

Romans 11

King James Version (KJV)

11 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
(Paul was a Benjamite by heritage <his mother>, and a Roman citizen by nationality <his father>. That made Paul a free born Roman citizen. He lived in Jerusalem, so he was a Judean by residence)

²God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying, (God knew us all during the First Age)

³Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. 1Kings-19:14

⁴But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. 1Kings-19:18 (These are the Remnant who keep the Word of God unchanged down through the centuries)

(In the end days, these 7,000 will be the Elect; who will be delivered before the antichrist. The Holy Spirit will speak through them. Many people will wake up out of their stupor and return to God)

⁵Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. (Paul was a part of that remnant. He kept the Word of God unchanged. He taught many people throughout his ministry)

⁶And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

⁷What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. (The Elect will not be blinded by antichrist's lies; but the rest of the world will be)

⁸(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. Deuteronomy-29:4 (Not all people have spiritual eyes)

open. This will keep them ignorant and innocent through the deception of antichrist. They will be taught later, during the Millennium)

⁹And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: **Psalms-69:22**

(The untaught Christians will think that antichrist is Jesus. They will worship him in their ignorance. Antichrist will be very convincing) see **Revelation-13:11-14**

¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. (They will have to carry a heavy load – of false doctrines and traditions of men)

¹¹I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. (They will get their chance to accept God during the Millennium. But the choice will be theirs to make)

¹²Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

¹³For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: (God sent Paul to teach His Word to the Gentiles and to the Israelites) **Acts-9:15-16**

¹⁴If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. (Paul was deliberately provocative, in order to get people to think and open their eyes)

¹⁵For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? (Brought back from a spiritual death)

¹⁶For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. **Numbers-15:20**

¹⁷And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; (The branches that were broken off the tree were pruned by God. HE is the pruner and the judge)

(If a Gentile <being a wild olive> is grafted onto that tree, they will receive the same blessings that the original branches had received. It is no longer a wild olive branch)

(The tree is Christianity. God is the root. HE provides the spiritual life to the branches. This is the living water that Jesus spoke of) See John-4:10-14

¹⁸Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. (Don't boast because you have been saved. Be grateful and help others find salvation. You didn't save yourself. God saved you)

¹⁹Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. (Not true. There is always room for everyone who chooses to believe and to live by God's Word in order to receive salvation)

²⁰Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: (fear = revere) (Be thankful. The broken branches did it to themselves because they chose not to believe in God)

²¹For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. (Once saved, always saved is false. It is traditions of men. You can be saved, and then turn into a sinner, and you will lose your salvation. God is not a fool who can be conned)

²²Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. (God is fair to everyone. It is our own actions that determine our fate)

²³And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. (If they repent and change their ways, even the broken branches can be forgiven and saved once again. God is also merciful. A good example of God's forgiveness is the teaching of the prodigal son)

²⁴For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more

shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? (If God can save the Gentile, He can certainly save the Israelite. We are all equal in God's eyes)

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Luke-21:22-25 (The fullness of the Gentiles will come in during the end days. When antichrist is here, and has deceived the whole world, all prophesies will be revealed and fulfilled. Jesus will return as the true Messiah)

(At that time, we all will understand what happened during the First Age; and why we are here today)

²⁶ And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Jesus Christ is the Deliverer)

(When the Millennium Period is over, God will use Satan to test the people one last time. Those who pass will see the eternity. Those who fail will be gone forever)

²⁷ For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. (God's covenant with us is – upon repentance He will take away their sin and give them a new start)

²⁸ As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. (The Elect were chosen in the First Age, because they earned it. They stood with God against Satan, when he rebelled. The rest of the people did not. They either sided with Satan <the Kenites>, or they didn't care one way or the other <the rest of us>)

²⁹ For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. (God never takes back the gifts that He gives us)

³⁰ For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

³¹ Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. (When the others see the blessings that God gives the believers, they will also want to be in that group. We all want the blessed life that God offers us, but sometimes we are too blinded by the world to see it)

³² For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. (God gave some people the spirit of slumber, throughout antichrist's deception, in order to keep them innocent. When they wake up out of that slumber, they will have the chance to earn their salvation <during the Millennium>)

³³ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! (God is far wiser and fairer than any of us. Only He is qualified to judge us)

³⁴ For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? (God created all things. HE doesn't need our help or our counseling. Anyone who thinks that he can counsel God is a fool) Proverbs-1:6-7 (All wisdom and knowledge come from the reverence of God)

³⁵ Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

³⁶ For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. (That's eternal life – given to us by God)