

GOD'S WAYS WITH ISRAEL

Romans 11

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR ISRAEL AND WE CAN TRUST HIS WAYS.

I. PRESERVING GRACIOUSLY (1-6)

A. GOD DOES NOT REJECT HIS PEOPLE (1-2a)

1. Ones like Paul demonstrate this (1)
2. Ones God foreknows show this (2a)

B. GOD SURPRISES HIS PROPHET (2b-4)

1. Elijah believes he's the only one left (2b-3) [see the account in I Kings 19]
2. God informs him there's still 7,000!

C. GOD CHOOSES A REMNANT (5-6)

1. God always, at any time, has a remnant (5a) > See Rom. 9:27
2. That remnant is saved by grace and not works (5b-6)

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II. CREATING JEALOUSY (7-16)

A. BY HARDENING THE JEWS ... (7-10)

1. Disappointment (7a)
2. Deliverance (7b)
3. Deadness (7c-10)
 - a. Most were hardened - See John 1:11
 - b. "Hardening is a divine judgement arising out of unbelief" [Alan Johnson, "Romans," Vol. 2, p. 51]

B. AND SAVING THE GENTILES ... (11-16)

1. Making the Jews jealous (11) > See 10:19
 - Wishing they had what the Gentiles had
2. Making Paul motivated (13-14)
 - To reach more Gentiles and thereby move his countrymen to jealousy
3. Making Israel's future exciting! (12, 15-16)

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III. **PRUNING PURPOSEFULLY** (17-24)

A. GOD'S WORK (17, 21-24)

1. Providing unnatural grafts (17)
2. Being favorable to followers (22)
3. Re-grafting formerly removed branches (23-24)

B. GENTILES WARNED (18-21)

1. Avoid arrogance (18)
2. Be fearful (19-21) > God can break what He binds

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IV. **SAVING COMPLETELY** (25-32)

A. BY LIMITING THE DURATION OF ISRAEL'S HARDNESS (25-27)

1. Their hardening is partial and purposeful (25)
 - a. Partial: See Is. 59:9-21 [esp. 20-21] and Zech. 12:10
 - b. Purposeful: So that Gentiles will be saved
2. Their salvation is assured (26-27)
 - a. God will keep His promise!
 - b. Prophesied in Zech. 12:10; 13:1-2 along Is. 59:20-21
 - c. Culminated in Rev. 12:13-17

B. BY SHOWING THEM MERCY (28-32)

1. God's Perspective (28)
 - The Jews are loved for the sake of their forefathers
2. God's Faithfulness (29)
 - He doesn't renege on His grace!
3. God's Condemnation (30-32)
 - a. Judging all so that He can save all
 - b. All are lost but all are also save-able

V. **IMPRESSING DEEPLY** (33-36)

- "Theology becomes doxology" [Warren Wiersbe, "Be Right: Romans," p. 134]

A. UNFATHOMABLE WAYS (33-34)

1. His thoughts are not our thoughts - Isaiah 55:8-9
2. God has a comprehensive view of all things and perceives the details which enable Him to adapt His love - See Job 35:7 and Isaiah 40:13

B. UNDENIABLE GRACE (35)

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C. UNENDING PRAISE (36)

- God gives us enough of a glimpse of His plans to elicit our praise!

CONCLUSION:**GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY!*****We can trust a God who ...***

1. Preserves (1-6)
2. Cares (7-16)
3. Prunes (17-24)
4. Saves (25-32)
5. Impresses (33-36)

We can trust ...

1. God's mercy - Romans 9
2. God's salvation - Romans 10
3. God's ways - Romans 11

**Let us remember and rejoice in a God whose plans
are perfect and whose traits are trustworthy**