

# Romans

## (36) Israel stumbles

### *The remnant of Israel...11:3-7*

What proof does Paul offer re God not rejecting all His people (Israel)? vs.2-4 I Kings 19:10-18

**He reminds us of Elijah's plight and prayer and God's answer. Israel had rejected God.**

What was Elijah's mistake as he lamented over Israel's rebellious state? vs.3b

**That ALL Israel, except him alone, had rejected God. The remnant was not obvious.**

And what is Paul's point in recounting this event? vs.5

**There was a remnant. Today there is likewise a remnant in Israel, chosen by grace!**

Paul now restates what basic doctrine *again*? vs.6 3:27-28; 4:4-5; 5:20-21; Titus 3:5; IITim.1:9

**God's Sovereign election. He elects, predestines, calls, seals, sanctifies, keeps & glorifies.**

By the 1st call (conscience, creation, law, prophets, Christ), how many get saved? 1:18-19; 3:9-19

**No one. Not one single person, Jew or Gentile. And God holds us all accountable/guilty.**

Why then has there always been a believing remnant of Jews (and Gentiles)? vs.5-6

**Because of God's grace. He chooses. If not for that, no one ever would believe.**

Did Israel miss salvation because of lack of interest? vs.7a, 10:1-2

**Absolutely not. Zealous for God. Demanding and self disciplined, but wrong!**

What is the basic truth behind this doctrine? ICor.1:26-29

**God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. NO BOASTING.**

Israel was zealously looking for salvation. But who actually found it? vs.7; 9:25-26, 30-31

**Those not looking, the Gentiles, chosen by God. The 'foolish' over the 'wise'.**

How do we understand '*the rest were hardened*'? vs.7b 1:24a

**They became proud and He 'gave them up...', hardened their hearts even more.**

### *The judgment of God upon unbelieving Israel...11:8-10*

Paul now reminds us of what? 11:8; Deut.29:4; Ezek.12:2

**That God has already spoken of this 'hardening'. Israel would not see, nor hear, till today.**

And David also speaks of this rejecting. What does he say? vs.9-10 Ps.69

**May their table be a trap, stumbling and retribution. Eyes dimmed, backs bent forever.**

How do we see this literally fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus? Mt.13:10-15

**Parables are specifically designed to hide the truth! God hardening their hearts.**

What is another greatly misunderstood judgment on Israel? ICor.14:20-22; Isa.28:11-12

**The sign of speaking in tongues! It's not evangelism. It's fulfilled judgment on Israel!**

How does the book of Acts close? Acts 28:23-29

**It closes with the judgment words of Isaiah. Israel closed their eyes and God finished it...**

*Next: Is this state for Israel permanent?*