

# Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome

## EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

### 15. The salvation of Israel

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The most controversial section of Paul's letter!

# What is Romans 9 to 11 all about?

## WHERE DOES ISRAEL FIT INTO GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION?

- God is sovereign. He is working salvation in all the earth. (Chapter 9)
- Salvation is by faith in Christ alone, not by our empty works (Chapter 10)

➤ A remnant is now saved, but most are blind to the gospel.

➤ **Is this blindness permanent? Certainly not!**

➤ Like unfruitful branches, they have been “*broken off*”

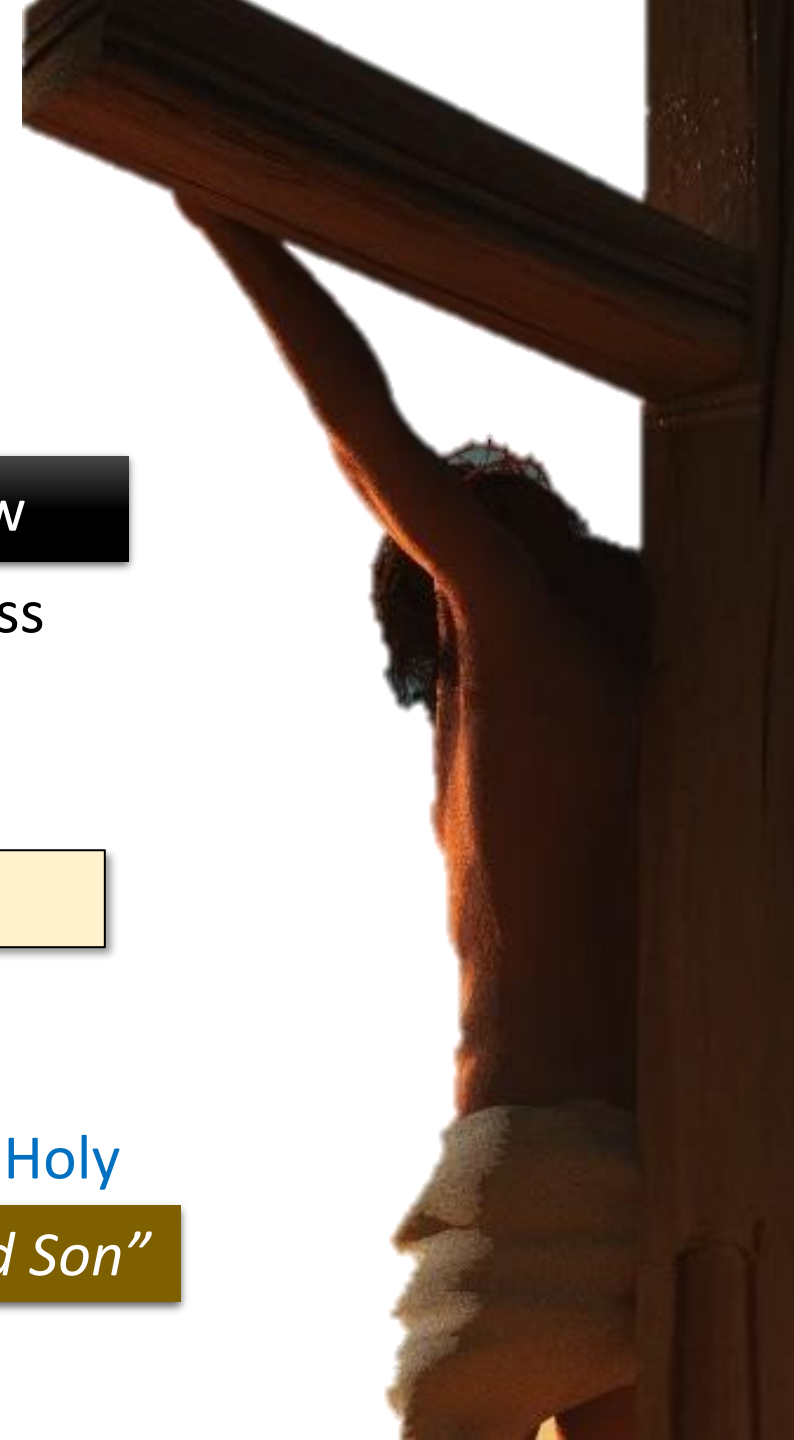
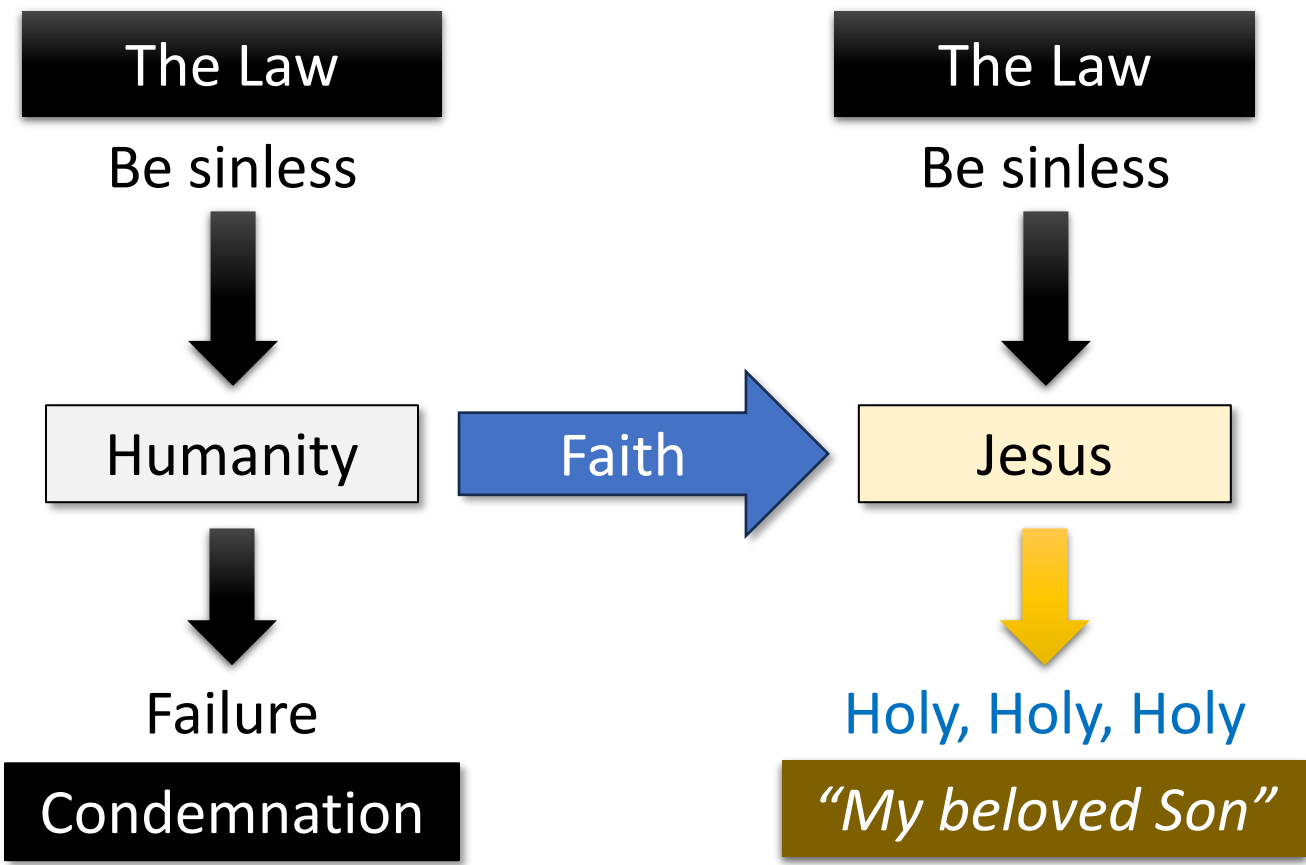
➤ Gentiles are now being “*grafted in*” to Israel’s tree

➤ Once “*the fullness of the Gentiles*” has come in, **all Israel will be saved.**

➤ **“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!”**

Chapter 11

**Christ** is the end of the law  
for righteousness  
to **everyone who believes.**  
(Romans 10:4)



# Israel's present condition...

But of Israel he says,

***“All day long I have held out my hands  
to a disobedient and contrary people.”***

(Romans 10:21)

Isaiah 65:2

People who  
oppose God

# Why Israel?

Area: **22,070 km<sup>2</sup>** approx.

Population: **9,900,000**  
(0.12% of world)

Jews in Israel: **7,400,000**

Jews in world: **16,800,000**  
(0.2% of world)



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**COUNTRYWIDE POGROMS**

AMMAN, Thursday (R). The death took place this morning of the late King Abdallah, President of the

When the Great War broke out, he was among those who achieved in Germany's ultimate defeat and was not particularly in favour of Turkish H.Q.

**THIS WORLD TODAY**

By ROYCE BRIER  
SECRETARY MARSHALL went before a class which has been undergoing training for consular and subordinate embassy service and told the men they should avoid exclusive contact with ruling groups abroad and should cultivate acquaintance with peasants, workers and the people generally.

This is worthy advice, but most difficult to put into practice for several good reasons. Any national group in a foreign land tends to colonize, and by human nature cannot merge itself with an alien people. Furthermore, diplomatic and consular people are circumscribed by protocol. Some of this protocol is absurd, appealing to snobs and bureaucratic minds, and some is founded on common sense and international necessity. It may be modified by an intelligent representative, but not disregarded entirely.

Then, in a modern police state, indiscriminate contact of diplomatic employes with the masses of the host people is so discouraged as to be in effect proscribed. In London or Paris an American consular official may have such friends as will have him among the people. In Moscow or Belgrade this is quite out of the question.

Still, the Secretary's advice is salutary. There is a good deal of margin in many foreign lands between the traditional diplomatic or consular life, and a life which would tend to a stronger mutual understanding and more friendly relations between America and the peoples abroad. If this margin can be

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**Stock Market Takes Frenzied Upward Whirl**  
NEW YORK, May 14 (AP)—Stocks took a frenzied whirl upward today in the fastest trading in eight years. Gains of \$1 to \$7 a share for principal issues boosted total market value of listed stocks by around \$1,700,000,000. Buying orders buried the exchange facilities under such an avalanche of business that high-speed quotation tickers couldn't keep up with them. For extended periods, including most of the final hour, the tape fell as much as 5 minutes behind actual transactions. Brokers' wires hummed with orders from dealers.

**Israel Is Proclaimed; Arabs March**  
**Truman Action Stuns Closing Session of U. N., Battle in Jerusalem; Egypt Orders Invasion**

1948

**Jews Said To Control Holy City**

**Ben-Gurion Announces His Cabinet**

**Palestine At a Glance**  
In the course of two days that will fill pages of history, there were these developments in Palestine Friday and Saturday:  
1.—The Jewish State of Israel

**U. S. First To Concede Sovereignty**  
The U. S. was recognizing the new state.  
2.—The United Nations special Palestine Assembly adjourned after approving one

**PALESTINE INVADED BY ARABS**

**Many Threats On May Day**  
**Move To Halt Railroad Strike**  
**Nation Is Facing New Emergency**  
Woman Dies In Early Morning Fire



Hobby Quizzed By The Sheriff

Father Hit By Daughter Dies In Hospital Here

**2 Powers Approve Palestine Partition**

**Byrnes Reports U. S. and Britain Agreed on Plan to End Strife; Separate Jewish-Arab States?**

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# ARAB-ISRAEL WAR

## Battles on 2 Fronts and In Jerusalem; Stocks Dive

1967



**THE WAR SCENE**  
Full page of pictures  
See 11, 12, 13  
All sections



**JERUSALEM, June 5 (AP)**—For the third time in 24 years, war broke out today in the Middle East between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Gunfire raged in Beirut and in three of the Arab neighbors—Egypt, Jordan and Syria.  
The Arab attack on Israel, which has been going on since 1948, has now become a full-scale war.



**Syrians Collapse In Final Campaign; UN Session Called**



# ISRAELIS STRIKE BACK IN FORCE, REPORT 9 OF SUEZ BRIDGES CUT; ARABS CLAIM SINAI-GOLAN GAINS

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# WAR ERUPTS IN MIDEAST

## Egypt and Syria Battle Israel



# Why Israel?

For behold, Your enemies make an uproar;  
those who hate You have raised their heads.  
They lay crafty plans against Your people;  
they consult together against Your treasured ones.  
They say,  
**“Come, let us wipe them out as a nation;  
let the name of Israel be remembered no more!”**

(Psalm 83:2-4)

# Why Israel?

Thus says the LORD,  
who gives the sun for light by day  
and the fixed order of the moon and the stars...

“If this fixed order departs  
from before Me, declares the LORD,  
then shall the offspring of Israel  
**cease from being a nation** before Me forever.”

Thus says the LORD:

“If the heavens above can be measured,  
and the foundations of the earth below can be explored,  
then I will **cast off all the offspring of Israel**  
for all that they have done...”

(Jeremiah 31:35-37)



**God has  
promised**

# Why Israel?

**This people I have formed for Myself;  
They shall declare My praise.**

(Isaiah 43:21)

# Romans 11

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I ask, then,  
**has God rejected His people?**


Totally and finally

**By no means!**

(Romans 11:1)

The nation  
of Israel

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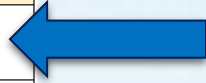
No, **not totally**, because...

I myself [Paul] am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

**God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.**

(Romans 11:1-2)

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## Has God rejected His people?

Lord, they have killed Your prophets,  
they have demolished Your altars,  
and I alone am left,  
and they seek my life!

*I have kept for Myself  
seven thousand men  
who have not bowed  
the knee to Baal.*

So too at the present time there is **a remnant**, chosen by grace.

See Romans 11:3-4, 1 Kings 18 and 19



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## Has God rejected His people?

I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

So too at the present time  
there is a remnant,  
chosen by **grace**.

(Romans 11:5)



But if it is by **grace**,  
it is no longer on the basis of **works**;  
otherwise **grace** would no longer be **grace**.

(Romans 11:6)

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## Has God rejected His people?

### What then?

Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking.

The **elect** obtained it,  
but the rest were **hardened**,

as it is written,

*“God gave them a spirit of stupor,  
eyes that would not see  
and ears that would not hear,  
down to this very day.”*

Why?

Isaiah 29:10

(Romans 11:7-8)

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So I ask,  
**did they stumble**  
**in order that they might fall?**

Be permanently cast away

**By no means!**

Rather, through their trespass  
salvation has come to the **Gentiles**,  
so as to make **Israel** jealous.

(Romans 11:11)

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If some of the branches were broken off,  
and you, although a wild olive shoot,  
were grafted in among the others and now share  
in the nourishing root of the olive tree,  
**do not be arrogant toward the branches.**

(See Romans 11:16-18)



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Then you will say,  
“Branches were broken off  
so that I might be grafted in.”

That is true.

They were broken off because of their **unbelief**,  
but you stand fast through **faith**.

So **do not become proud**, but fear.

(See Romans 11:19-21)

The humble can believe,  
but not the proud.



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Note then the **kindness** and the **severity** of God: **severity** toward those who have fallen, but God's **kindness** to you, provided you continue in His kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. And even they, if they do not continue in their **unbelief**, will be grafted in...

(See Romans 11:22-23)



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I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery\*, brethren, **lest you be wise in your own sight:**

\*The mystery

A **partial** hardening has come upon Israel, until **the fullness of the Gentiles** has come in.

The full number

And in this way **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written,

Isaiah 59:20-21

*"The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will banish ungodliness from Jacob";*

Jeremiah 31:34

*"and this will be My covenant with them when I take away their sins."*

(Romans 11:25-27)



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In regard to **the gospel**  
**they are enemies** for your sake,

but in regard to **election**  
**they are dearly loved** for the sake of the fathers.

**For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.**

(Romans 11:28-29)

Salvation came to us Gentiles  
when Israel rejected Christ.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

God keeps  
His promises

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Gentiles

For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

The Jews

so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

**For God has consigned all to disobedience,  
that He may have mercy on all.**

Jews and Gentiles


(Romans 11:30-32)

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Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

*“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been His counselor?”*

Isaiah 40:13

*“Or who has given a gift to Him  
that he might be repaid?”*

Job 41:11

(Romans 11:33-34)

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I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**,  
the **first** and the **last**,  
the **beginning** and the **end**!  
(Revelation 22:13)

**For from Him and through Him  
and to Him are all things.**

**To Him be glory forever.**

**Amen.**

(Romans 11:36)



**Memory  
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**Romans 11:33-36**

**ESV:**

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For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

**NKJV:**

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

*“For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”*

*“Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?”*

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

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