

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you were puzzled by something God was doing in your life or the life of someone close to you. What did you do to try to understand it?

2. In what ways do you see God working in the nation of Israel today?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about being a God's plans:
 - a) Psalm 138:8
 - b) Proverbs 16:9
 - c) Proverbs 19:21
 - d) Jeremiah 29:11-13
 - e) Romans 8:28
 - f) Ephesians 2:10
 - g) Philippians 1:6

4. How does Paul characterize Gentiles as a part of the olive tree? What warning does Paul give Gentiles?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - ☐ I am going to commit to spending time in prayer each day before I make any important decisions.
 - ☐ I am going invite a friend to church at least once a month.
 - ☐ I am going to memorize Jeremiah 29:11.

Cornerstone Church
Romans 11:1-36

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Study Series #023

Understanding God's Sovereignty ***Part 3: Israel's Future***

I. Introduction

A. Puzzled!

B. What About Israel?

(See Romans 11:1-36; Jeremiah 29:11-13)

"All things are mortal but the Jews; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

Mark Twain

II. God's Plan for Israel's Future

A. The Apostle Paul

(See Romans 11:1; Acts 9:1-19; Acts 22:1-21; Acts 26:1-23;
I Timothy 1:16; Zechariah 4:4; Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7)

B. The Prophet Elijah

(See Romans 11:2-10; I Kings 18:21; I Kings 19:1-3;
I Kings 19:9-10; I Kings 19:18; Romans 9:27;
Isaiah 10:22-23; Romans 9:30-10:4; Isaiah 29:10;
Deuteronomy 29:4; Psalm 69:22-23; Galatians 3:24)

C. The Gentiles

(See Romans 11:11-15; Hosea 2:23; Hosea 1:10;
Romans 10:19; Ephesians 1:7; Ephesians 1:3-4;
Galatians 5:22-23; Hebrews 4:10; Romans 11:12;
Jeremiah 31:35-37)

D. The Patriarchs

(See Romans 11:16-24; Numbers 15:17-21; Leviticus 23:9-14;
Jeremiah 11:16-17; Hosea 14:4-6; Romans 11:20-21;
I Timothy 4:1-3; II Timothy 3:1-9; II Thessalonians 2:1-12)

E. God Himself

(See Romans 11:25-36; Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 59:20-21;
Romans 9:6-8; Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Deuteronomy 9:1-6;
Genesis 12:1-3)

III. Conclusion

IV. Communion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

Passage of Study Romans 11:1-36

¹ I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.

Mark Twain's Comments on the Nation of Israel

"If the statistics are right, the Jews but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are also very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greeks and Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they were gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, and have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities, of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert but aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jews; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

Mark Twain, September 1897 (Quoted in The National Jewish Post & Observer, June 6, 1984)

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