Has God Cancelled His Promises to Israel, Part 5 John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 11:16-26.
- B. We know that God is a God of great faithfulness.
- C. God's faithfulness is demonstrated in his love for Israel.

D. If God promises salvation, he will give it.

E. The setting aside of Israel is partial and temporary.

II. It has a definite purpose.

- A. Through Israel's fall, salvation has come to the Gentiles.
- B. Through Israel's fall and Gentiles blessing, Jews would be redeemed again by their jealousy.
- C. Through Israel's fall, the world would be blessed.

III. It has a definite premonition (warning) to Gentiles regarding pride.

A. God was always teaching that everything really belonged to the Lord.

B. The basis for believing that Israel will return is that God consecrated the patriarchs and will then also consecrate the whole. The final restoration of Israel is implied by God's love for Abraham. (Isaiah 51)

C. The Gentiles were grafted in, so they should not boast because they are not the source of their own blessedness. They are blessed by being connected to Abraham. (Matthew 22; Genesis 4:29; Galatians 3:6, 13)

D. The church will be cut off as fast as Israel if it enters into unbelief. (Revelation 17:16)

IV. The return of Israel is possible, probable, promised and posited.

Application Questions:

1. Why did God allow Israel to fall?

2. How should our salvation result in humility?

3. What are some examples of the church being cut off today? Explain.
