

The Olive Tree

Romans 11:16-24, Part I

- I. God has sovereignly determined that Israel's stumbling is temporary and that the nation will be restored to the place of God's blessing (11:16).
 - The promises of the Abrahamic covenant ensure Israel of a future.
 - God will not go back on His promises to Israel.
- II. God has always preserved a believing remnant in Israel (11:17).
 - Unbelieving Israel has been broken off.
 - Believing Gentiles are indebted to Israel.
- III. God has grafted believing Gentiles into the tree of the Abrahamic covenant to temporarily replace unbelieving Israel (11:17).
 - Gentiles Christians are recipients of God's blessings through the Abrahamic covenant.
- IV. God warns Gentile believers to not repeat the sin of unbelieving Israel (11: 18-21).
 - Spiritual pride and all anti-Semitism must be rejected by Gentiles.
 - Gentile Christians enjoy the spiritual blessings of the Abrahamic covenant because of faith not because of race, ethnicity, culture, or good works.
- V. God gives grace to the humble but resists the proud (11:22-23).
 - If Gentiles turn from the gospel there will be a price to pay.
- VI. God is able and will graft believing Israel back into the root of Abrahamic blessing (11:24).