

Romans

(37) Rejection and Reconciliation

Has Israel fallen beyond recovery?...11:11-15

After the depressing truth about Israel rejection, what question is anticipated? vs.11

The same one asked today. Did Israel go too far? Can Israel ever recover?

What's his immediate answer? vs.11 Commentary? 11:14,26; 10:19; Acts 13:46-48; 18:6

Never! Salvation, coming to the Gentiles, may make them envious. Look for the remnant.

How has Paul explained this about Israel before? 9:4-8; 14-16

All Israel chosen to receive Law, prophets, etc. Only the chosen, remnant are true Israel.

What is Paul's point in vs.12? vs.15; 25-26

If the stumbling of Israel is riches for the world (Gentiles), think of their restoration!

What would Paul say to those (Gentiles) who believe the Church has replaced Israel? vs.13-14

Paul hadn't given up on Israel. He hoped to make them envious, and thus save some.

Understanding the broad way and the narrow way

What are *tares*? Mt.13:24-30; 7:21-23; Titus 1:16; IITim.3:1-5

Tares are fake Christians. They profess Christ but they don't possess Christ. (Rom.8:9)

What is one specific type of tare? How are they revealed? IJn.2:18-19

The antichrists. Once professed Christ but, never saved (not of us). Their leaving proves it.

What is another specific type of tare? IICor.11:12-15; IJn.4:1-3; Mt.24:22-25

False prophets in the Church. They are Satanic tools and will be numerous in end times.

What is another specific type of tare? ITim.4:1-4 (note: to fall away = apostatize)

The apostate Christian. They fall away from the faith to doctrines of demons/spirits.

How/when are the other *tares* revealed? Mt.7:21-23; 13:30

Only revealed at the judgment. Upright, moral, zealous, ...and lost. Trusting their works.

What's the difference between *Israel hardened* and the *tares*.

Tares claim to be Christians whereas Israel hardened makes no pretense of faith in Christ

What about Gentile unbelievers? Are all Gentiles saved after Israel's rejection? IIThess.3:1

Absolutely not! Only the elect, having true faith in Christ, are saved, Jew or Gentile.

What's an atheist, tare, apostate, hardened Jew, rejecting Gentile all have in common? Mt.7:13-14

They are all on the broad way that leads to destruction. Different reasons, same result...

Considering all these 'ways', what's the truth of Mt.7:14? Jn.14:6

Jesus is the only way. Small gate, narrow way, and few are those who find it.

What is one common trait of those who receive God's grace? Prov.16:5; Isa.2:10-12; James 4:6

God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. God looks for a humble heart.