

# **The Future of the Jews - Part 3**

Sermon 44 in the Romans Series

## **Romans 11:11-24**

The Bible speaks often of Israel in a historical context. But any O.T. prophecy that speaks of the glory a future nation of Israel **and** uses the language of the Mosaic system, must be taken as figurative and spiritualized. God will never go back to the OT system of worship. Any NT reference to the people of God should be interpreted as the church instead of national Israel, unless the context makes it clear the nation is in view.

### **I. Godly Jealousy Romans 11:11-15**

#### **A. What did God purpose in their stumbling?**

1. To fully open the door of salvation to all Gentiles.
2. To provoke the Jews to jealousy, when they see the Gentiles inheriting gospel promises and they would come to faith.
  - 1) The transgression (rejection of Christ and the gospel) by the Jews has led to the justification of the Gentiles.
  - 2) The salvation of the Gentiles will cause the Jews to envy.
  - 3) That envy of the Jews will lead them to the promised New Covenant blessings by faith (like Abraham) through Jesus Christ (and not works).

#### **B. Failure contrasted with fullness. (see Acts 28)**

### **II. Beware of Sinful Pride 11:16-24**

#### **A. One Olive Tree with natural and grafted branches v. 16-17**

#### **B. A Solemn warning v. 18-21**

#### **C. The goodness and severity of God. V. 22-24**

1. The Jews who refused to believe receive God's wrath.
2. Gentile believers are grafted into blessings and promises of God.
3. Just as Gentiles (once strangers) have been grafted in – God is able to graft believing Israel back to the tree once again (by faith in Christ).

## **Final Applications**