# Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



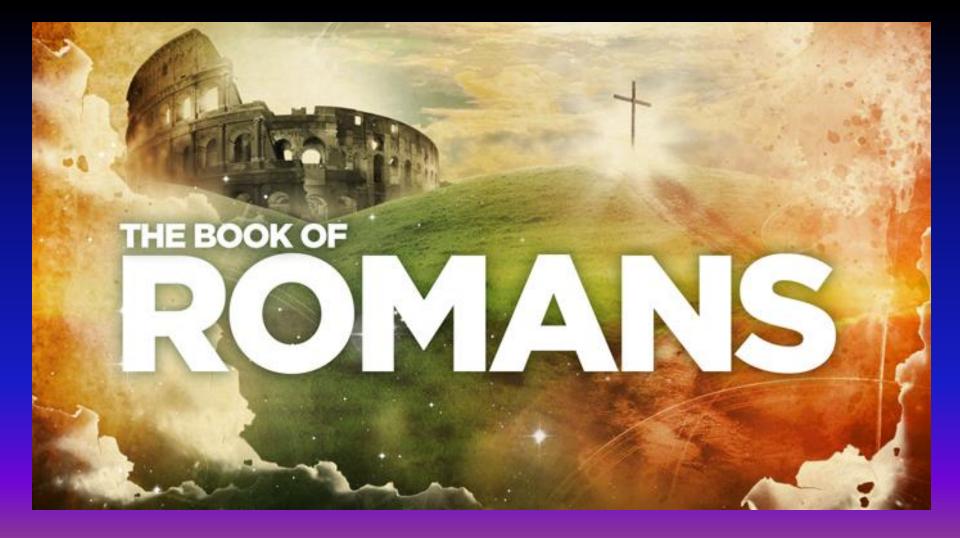
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# Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →



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- 1. Romans 1 thru 8 → The Gospel in all its dimensions
- 2. Romans 9 thru 11 -> Israel and the Gospel
- 3. Romans 12 thru 16 → How we are to live out the Gospel is our lives

- Last week we found: God has NOT ABANDONED ISRAEL ROMANS 10:19-21
- But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says:
- "I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation."
- <sup>20</sup> But Isaiah is very bold and says:
- "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me."
- <sup>21</sup> But to Israel he says:
- "ALL DAY LONG I have STRETCHED OUT My hands to a DISOBEDIENT and contrary people."

Last week we found: God has **NOT** ABANDONED ISRAEL ROMANS 11:1-2

I say then, has God cast away (i.e. abandoned) His people? CERTAINLY NOT! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has NOT cast away His people whom He foreknew.

God, in Romans 11:1-15 explains that He is Sovereign and that He will Preserve Israel unto her Day of Salvation ... And that He is still AIMING at Reaching More Descendants of Israel even today (let's watch this Video)

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Jewish Mike Cohen tried wrapping leather straps on his arm in order to find God, but all he found was guilt. He kept using Judaism as a kryptonite to keep Jesus away. Until one day he realized that Jesus is real – the Messiah of Israel → <a href="https://youtu.be/TDJel52-Uzg">https://youtu.be/TDJel52-Uzg</a>

- All that Paul has been teaching up to this point and explaining about Israel in chapters 9 thru 11 comes down to this
- Don't Become Arrogant or Boast against the original branches of the Olive Tree ...
- 1. Gentiles (branched from wild olive trees) have been GRAFTED into the Domesticated Olive Tree (illustration) -<sup>16</sup> For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. <sup>17</sup> And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup> DO NOT BOAST AGAINST THE BRANCHES. But if you do boast, REMEMBER THAT YOU DO NOT SUPPORT THE ROOT, BUT THE ROOT SUPPORTS YOU.

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  - Israel is Holy -> FirstFruit, the Lump, the Branches ...
  - Israel, as a nation, her Branches were broken off because of their National Unbelief in Jesus Christ (rejection)
  - Gentiles are, Only, Grafted into the Olive Tree Because of Faith in Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior Gentile are like Wild Olive Tree Branches being grafted into the Domestic (High Quality) Olive Tree...

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  - the Domestic (High Quality) Olive Tree
    Represents God's Covenants, His Word, His Faithfulness,
    Relationship with God, His Blessing, His Salvation,
    the Heritage of God's Love, Peace, Hope, & Joy,
    His Provision, His Protection, Future Eternal Forever LIFE
    (FYI Jerusalem → "Heritage of Peace")
- Gentiles, outside of Christ, have no real Heritage with God, with His Covenants, etc... They Gain this, Only, IN CHRIST

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SUPPORT? Jesus Christ, Himself, His Spirit, God the Father, His Holy Word ... God Himself and His Word supports the Branches ... the Heritage of God ... The History of Israel in the Old Testament, etc.

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- Rejecting the SUPPORT? If we reject God's Heritage as seen in His Word, in His Chosen People, Israel and treat Israelis/Jews with Contempt there are consequences ... the Roman Catholic Church IGNORED the warning of Romans 11 and persecuted and slaughtered many Jews over the years. HITLER used RC writings and those of Martin Luther to justify their slaughter of Jews. There are consequences for mistreating God's Chosen People.

3. BELIEF or UNBELIEF – determines if a "Nation", People Group and/or a Tribe is Grafted into "God's Olive Tree" 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." 20 Well said. Because of UNBELIEF they (Israel) were broken off, and YOU STAND BY FAITH. DO NOT BE HAUGHTY, BUT FEAR. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He MAY not spare you either. <sup>22</sup> Therefore consider the GOODNESS and SEVERITY of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be CUT OFF. 23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

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HUMILITY ... the FEAR of the LORD ...
The FOCUS is on NATIONS – NOT individuals ...
Israel's Branches broken off for Rejecting Jesus Christ, as a NATION
When Gentile Peoples groups trust in Christ their branches are added

ACTION: Pray for our Nation, pray for other "Christian" nations to stay in Christ, in His Word, Trusting in God. We must Saturate our Culture with God's Word, with the Gospel of Christ so that the NEXT generations will Follow Christ - OR our National Branches are GONE





4. Prophetically – Paul is being a Prophet of God in this Passage ... pointing to a day when ALL of Israel will be saved ... <sup>28</sup> Concerning the GOSPEL they are enemies for your sake, but concerning THE ELECTION they are BELOVED for the SAKE OF THE FATHERS. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have NOW obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that THROUGH THE MERCY SHOWN YOU they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might HAVE MERCY ON ALL.

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- of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!
- <sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?"
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#### Why does this matter to us?

God Opposes the PROUD, but He Gives Grace to the Humble.

(James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5)

# Arrogance is the Opposite of Humility. We need an Attitude of Gratitude.

Paul focuses these entire 3 chapters on helping us, Gentiles, stay HUMBLE ... regarding God's Relationship with Israel and how God has showered His Grace on us, Gentiles.

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God is going to use the Massive Impact of the Gospel to the Gentiles over the last 2000 years, or so, to Impact and Influence Israel to be Saved as a Nation ... through what God has done through the Gentiles that are Saved in Christ . . .

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- <sup>25</sup> For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES has come in. <sup>26</sup> AND SO ALL ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED

After the Fullness of the Gentiles occurs – the church's Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) – the reaping of the Harvest via the Gospel of Christ... God will Focus, again, on Israel ... see Revelation 7 and onward – during the 7 year tribulation

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Zechariah 12:10-11 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of Grace and Supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his Only Son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. <sup>11</sup> In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem . . . "

That will be the DAY when they realize that Jesus of Nazareth, 2000 years ago actually was their Messiah – Their Branches will be added again... and as a Nation they will be SAVED – it will be like "LIFE from the DEAD"

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?" <sup>36</sup> For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Paul ends this section in Romans with HUMBLE WORSHIP and so shall we ...

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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