

WHAT WE BELIEVE & HOW WE BEHAVE—25

Whatever Happened to Israel?—Romans (9:1--11:36

“ISRAEL—Their Future Restoration by the Lord”

Romans 11:1-36

Introduction: _____

Note several reasons why the subject of Israel is important to Christians:

1. First, the underlying issue that Paul is dealing with in Romans 11 is, “*Can God’s promises fail?*”
2. Secondly, on a broader scale, if you pay any attention to the news, you’ve not doubt felt at times that the world is out of control and the bad guys are winning.
3. Thirdly, this chapter shows us how we should view the Jewish people today.

Note at least five outstanding enemies of Israel today:

- a. First, there is Hamas.
- b. Secondly, there is Hezbollah.
- c. Thirdly, there is Iran.
- d. Fourthly, there is the Palestinian Authority.
- e. Fifthly, there is Western Anti-Semitism.
 - (1) First, there is the complaint of Anti-Semitism in politics.
 - (2) Secondly, there is the challenge of Anti-Semitism in religion

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Now look at the following outline of the chapter:

I. FIRST, NOTICE THE FAIRNESS OF GOD IN DEALING WITH ISRAEL (Romans 1:1-10).

A. First, Paul names himself as an example (11:1).

1. First, he says, “*For I am an Israelite . . .*”
 - a. First, there is Hebrew.
 - b. Secondly, there is the “Jew.”
 - c. Thirdly, there is the Israelite.
2. Secondly, he goes on to say, “. . . *of the seed of Abraham.*”
3. Thirdly, he goes even further to say, “. . . *of the tribe of Benjamin.*”

CONCLUSION:

- * “*I was born into the covenant family—an Israelite!*”
- * “*I am related to the covenant founder—a son of Abraham.*”
- * “*My ancestors were born in the foundation of the land of covenant promises—a member of the tribe of Benjamin.*”

B. Secondly, Paul notes history as an example (11:2-10).

1. First, note God’s dealings with the believing minority (11:2-6).

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- a. First, notice how he gives an illustration of His *fathomless* wisdom (11:2-4).
 - b. Secondly, note how he gives an application of His *finished* work (11:5-6).
2. Secondly, he notes God's dealing with the *blinded* majority (11:7).
- a. First, notice their *spiritual* prognosis (11:7).
 - b. Secondly, note the *symptoms* of the prognosis (11:8).
 - (1) First, they have lost spiritual *direction* (11:8a).
 - (2) Secondly, they had lost spiritual *discernment* (11:8b).
 - c. Thirdly, consider the *summary* or consequences of the prognosis.
 - (1) First, there is *moral* darkness.
 - (2) Secondly, there is *intellectual* darkness.
 - (3) Thirdly, there is *spiritual* darkness.
 - (4) Fourthly, see the *seriousness* of the prognosis (11:9-10).

SO, IS ISRAEL GOING TO BE _____?

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II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE _____ OF GOD IN DEALING WITH ISRAEL (Romans 11:11-29).

- A. First, notice how God acts _____ with the prospect of Israel in mind (11:11-22).
 1. First, He acts with disapproval with the present _____ of Israel in mind (11:11-15).
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 2. Secondly, He acts with disapproval with the present _____ of Israel in mind (11:16-22).
- B. Secondly, note how God acts _____ (11:23-29).
 1. First, note how it is within the _____ of God to restore Israel (11:23-24).
 2. Secondly, notice how it is within the _____ of God to restore Israel (11:25-29).
 - a. First, note how His purpose includes His _____ guarantee (11:25).
 - b. Secondly, notice how His purpose involves His _____ guarantee (11:26).
 - c. Thirdly, consider how His purpose incorporates His _____ guarantee (11:27-29)

**III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE _____ OF GOD
IN DEALING WITH ISRAEL (Romans 11:30-36).**

A. First, His faithfulness is revealed in the _____ of His ways (11:30-32)

1. First, it is _____ in His mercy toward the Gentiles (11:30).
2. Secondly, it is _____ in His mercy toward the Jews (11:31).
3. Thirdly, it is _____ in His mercy toward the whole world (11:32).

B. Secondly, His faithfulness is resounded in His _____ ways (11:33-36)

1. First, His majestic ways are beyond human _____ (11:33-35).
2. Secondly, His majestic ways are beyond human _____ (11:36).

CONCLUSION: This chapter highlights two principles that apply to everyone and not just Israel today:

- 1. Unlike humanity, God _____ His best work through a remnant, a faithful minority.**
- 2. Unlike humanity, God always keeps His _____.**