation, not salvation itself



The root represents the head of the nation of Israel, Abraham, who was separated by faith (Gen 15:1-6)



The natural branches represent all Abraham's descendants through the offspring of his grandson Jacob



These branches – Abraham's descendants of Jacob – are "holy" because they have been separated UNTO God's provisions unto salvation of faith (like Abraham's)



The Gentile's Separation (Holiness) Unto Salvation (Rom 11:17)

- SOME of the (natural) branches were broken off because of unbelief (cf vs 20)
 - MOST of Israel was in unbelief – vs 17a
- The wild olive branches (the Gentiles) were grafted into the tree in order to potentially partake of God's blessing UNTO salvation – 17b



CONCLUSION

- For about 200 years, God's salvation message has gone from Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, unto the uttermost part of the Earth – Acts 1:8
- Many Gentiles have been exposed to the gospel of salvation, and some (Acts 15:14) have responded by faith
 - Have you responded while in this day of Salvation (II Cor 6:2)?
 - If so, never stop rejoicing!