

Romans ch 11

Grace in Rom 11 x 20 verses in Rom

ch 1 x2 ch 3 x1 ch 4 x2 ch 5 x5 ch 6 x3 ch 11x2 ch 12 x2 ch 15 x1 ch 16 x2

See Ro 11:5 the election of **grace**. Ro 11:6 *And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise **grace** is no more grace.*

Mercy in Rom x 9 verses in Romans ch 9 x4 ch 11 x3 ch 12 x1 ch 15 x1

Ro 11:30 *yet have now obtained **mercy** through their unbelief: Ro 11:31 through your **mercy** they also may obtain **mercy**.*

Ro 11:32 *that he might have **mercy** upon all.*

Faith in Rom x 34 verses ch1 x4 ch 3 x7 ch 4 x9 ch 5 x2 ch 9 x 2 ch 10 x3 ch 11 x1 ch 12 x 2 ch 14 x3 ch 16 x1

v 1-10	Present Remnant Of Grace		
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v1-10 Present Remnant Of Grace

v1 – 2(a) God Has Not Cast Away His People

Abraham, The promises of God were given to him

Benjamen, Saved from annihilation. Judges 21

Question:- Hath God cast away his people?

Replies:- v2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew.

Three reasons in chapter

- 1) **v1 – 10** Paul himself is an Israelite. A remnant v1 *For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.*
- 2) **v11 – 24** God will yet show mercy to Israel v23 *And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.*
- 3) **v 25 – 36** God has promised a deliver v26 *And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

Romans 11v2(b) – v5 There Is A Remnant According To The Election Of Grace.

Ref:- [1Kings 18.4] [1Kings 19.18] Note:- *JND “I have left to myself”

Schofield:- Remnant, Summary: *In the history of Israel, a "remnant" may be discerned, a spiritual Israel within the national Israel.*

In Elijah's time 7,000 had not bowed the knee to Baal 1 Kings 19:18 .

In Isaiah's time it was the "very small remnant" for whose sake God still forbore to destroy the nation Isaiah 1:9 .

During the captivities the remnant appears in Jews like Ezekiel, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Esther, and Mordecai.

At the end of the 70 years of Babylonian captivity it was the remnant which returned under Ezra and Nehemiah.

*At the advent of our Lord, John the Baptist, Simeon, Anna, and "them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem" **Luke 2:38** were the remnant.*

*During the church-age the remnant is composed of believing Jews **Romans 11:4 Romans 11:5**.*

But the chief interest in the remnant is prophetic.

*During the great tribulation a remnant out of all Israel will turn to Jesus as Messiah, and will become His witnesses after the removal of the church **Revelation 7:3-8**. Some of these will undergo martyrdom **Revelation 6:9-11** some will be spared to enter the millennial kingdom **Zechariah 12:6-13:9**.*

Many of the Psalms express, prophetically, the joys and sorrows of the tribulation remnant.

Romans Ch 11 v6 – 10 Israel Blinded

v6 Grace And Works

Grace is shown to the Jews in v5 “*at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.*”

Grace is shown to the Gentiles in v11 “*salvation is come unto the Gentiles*”

Mercy will be shown to the Gentiles in v30 *For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:*

Mercy will be shown to Israel in v31 *Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.*

Mercy is universal in v32 *For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.*

Note:- Although the provision of mercy is universal, the ground is still faith, belief, trust in the Word of God

v7 – 10 Election

Ref:- [Deut 29.4] [Isa 29.10] ref v10[Ps 69. 22-23] see LXXE

Note:- v7 The election will be the remnant of v5

The rest were blinded, cp Pharaoh in ch 9.18

*Note :- v9 Vine:- **Table stands by metathesis for that which is associated with it. It is here symbolical of the special privilege granted to Israel and centering in Christ.***

Note:- v10 The bowed back speaks of weakness and decrepitude

v11 – 36 Promise Of Israels Future Restoration

v11-12 Salvation Is Come Unto The Gentiles

Paul has asked another question. “have they stumbled that they should fall”. God forbid!

The thought of falling is an irremedial fall, there is a finality to it, not so here, but the great purpose of God in bringing the Gentiles in, is to provoke Israel to jealousy with the purpose of complete restoration as a nation. And in the final stage universal blessing.

Note:-

v11 The fall of Israel has resulted in salvation coming to the Gentiles

v15 The restoration of Israel will result is a world wide blessing, “life from the dead”.

v31 Mercy shown to the Gentiles will be seen in mercy to Israel

Note:- v11 Gentiles come into blessing by the mercy of God

Note:- v12 Fulness (4138) plhrwma pleroma *play'-ro-mah* AV-fulness 13, full 1, fulfilling 1,

which is put in to fill up 1, pierce that filled up 1; 17 1) that which is (has been) filled 2b)
completeness or fullness of time

The comparison is made between the current blessing to the Gentiles through their fall and the ultimate blessing through their restoration

See plhrwma in Ro 13:10 love is the fulfilling <4138> of the law. And Ro 15:29 I shall come in the fulness <4138> of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

v13 – v15 The Apostle To The Gentiles

v15 Casting away:- apobole exclusion of the nation from its position of favour.

The Scope of reconciliation is the whole world

The Instrument is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

“Life from the dead?” cp v26 And so all Israel shall be saved: cp Ezek 37 11- 14

v16 – 18 The Firstfruits and The Olive Tree

Notes:- v16 see Num 15.21 Cp Neh 10.37

Principle Part Num 18.12 cp Prov 3. 9-10

Earliest Ripe Crop Or Fruit Exod 23.16 Neh 10.35 **See Together In Exod 23.19**

Abraham would be the firstfruit and the root. In Him was the promises of God

Note:- v17 Branches broken off speak of Israel or unbelieving Jews. Note it was **SOME** of the branches and not the root.

Note :- v18 Salvation was of the Jews Jn 4.22 “The root has not changed, blessing to the Gentiles is still through Abraham and his offering that Gods mercy has come to the Gentiles” [Vine]

Larkin:- “These three trees are particularly fit symbols of Israel, for in Palestine the “Vine,” the “Fig-tree,” and the “Olive,” stand for the fruitfulness of the land. And the “Vine” and “Fig-tree” prefigure the Millennial days when every man shall sit under his own “Vine” and “Fig-tree.” Micah 4:3-4. When Jacob (Israel) was about to die he summoned his sons, and prophesied their future. Of Judah he said that his portion of Canaan should be so full of vineyards that asses should be tethered to the vines, and that the juice should be so plentiful that they would wash their clothes in it as in water. Gen. 49:9-12. “

THE VINE is a symbol of Israel's **Spiritual** privileges.

THE FIG-TREE is a symbol of Israel's **National** privileges.

THE OLIVE TREE is a symbol of Israel's **Religious** privileges.

v19 -22 Warning To The Gentiles

Note contrast [goodness and severity]

Cp Rom 3.27 Salvation to the Gentiles was on the condition of faith and boasting had no place

Warning given to Gentile believers to continue in the path of faith and not think too highly of their position in favour with God.

v23 -24 The Grafting In Of Israel

[See Jer 11. 16-17] Note on v 23 cp v1 **hath God cast off his people.?** v23 “God is able to graff them in again “ Paul is teaching them that God can restore the nation through their belief in Him

v25 –The Mystery

A mystery in the NT is the hidden counsels of God revealed to His own.
There are 27 verses in the NT with the expression 'mystery' in them 5 are in the plural
Among them we have :- Col 2.2 the mystery of God . Eph 3.4 the mystery of Christ
Eph 6.19 the mystery of the gospel: 1Tim 3.9 The mystery of the faith
The word is also used in *Ro 16:25*

Fulness Of The Gentiles speaks of that time when the last Gentile shall be saved. This is speaking of Gentiles and not Jews so it is not exactly the church he has in mind, but singularly the Gentiles.
This should be distinguished from **The Times Of The Gentiles** in Luke 21 which will be when the Lord comes in His mighty power at the beginning of His millennial reign Dan 2.34 Zech 14.3 Rev 19. 11-21

v26 – 27 All Israel Saved

cp [Isa 59. 20-21 Isa 27.9] See Ps 14.7 53.6 110.2 Joel 2.32 Joel 3.16 Zech 14.4]
It should be noted that God is dealing with Israel as a nation rather than as Individuals.
However according to Zech 13 all those going into the millenium will be saved.

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Summary: Israel, so named from the grandson of Abraham, was chosen for a fourfold mission:

(1) *To witness to the unity of God in the midst of universal idolatry*

Deuteronomy 6:4 ; Isaiah 43:10 Isaiah 43:12

(2) *to illustrate to the nations the blessedness of serving the true God*

Deuteronomy 33:26-29 ; 1 Chronicles 17:20 1 Chronicles 17:21 ; Psalms 144:15 (3) To receive, preserve, and transmit the Scripture Deuteronomy 4:5-8 ;

Romans 3:1 Romans 3:2 .

(4) *To produce, as to His humanity, the Messiah Genesis 3:15 ; 12:3 ; 22:18 ; 28:10-14 ; 49:10 ; 2 Samuel 7:12-16 ; Isaiah 7:14 ; 9:6 ; Matthew 1:1 ; Romans 1:3 .*

According to the prophets, Israel, regathered from all nations, restored to her own land and converted, is yet to have her greatest earthly exaltation and glory.

Deliverer . The delivering one. see 1Thess 1.10 In the Hebrew the word is goel, kinsman, redeemer, avenger.

Vine:- Hebrew lit is There shall come a redeemer for Zion, and for them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.

v27 cp [Jer 31. 33-34] [Isa 27.9] Heb 8. 8-12 Heb 10v16

“*This is my covenant*” is from **Isa 59.21** see also **Jer 31.33 -34** Cp **Heb 8. 8** **Heb 10. 16**

v28 The love of God

v29 The immutability of God

v30-32 The mercy of God

v28 – 29 Beloved For The Fathers' Sakes.

v28 for your sakes , on account of you

The election, see v5 and v7 the remnant this is a spitual remnant of Israel

For the fathers sake, sig the promises made by God to the fathers

v29 Gods immutability

Gifts:- priveledges listed in ch 9 v4-5

Calling:- is the relationship God has brought israel into with Himself

v30 – 32 Provision Of Mercy Upon All

v30 Gentiles in unbelief; Israel in unbelief; Gentiles shown mercy.

v31 Israel in unbelief ; Gentiles shown mercy; Jews obtain mercy.

v32 cp ch 3 whole world guilty before God

Jew and Gentile in unbelief

Jew and Gentile objects of Gods mercy

v33 – 36 The Wisdom And Knowledge Of God

cp[Isa 40.13]

v33 The Omnipotent God

v34 -35 The Independant God

v36 The Creatorial God

Vine:- Five couplets set out antithetically or crosswise

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| a) v33 depth | v36 of him and through Him and to Him are all things |
| b) v33 riches | v35 who hath first given to Him |
| c) v33 wisdom | v34 counsellor |
| d) v33 knowledge | v34 mind of the Lord |
| e) v33 judgements unsearchable | v33 ways past finding out |

Knowledge relates to apprehension of facts

Wisdom to the matters connected with them, a practical application of the facts

past finding out eph 3.8

Note:- v33 The ways of the Lord are the outworkings of his judgements Vine see Deut 32.4

v34 the mind of the Lord his judgements

Counsellor relates to His ways Isa 40.13 cp Jer 23.18

v35 Justification is of faith and there is no merit accorded anyone

v36 Of him or really from him

Cp 1Cor 8.6 v36 cont cp Col 1.15