

Adult Christianity: Four Case Studies in Knowing God More Deeply –Romans 9-11 – Week Four
Israel: A Case Study in God's Sovereignty over History
Romans 11:1-32

Introduction: In Romans 9-11, Paul answers an implied question, "Has God rejected Israel?" In these chapters, Paul gives a three-fold answer. In the past God, chose Israel through election (Ch. 9). In the present, Israel is in a state of unbelief (Ch. 10), because they pursue a works salvation. But in the future, God's Messiah will return, and Israel, as a national entity, will be saved. Chapter 11 provides us with a case study in God's sovereignty over history.

1. PRESENT – God has not cast away his chosen nation, Israel, because individual Jews are still coming to Christ! *Romans 11:1-10*

- A. Opening question: Has God cast away his people? 11:1a
- B. Examples: Paul provides two examples of God preserving a remnant. 11:1b-6
- C. Closing question: What about those not part of the remnant? The concept of hardening. 11:7-10

2. NEAR FUTURE – God is using Israel's present rejection of Christ to allow the rest of the world to come to faith. *Romans 11:11-25a*

- A. Question: Paul asks if Israel has stumbled beyond recovery. 11:11a
- B. Answer: Paul demonstrates why Israel has not stumbled beyond recovery. 11:11-16
- C. Application: The attitude we should have. We should not be arrogant against the Jews. 11:17-25a

3. FAR FUTURE – God will reestablish his work with Israel. *Romans 11:25-32*

- A. At a point, yet future, Israel as a national entity will be spiritually saved. 11:26 (v. 25b-27)
- B. So how should we think about Israel until that time? 11:28-29
- C. What's the main theme in God's sovereignty: God desires to have mercy on all. 11:30-32