

ISRAEL'S REJECTION REJECTED

ROMANS 11:1-10

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “In this chapter Paul concerns himself with the question of whether God has given up on Israel. It was a natural question because much of the nation was spiritually lost in Old Testament times, and likewise the bulk of the nation rejected the Messiah when he came.” R. Kent Hughes, Romans: Righteousness from Heaven. p. 193.

CONSIDER Paul, our Jewish messenger of good news from the Lord Jesus Christ. He like the other apostles, who were all Jews, was given the task of forming the early church. If you are a believer, much of God's instruction to you came through Jewish vessels. **(Romans 11:1, fn 11:1ff, Romans 1:1, fn 1:1[2nd], Jeremiah 31:35-37, fn 31:35-37, Philippians 3:4-6, fn 3:4-6, Romans 9:1-5, fn 9:4)** *As a believer, why is your Jewish heritage important?*

REMEMBER the remnant. “The word ‘remnant’ is *limma*, the verb form of which is *leipo*, ‘to leave’. Thus, a remnant is that which is left.” Kenneth S. Wuest, Word Studies in the New Testament, Volume I (Romans), p. 189. “God's grace means that those who become His people owe nothing to their own accomplishments or works and owe everything to God.” Douglas J. Moo, Encountering the Book of Romans, p.151. **(Romans 11:2-6, fn 11:2[2nd], fn 11:6, Romans 9:27-29, fn 9:27-29, Romans 4:4, 5, fn 4:4, Ephesians 2:3-9, fn 2:3, fn 2:8, 9)** *How do you owe everything to God for your salvation?*

RECALL God's divine activity in salvation. In His sovereignty God saves the elect but gives the others over to the hardening of their hearts. “Israel rejected God and His Word, and the more it did so the harder its heart became. Light rejected blinds...as if first they would not, and then, in God's reaction against their sin, they could not.” Kenneth S. Wuest, Word Studies in the New Testament, Volume I (Romans), p.190. **(Romans 11:7-10, fn 11:7, fn 11:8-10, Romans 11:25, Isaiah 6:9-13, fn 6:9-13, II Corinthians 3:13-18, fn 3:13-18, II Corinthians 6:1, 2, fn 6:2)** *How is unbelief dangerous?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.