

THE FALL OF THE ISRAELITES

Romans 11:9-12

INTRODUCTION:

A. God did not cast away His people

- 1) There were some who believed
- 2) Paul was a believer

B. The believing remnant is Israel

- 1) 11:5
- 2) "the rest were blinded" 11:7b
- 3) These were left to suffer the consequences of their rejection of Messiah.

I. David's Prophecy *verses 9 - 10*

A. This is not a verbatim quote. The sense of David's imprecatory statements are given.

- 1) *Psalms 69:20-21*, The crime of those who were to suffer.
- 2) Their fate *Psalms 69:22-28*

B. *"And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:"*
verse 9

- 1) "Let their good food and other blessings trap them into thinking all is well between themselves and God" TAY
- 2) "snare" = παγίς = "whatever holds fast"
- 3) "trap" = θηρα = "hunting", "chase", hence, "the cause of destruction"
- 4) "stumblingblock" = σκανδαλον = "the trigger on a trap against which an animal might stumble"
- 5) "recompence" = ανταποδομα = "a giving back", "repayment", "getting what they deserve"

C. *"Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway." verse 10*

- 1) "darkened" = σκοτιζω = "to deprive of light"
- 2) "bow down" = συγκομπω = "to bend the knee-joint"
- 3) "Make their backs bend forever under their burden"

II. The Good That Came From Their Fall *verse 11*

A. God did not make them fall

- 1) *"I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid:"*
- 2) "stumbled" = πτωω = "to stumble", "to fail"
- 3) "fall" = πλπω = "to fall down"
- 4) Their stumbling did not have to result in their total failure.

B. *"but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy."*

- 1) "The result of their false step has been to bring the Gentiles salvation" KNOX
- 2) "provoke to jealousy" = παραζηλωω = "to make jealous", "to render mis-jealous"

C. *"How if the fall of them be the riches of the world"*

- 1) "fall" = παραπτωμα = "a falling aside as from right, truth, or duty", "the particular act of sin"
- 2) "riches" = πλουτος = "riches", "wealth"
- 3) "Now if their falling aside from the truth enriched the world."

D. *"...and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles;"*

- 1) "diminishing" = ηττημα = "a being interior", "a worse state", "default", "defection"
- 2) "riches" = πλουτος

- 3) "And their defection proved such a benefit to the Gentiles" Phi

E. "how much more their fulness"

- 1) "fulness" = πληρωμα = "that with which anything is filled, content", "when they come to fulness"
- 2) "Think how much greater a blessing the world will share in later on when the Jews too come to Christ." TAY

III. How The Israelites Fell

A. They stumbled at Jesus

9:33

- 1) *Isaiah 8:14-15*
- 2) Why? *Isaiah 53:1-3*
- 3) What He became to those who believed. *Isaiah 28:16*

B. The rejection foreseen by Jesus

- 1) *Matthew 8:5-13*
- 2) Unbelieving Israel will not come into the 1,000

C. The fall of Israel and the grafting in of the Gentiles

- 1) *Matthew 21:33-46*
- 2) Jesus was aware of their rejection and His crucifixion

