

Episode - Romans 11

Israel's National Destiny

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Romans 11:1 (NASB)

Sinai Covenant was National

Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

Exodus 17:5-6 (NASB)

Speaking of Israel Nationally

And you [God] established for yourself
your people Israel to be your people
forever. And you, O Lord, became their
God.

2 Samuel 7:24 (ESV)

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A remnant who believe

- ◆ Compares this to the remnant of 7,000 in the time of Elijah
- ◆ So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Romans 11:5-6 (ESV)

- ◆ This seems to be those Jews who believe in Jesus.

Two Groups - the elect and the rest

What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

Romans 11:7 (ESV)

Blindness is part of God's Plan

- ◆ as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day. Romans 11:8 (ESV)
- ◆ Quoted from Isaiah 29:10. Read that chapter. It fits.

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- ◆ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

Romans 11:11 (ESV)

- ◆ We Gentiles should be doing our job and make Israel jealous of our relationship with the LORD. Be in relationship with them.

Gentiles are to make Israel Jealous

They made me jealous by what is no god
and angered me with their worthless idols. I
will make them envious by those who are
not a people; I will make them angry by a
nation that has no understanding.

Deuteronomy 32:21 (NIV)

Israel will be included

Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Romans 11:12 (ESV)

Israel will be judged then redeemed

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for *your* sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which *you* have profaned among the nations to which *you* came.

Ezekiel 36:22 (ESV)

Israel will be judged then redeemed

And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

Ezekiel 36:23 (ESV)

Israel will be judged then redeemed

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I

will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

Ezekiel 36:24-25 (ESV)

Israel will be judged then redeemed

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (ESV)

Nation redeemed and restored

You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden'...

Ezekiel 36:28, 35a (ESV)

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of
Israel and the house of Judah, not like the
covenant that I made with their fathers on the day
when I took them by the hand to bring them out of
the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke,
though I was their husband, declares the LORD .

Jeremiah 31:31-32

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord : I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord ,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD . For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:33-34

The New Covenant

- ◆ From God to man... for His glory... not by their works
- ◆ For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
- ◆ Their sins will be forgiven
- ◆ They will have His spirit and a new heart that wants to keep God's law
- ◆ They will all be brought back from captivity and the land blessed
- ◆ This comes to pass in the Kingdom of God

Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and a the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD of hosts is his name: "If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever."

Jeremiah 31:35-36

Israel will be judged then redeemed

For I am with you to save you, declares the Lord; I will make a full end of all the nations among whom I scattered you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished.

Jeremiah 30:11 (ESV)

Speaking to Gentiles

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

Romans 11:13-14 (ESV)

Saved or Unsaved Gentiles?

Gentiles Individually or collectively?



Get "To Whom" Correct

- ◆ · Individual believers
- ◆ · Body of Christ collectively (the fig tree?)
- ◆ · Gentile believers as a group
- ◆ · Gentile believers as individuals
- ◆ · Jewish believers as individuals
- ◆ · Jewish nation who rejects Jesus as Messiah

Speaking to Saved Gentiles

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,

Romans 11:17 (ESV)

Saved Gentiles in Christ's Body

This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:6 (ESV)

Speaking to Saved Gentiles

do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

Romans 11:18-19 (ESV)

Faith is the Key

That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.

Romans 11:20 (ESV)

How to be saved

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10 (ESV)

What does “cut off” mean?

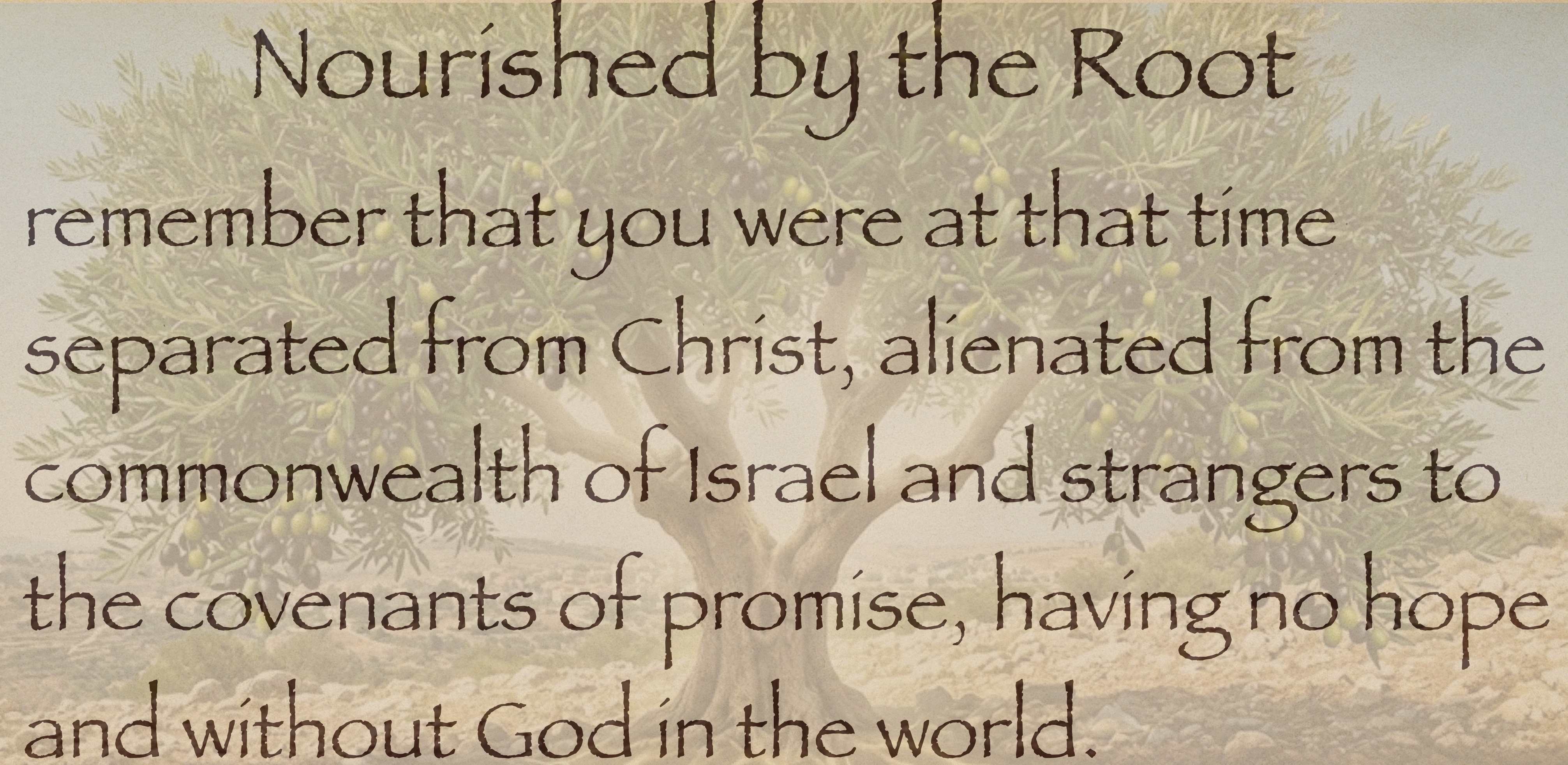
For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.

Romans 11:21-22 (ESV)

Nourished by the Root

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

Ephesians 2:11 (ESV)



Nourished by the Root
remember that you were at that time
separated from Christ, alienated from the
commonwealth of Israel and strangers to
the covenants of promise, having no hope
and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12 (ESV)

Nourished by the Root

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

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Jeremiah 31:35-36

Danger of Antisemitism

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 12:2-3 (ESV)

Israel is at the center of prophecy

The oracle of the word of the Lord concerning Israel:
Thus declares the Lord, who stretched out the heavens
and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man
within him: Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup
of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege
of Jerusalem will also be against Judah.

Zechariah 12:1-2 (ESV)

At the center of prophecy

On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it... And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zechariah 12:3, 9 (ESV)

Israel grafted back into the tree

And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Romans 11:23-24 (ESV)

Temporary Partial Hardening

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved,

Romans 11:25-26a (ESV)

Temporary Partial Hardening

as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob; and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

Romans 11:26b - 27 (ESV)

Israel's calling is irrevocable

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Romans 11:28-29 (ESV)

Conclusions

- ◆ Romans 11 is magnificently bringing in a major plot stream of the whole of scripture into this mysterious question. Their current blindness and rejection of Messiah is in God's plan until the fullness of the Gentiles come in.
- ◆ Individual Jews or Gentiles can be saved into the Body of Christ.
- ◆ There has always been a national aspect to God's dealings with Israel.
- ◆ Saved Jews and Gentiles are symbolized by this olive tree nourished on the roots of God's covenant relationships and promises.

Conclusions

- ◆ Gentiles should not consider themselves better or reject the Jews, even if they are enemies now.
- ◆ Part of the PLAN is for Gentiles to provoke Israel to jealousy.
- ◆ They will turn to the Lord, have His spirit and a new heart that wants to keep God's law
- ◆ This ultimately comes to pass when Messiah returns to rule.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and
knowledge of God! How unsearchable are
his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or
who has been his counselor?"

Romans 11:33-34 (ESV)