

Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem!
Romans 11:1-10

The Context: Has The Word of God (to save the Jews) failed? Rom 9:1-5

1. Ans. #1: No, God Never Determined To Save All Jews. Rom 9:6-24
2. Ans. #2: No, God Never Said He'd Save All Jews. Rom 9:23-33
3. Ans. #3: The Jews Failure To Believe Was Their Own Fault. Rom 10:1-21

ANSWER #4: God's Rejection Of The Jews Is Only Partial. Rom 11:1-10

Proofs That God Has Not Totally Rejected The Jews. Romans 11:1-6

1. Question #1: Did God reject His people? NO! *Not totally*. Vs 1a
2. Proof that His rejection is only *partial*. Vs 1b-6
 - ◆ Personal: God saved *Paul* -- He is a Jew
 - ◆ Theological: God won't reject Jews whom He *foreknew* -- IE Those He chose. Jer 33:19ff
 - ◆ Historical: God has sovereignly *preserved a remnant* even in the worst of times -- E.G. The 7000 in Elijah's day. I Ki 19:1-18
 - ◆ Contemporary: God has a *remnant* whom He has *presently* chosen -- by grace!

Paul's Evaluation of The Jew's Spiritual State: Then & Now. Romans 11:7-10

1. Israel failed to obtain the righteousness it sought through works.
 - ◆ But those chosen out of Israel (Lit. *the election*) did obtain it by grace.
 - ◆ The rest of Israel was, and continues to be, hardened.
2. God foretold of this partial hardening in Deut 29:4 & Psm 69:22,23

Those hardened (given over)	Those chosen (drawn by God)
Given a spirit of stupor (sleep)	Made alive by the Spirit. Jn 5:21; Eph 2:4,5
Eyes & ears darkened	Enabled to understand. Gal 1:15,16; Acts 16:14
Ensnared by their table (system of religion)	Set free from previous bias & brought to Christ II Tim 1:19; 2:24,25; Jn 6:44
Encumbered forever	Unencumbered forever through Christ Mt 11:28ff; Isa 55:1-3,6-7,12.

Application.

1. Beware of Anti-Semitism: If God has not totally rejected Israel, neither should we.
2. Realize the Bible is true: No person could have guessed the history of Israel
3. Stand In Awe of God's Sovereignty: He rules over every part of history!!
4. Rejoice that you are saved: God's Grace broke through your:
 - ◆ fallen place in Adam
 - ◆ personal sin & rebellion against God
 - ◆ separation from God as a Gentile
5. Come To Christ Today: Do not harden your hearts when He calls, lest He give *you* over.