

God's Sovereign Plan for Israel's Salvation: Part 2

Romans 11:7-12 (p. #946-947 in pew Bible)

Big Idea: *God has not rejected the nation of Israel.*

I. Three straightforward, supportive statements (11:7)

#1 Israel (as a nation) failed to obtain what **it** was seeking.
(9:30-33; 10:1-5)

#2 However, God's elect did obtain **it (His righteousness)!**

#3 Israel (as a nation) is currently and temporarily **hardened by God** against the Gospel of Christ.

II. Three supportive, Old Testament Scripture passages (11:8-10)

#1 **Isaiah 29:10** (The Prophets)

#2 **Deuteronomy 29:4** (The Law)

#3 **Psalm 69:22-23** (The "Writings") – *Matthew 13:10-23*

III. Three important, transitional statements (11:11-12)

#1 Although Israel has trespassed and stumbled over Christ, **Israel will not stumble forever!**

#2 Although Israel has trespassed and stumbled over Christ, God has sovereignly used **Israel's temporary rejection of Christ** to bring His Gospel to the Gentiles (nations)!

#3 God's **promised, future, and full salvation of Israel will gloriously eclipse** their current hardening of heart and temporary spiritual blindness through unbelief.

Implications

1. Christians must not count Israel out **spiritually!**
2. Christians must not count Israel out **prophetically!**
3. Christians must not count Israel out **evangelistically!**
4. Christians must not despise, replace, or reject Israel **theologically!**

Application

1. **Thank God** for including you (as a Gentile) into His free gift of eternal salvation by faith in Christ.
2. **Rejoice in God's work of election unto salvation** rather than rejecting it or debating its straightforward, doxological truths.
3. **Humble yourself** before Go instead of arrogantly ignoring or rejecting His free gift of salvation.
4. **Trust in Christ alone for salvation today**—we are never guaranteed a tomorrow here on Earth.
5. **Fear God** and **be in awe of His glory** as seen through His perfect, foreknown, and sovereign plan for the salvation of Jews and Gentiles.

In your heart, are you rejecting God or drawing near to God by faith in Christ? *(We are either doing one or the other.)*