

## **God's Wise Plan**

Romans 11

### **Has God Rejected His People? No Way!**

11:1-10

Paul is an illustration of this truth since he is an Israelite declared righteous by God's grace. Elijah's story is an example of a small group of Jews always remaining faithful to God. Even today, there is a remnant of Jewish believers chosen by grace and not by merit. The majority of Israelites had callused hearts that were insensitive to the truth of Jesus.

*As believers in Jesus, pay \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word so your heart does not become hardened.*

### **Has Israel Fallen Beyond Recovery? No Way!**

11:11-24

When Israel rejected Jesus, the good news of salvation was sent to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were always included in God's plan and promise of salvation. God used the Gentiles to assure the future restoration of Israel. Paul uses two analogies for God's certain restoration of Israel.

- If the first fruit is holy, then the whole harvest is holy.
- If the root of the olive tree is holy, then the branches are holy.

Believing Jews will one day be grafted in again to the flourishing olive tree.

*As believers, let your life of faith in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ others to believe in Jesus.*

### **Is Israel's Future Restoration Assured? Yes!**

11:25-32

When the full number of believing Gentiles come into God's Kingdom, then Israel will be saved. The Jews rejected the gospel message, and the Gentiles benefited by their rejection of it. God's promise to Israel's patriarchs assures God will keep His promise of salvation for Israel. God's mercy is for all sinners, and we are all sinners!

*As believers in Jesus saved by God's mercy and grace, be \_\_\_\_\_, grateful, and never arrogant.*

### **A Hymn of Praise for God's Wise Plan**

11:33-36

No one can fully understand the rich, unfathomable wisdom of God's plans.

*As believers in Jesus, count on the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ keep His promises!*

\_\_\_\_\_ *God's wise and good plan for you!*

Key: attention, lead, humble, faithfully, Trust

**Boundless Grace – Romans 11**

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**GENESIS 12:3** “I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**JEREMIAH 31:35-36** Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD of hosts is his name: “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.”

**JOHN 1:11-12** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

**ISAIAH 49:6b** “I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

**ISAIAH 52:10** The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**LUKE 2:32** “... a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

**ACTS 15:14** Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name.

**ROMANS 3:23** ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...