

Romans

(38) The kindness and sternness of God

Paul's warning to the Gentiles...11:16-24

What is Paul's point in verse 16a? Num.15:17-21

The first lump (patriarchs) was holy (set apart), therefore the whole (Israel) was holy.

And his next point, verse 16b?

The root (Abraham, patriarchs) was holy (set apart), therefore so is believing Israel.

What did farmers do with unproductive olive branches? vs.17; Mt.21:42-46

They would break off the 'dead' and graft in 'live' branches from other olive trees.

What's Paul's point in verse 17?

God has grafted in Gentiles (wild olive branches) into 'live' root of Israel (patriarchs).

And his warning in verse 18a?

Do not exalt yourself over those broken-off branches. Roots of anti-Semitism.

Why is boasting so totally inappropriate? vs.18b; Gen.12:1-3

It's not the Gentiles that support the root. The root supports us. Promises were to Israel.

What Gentile challenge does he next anticipate? vs.19

God broke Israel off so that "I" could be grafted in! Note the pride in this statement...

And his stern warning? vs.20-21

Ok, but remember; broken off for unbelief. God will not spare you (for unbelief) either!

What is the sobering truth of verse 22?

Consider (meditate); kindness of God to Gentiles; severity to Israel. Danger!

And the hope for Israel? vs.23-24

If Israel believes, God will graft them to their 'natural' tree. Natural to their own tree!

The mystery of Israel...11:25-36

What is the *mystery* about Israel? vs. 25; 16:25-26; Eph.3:3-5

They are now experiencing a temporary (until...), partial (not the remnant) hardening.

When will the 'full number of the Gentiles' be completed? vs.25b; Lu.21:20-24; Rev.11:15

At the midpoint of the tribulation salvation turns to the Jews, Gentiles are completed.

And how will it finally conclude for Israel? vs.26-27 Jer.31:30-34;32:37-42; Ezek.37:1-6

All Israel will be saved. God chooses, breathes life into the dead bones! Like all believers!

Why is this *guaranteed*? Num.23:19; ISam.15:29; Ps.89:35-36; Titus 1:2; Heb.6:18; James 1:17

Because God has bound Himself to do this, and He cannot lie or change His mind!