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The Epistle to the ROMANS

The Remnant and Grace Romans 11:5–11



Romans 9–11

Romans 9 demonstrates the righteousness of God in His rejection of national Israel.

Romans 10 demonstrates that that rejection is based on Israel's corporate neglect of the revelation given to them.

Romans 11 then answers the question, "has God cast away His people?" The answer is no, He still has a plan for national, ethnic Israel.

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His people whom He foreknew. Or do you
not know what the Scripture says of
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**ἀπωθέω *apōtheō*
aor mid indic 3 sing
to push back, drive
off, cast away, reject**

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Psa. 94:14, “For the LORD will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.”

1 Pet. 1:2, “elect *according to the foreknowledge* of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

GOD'S

OMNISCIENCE:

God's infinite and eternal knowledge and comprehension of ALL the knowable—Including what *might* happen, *could* happen, *will* happen, *should* happen.

GOD'S

**FOREKNOWLEDGE:
God's infinite and eternal knowledge of what will happen before it happens. A subset of His omniscience.**

Rom. 9:11, “(for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls),”

“that the purpose of God according to His selection of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (AIJ) for historic purpose might stand, a choice not based on their merits, but on God’s determination for His purposes in history.” (paraphrase)

Rom. 11:3, “LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life?”

Rom. 11:4, “But what does the divine response say to him? ‘I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.’ ”

1 Kings 19:9, “And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’

1 Kings 19:10, “So he said, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.’ ”

1 Kings 19:12

“and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a *still small voice*.”

NASB: A sound of gentle blowing

NET: There was a soft whisper

ESV: The sound of a low whisper

NIV: Sound of a gentle whisper

LITERAL: There was a sound of a small or thin

[HALOT: calm, vibrant silence]

1 Kings 19:13, “So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’

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1 Kings 19:18

**“Yet I have reserved seven thousand
in Israel, all whose knees have not
bowed to Baal, and every mouth that
has not kissed him.””**

Romans 11:5, “Even so then, at this present time [*en to nun kairo*] there is a remnant according to the election of grace.”

Remnant Terminology

יְתֵר *yeter* remainder, excess, survivors

שְׁאֵרִית *she'erit* remnant, survivor

ὑπόλειμμα *hupoleimma* remnant

λεῖμμα *leimma* nom neut sing remnant

2 Kings 19:4, “It may be that the LORD your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.”

2 Kings 19:30, “And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

2 Kings 19:31, “For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

2 Chron. 30:6, “Then the runners went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: ‘Children of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.’ ”

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שוב *shuv* qal
infinitiveConst
to return

2 Chron. 30:9, “For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not **turn His face from you if you return to Him.”**

**שוב *shuv* qal
infinitiveConst
to return**

סור *sur*

**hif imperf 3 masc sing
to depart, turn aside;
leave**

2 Chron. 30:10, “So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they laughed at them and mocked them.

2 Chron. 30:11, “Nevertheless some from Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.”

2 Chron. 30:12, “Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the LORD.”

2 Chron. 30:18, “For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed [tahas ritually purified] themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, ‘May the good LORD provide atonement [kaphar] for everyone

2 Chron. 30:19, “ ‘who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.’

2 Chron. 30:20, “And the LORD listened to Hezekiah and healed [rapha] the people.”

2 Chron. 34:9, “When they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the remnant of Israel, from all Judah and Benjamin, and which they had brought back to Jerusalem.”

Ezra 9:14, “should we again break Your commandments, and join in marriage with the people committing these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had consumed us, so that there would be no **remnant or survivor?”**

Isa. 1:9, “Unless the LORD of hosts had left to us a very small remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah.”

Isa. 10:20, “And it shall come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

Isa. 10:21, “The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God.”

Isa. 11:11, “It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.”

Rom. 9:27, “Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: ‘Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved.’ ”

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**Romans 11:5
Elijah's Remnant**

ISRAEL

Rejected God

“REMNANT”

v. 5

Elijah +

7,000

Rom. 11:6, “And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.”

Rom. 10:3, “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

Rom. 10:4, “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

- 1. Grace and works are contrasted.**
- 2. Grace means that the honor, the effort, the merit belongs to God and the recipient has done nothing to merit or cause God to give it.**
- 3. Works is not to be understood as simply “doing” something, but doing something considered meritorious and producing some righteous quality within the one who does the act.**

- 4. In God's plan, sin destroys the ability of the sinner to ever perform anything that creates a meritorious righteousness in the unbeliever.**
- 5. All humans are sinners, fall short of God's character, and their best is "filthy rags." Isa. 64:6; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:23**
- 6. Only God can provide the merit; this is done through the crediting of righteousness and justification.**

Isa. 53:11, “He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.”

Gen. 15:6, “And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

2 Cor. 5:21, “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Titus 3:5, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”