

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 11:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### IS IT TIME TO GIVE UP ON ISRAEL ? - PART 2

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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#### Romans 11:1-6

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, 3 *"LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"*? 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."* 5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 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.

## HOW? WHEN GOD HAS AN ETERNAL PLAN AT WORK

1.) How? When God has an eternal plan vs. 1-2a

1a.) God's eternal plans are underway vs. 1a

Verse 1a

I say then,  
has God cast away His people? Certainly not!

“I”

Ok – we have to stop right here and address who the “I” is.  
The “I” is Paul the Jew who is now a Messiah-Following-Israelite. Paul the Apostle

**Psalm 94:14**

**For the LORD will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.**

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**HOW? WHEN GOD HAS AN ETERNAL PLAN AT WORK**

1b.) God’s eternal promises will be fulfilled

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

**For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.**

Israelite      Heb: Israelite:  
to be a descendant of Jacob (Israel) meaning to be one whom strives with  
God, the former name of Jacob. Yisra-El – governed by God or led by God

**Here Paul is declaring his Nationality (Genesis 35:10)**

Seed            grk: sperma  
seed, that which is sown, planted or communicated, to create a  
descendant, offspring, posterity – procreation being the divine plan of God.

**Here Paul declares his heritage**

Tribe            grk: phule  
a clan or tribe. an appointment to a group or family or association.  
the Christian would say koinonia

## Here Paul declares his genealogy

### Philippians 3:3-11 NLT

**3** For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, **4** though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! **5** I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. **6** I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. **7** I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. **8** Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ **9** and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. **10** I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, **11** so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

## GOD'S DEVOTION TO HIS WORD IS SEEN...

### 1 Kings 8:54-56

**54** And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. Then he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: **56** "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

## GOD'S DEVOTION TO HIS WORD IS SEEN – SPOKEN TO THE JEW FIRST.

### Hebrews 6:17-18

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, **18** that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

### Titus 1:2

We, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

**GOD'S DEVOTION TO HIS WORD IS SEEN – SPOKEN TO THE JEW FIRST.**

**Hebrews 10:23**

**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, (Why? & How?)  
for He who promised is faithful.**

The Church is The Church & Israel is Israel -  
Yet They Are Not the Same. We Share the Same God and Same Word and Same Future.

The Passage Below is Awesome –  
Recognize Who(s) is Being Blessed & Made Eternal Promises.

**Galatians 3:24-29**

**Therefore the law was our tutor (To the Jew 1<sup>st</sup>.) to bring us (To the Jew 1<sup>st</sup>.) to Christ, that we (To the Jew 1<sup>st</sup>.) might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we (To the Jew 1<sup>st</sup>.) are no longer under a tutor. = the Old Testament rule 26 For you (To the Jew 1<sup>st</sup>.) are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you (To the Jew 1<sup>st</sup>.) as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you (To the Jew 1<sup>st</sup>.) are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, (To the Jew 1<sup>st</sup>.) then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (A Prophetic Promise)**

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**HOW? WHEN GOD HAS AN ETERNAL PLAN AT WORK**

**1c.) God's eternal prophecies will come to pass**

**vs. 2a**

Verse 2a

**2a God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.**

The LORD God of the Bible (Alone) Possesses Foreknowledge.  
And Biblical Prophecy is Predicated Upon His Character.  
(In Today's Church & World – His Word is On The Line)

**Isaiah 46:9-10**

**9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,"**

## **Let's Play a Round of Family Feud & Survey Says Old Testament or New Testament?**

**"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.**

**Old - Ezekiel 37:26**

**"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

**Old - Jeremiah 31:31-33**

**"For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all nations, a light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."**

**New - Luke 2:30-32**

**"Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: "In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved,  
And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'**

**Old - Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**And for this reason, He is the Mediator of the New Covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**

**New - Hebrews 9:15**

**It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. *“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.***

**Old - Zechariah 12:9-10**

## **IS IT TIME TO GIVE UP ON ISRAEL ?**

**2.) Why? When God has a forever family for us vs. 2b-4**

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### **WHY? WHEN GOD HAS A FOREVER FAMILY FOR US**

**2a.) The LORD will defend His own vs. 2b**

Verse 2b

**2b Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,**

What is being taught here?

- The authority of God’s word is being elevated here.
- Who is the man Elijah and what was his significance?
- We haven’t seen the last of this man Elijah – He too is coming again!
- AGAINST - AGAINST - AGAINST – AGAINST - AGAINST - AGAINST

**Luke 19:12-14**

**Therefore, He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to**

them ten minas, and said to them, "Do business till I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, "We will not have this man to reign over us.'

**John 3:19-21a**

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light,

**John 5:37-44**

And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. 41 "I do not receive honor from men. 42 But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. 43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. 44 How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

**Matthew 23:37**

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

**Luke 13:34**

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

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**WHY? WHEN GOD HAS A FOREVER FAMILY FOR US.**

2b.) The LORD will burn away our cloud of darkness vs. 3

Verse 3

3 "LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"?

Jack, what is being taught here?

This is Elijah's Official Indictment Against his Fellow Jews.

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Your Honor - On the Count of Premeditated Murder – I find the Nation, Guilty!

**“LORD they have killed your Prophets”**

Your Honor - On the Count of Sacrilege in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree – I find the Nation, Guilty!

**“They have torn down Your alters”**

Your Honor - On the Count of Freaking Me Out – I find the Nation, Guilty!

**“I alone am left, and they seek my life too”**

Where is Elijah getting this Panic from?

Read about his life – He was crushing it. But then suddenly he got a note from Jezebel and she was threatening his life. She says “Elijah – Tomorrow you are as good as a dead man because I am going to have you killed.”

So, he took off running away from a woman – Jezebel

(a Phoenician Princess whose name means to “Praise or Exalt Baal” or “Baal is Exalted”)

Paul Takes Us Back in Time to the Year 557 bc.

**1 Kings 19:9-15a**

**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?” 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.” 11 Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. 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?” 14 And he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because 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.”**

**15 Then the LORD said to him: “Go!”**

In The Near-Fulfillment of His Words – Elijah was Correct.

But in His Far-Fulfillment God's Prophetic Indictment there would be Fully Realized at Christ's First Coming.



The Manmade, Religious, Organized & System of Judaism would eventually prove to be the ultimate act of Deicide.

**John 1:10 -12**

**He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

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**WHY? WHEN GOD HAS A FOREVER FAMILY**

2c.) The LORD has a reservation with His people vs. 4

Verse 4

**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."***

What is being taught here?

How would a person know (evidence) for sure that he is in God's family?

Has there been a change of mind?

Has there been a change of desires?

Has there been a change in priorities?

Has there been a change of address?

(an observation)

Some trees grow slower than others.

**Matthew 13:10-16**

**And the disciples came and said to Jesus, *"Why do You speak to them in parables?"***

**11 He answered and said to them, *"Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:***

*“Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.’*

**16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;**

**Psalms 46:1-11**

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

**2 Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed,  
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;**

**3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. 4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. 6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.**

**10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

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