

The Remnant within the Rejected **Romans 11:1-10**

Question: ***God has not completely rejected His people, has He? 1a***

Why ask this? See 9:32,33, 10:2,3,21 and a later concern in 11:18,19.

Answer: ***May it never be! 1b***

Again this sharp response to a possible false conclusion, 3:3, 6:2, 7:7.

Proof: ***I myself am an Israelite, and I have not been rejected. 1c***

Paul offers himself as proof. Note strong appeal to heritage as in 9:3.

Principle: ***God does not break His promises. 2a***

Foreknew in 8:29 was for individuals, but here the context is the nation.

In 11:1 *people* = nation ≠ just a remnant, plus see v.28, Amos 3:1,2.

The wording reflects I Sam. 12:22, Ps. 94:14. God won't quit on Israel!

Proof: ***In the past days of Elijah, God preserved a remnant. 2b-4***

I Kgs. 19:9-18 records a similarly hopeless time in Israel's spiritual past. That remnant offered evidence of God's faithfulness and a pledge of hope for Israel's future. Recall 9:27 (quoting Isa. 10:22).

Proof: ***At the present time, God is also preserving a remnant. 5-10***

Just as in Elijah's day there remains a remnant now. The reason = *chosen by grace* and not by good works/goodness, as seen in 9:6-29.

Israel's continued special place is not due to any merit. It's all God!

Hardening recalls 9:17,18, (quoting Dt. 29:4, Isa. 29:10, Ps. 69:22,23).

Only the *chosen* (9:11, 11:28) got it (= *righteousness*, see 9:30,31).

Most of Israel missed *it* and = *hardened*, Matt.13:14,15, Acts 28:24-27.

What should God's continued faithfulness to keep Israel as His people mean for you and me?

