

GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION INCLUDES ISRAEL – PART 1  
--ROMANS 11:11-24--

INTRODUCTION:

The overarching theme of Romans 9-11 is Israel's part in God's eternal plan of redemption. That they would have any part in God's plan did not look to hopeful in chapters 9-10 but beginning in chapter 11 we begin to see a glimmer of hope. Over the past two weeks we learned that God has preserved for Himself through all of history a remnant of believing Jews. We also learned that those who rejected Jesus Christ were then hardened by God to His grace and the nation was set aside for a time as He works in the individual lives of both Jews and Gentiles. But we will discover in the rest of this chapter that God is not done with the nation of Israel yet, they have a future in His plan of redemption. This morning we will see that God had a predetermined purpose for setting Israel as a nation aside, His purpose was two-fold as we will see.

I. GOD'S TWO-FOLD PURPOSE IN SETTING ISRAEL ASIDE  
(Romans 11:11-15)

- a. Israel's unbelief and rejection of Jesus Christ did not catch God by \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Paul writes, "*I say then, they did not stumble so as to \_\_\_\_\_, did they? May it never be!*" (Romans 11:11a, NASB95)
- c. Israel stumbled over the stumbling stone, which we learned was Jesus Christ, when they \_\_\_\_\_ Him as their Messiah and Savior.

II. PURPOSE ONE: SALVATION OF GENTILES (Romans 11:11b)

- a. Because Israel stumbled by their transgression of rejecting their Messiah and the grace offered by Him through His death and resurrection, God's salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ was offered to the Gentiles. (Matthew 8:11-12)
- b. Even though this salvation being \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gentiles because Israel rejected her Messiah, this offer was not plan B, it was not an afterthought of God. (Gen. 12:2-3; Exo. 19:5-6)

- c. Paul understood that he was set apart by God to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the nations. (Acts 13:46-47)

III. PURPOSE TWO: SALVATION OF JEWS (Romans 11:11c-15)

- a. The second purpose of God's two-fold objective was to make the Jews \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gentiles. (Romans 10:19-20)
- b. Zechariah prophesied of a future time that would come when the nation of Israel would \_\_\_\_\_ their Messiah, and repent and be saved.
- c. Until that time Paul writes that God has used the transgression of Israel to \_\_\_\_\_ His purpose. (Ephesians 2:13)
- d. Paul says if this is what we have received because of Israel's transgression and failure, how much \_\_\_\_\_ will their fulfillment be! (Zechariah 12-14)

CONCLUSION:

Today we learned that God's eternal plan of redemption was not thwarted when Israel rejected her Messiah and refused God's offer of grace. God knew this would happen and He set the nation of Israel aside temporarily and offered what she had forfeited to the Gentiles. Now in faith we can agree with God that we are sinners unable to do anything to make ourselves right with God, but if we believe that Jesus suffered God's wrath against sin, the wrath we deserved, and paid the penalty for sin, death, the penalty that was ours, then we can be forgiven for our sins, declared righteous because of Christ's death and resurrection on our behalf and we will be saved from God's wrath and judgment against sin and become His sons and daughters by God's grace through faith and experience every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. These blessings and our relationship with the God are to provoke the Jews to jealousy so that they also repent and put their faith in the Lord Jesus, recognizing Him as their Messiah and Savior. The blessings that we enjoy today will not even compare to those that God will pour out on the earth when Israel realizes they crucified their Messiah and turn to Him in repentance and faith. Praise God for His two-fold purpose in setting Israel aside, so that salvation would come to the Gentiles and the Jews would be made jealous.