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I. Introduction. Text: Romans 11:1-24.

II. God is not through with the Jews.

A. God is not through with them as individuals.

1. Thousands of Jews like Paul have seen that their Messiah has come.

2. Many of the Jews have life from God and are redeemed individuals--there is a remnant chosen by grace.

3. Elijah failed to understand God's power and unmixable principles.

a. If one is going to be saved by grace, one cannot seek to deserve something from Him.

b. If one is going to be saved by works, then grace has no part it in.

c. Since God saves by grace the salvation of a remnant is sure.

4. Thousands of Jews are trying to earn righteousness, but they are doing it the wrong way.

B. The salvation of the Gentiles is intended to reach them to stir up the Jews.

C. Worldwide blessing will be restored when the Jews are restored to salvation.

1. Wherever the gospel is being oppressed there is tyranny.

2. The turning of a deaf ear of Israel has brought riches to the Gentiles, but greater riches will come with the restoration of the Jews.

D. Abraham's blessing involves the return of Israel.

E. Gentiles were grafted in contrary to nature.

F. God can be counted on to do whatever He promises.

Application questions:

1. What is God's plan for the Jews?

2. Why will worldwide blessing only be restored when the Jews are brought to salvation?

3. What security can the Christian have knowing that God is faithful to keep His promises to Israel? Explain.