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The Epistle to the ROMANS

God Has NOT Rejected or Replaced Israel
Romans 11:1–11



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.

Rom. 1:16,

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Romans 11:1, “I say then [*lego oun*], has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.”

- 1. The *lego oun* (of verse 1) draws an inference from the *alla lego* of 10:18, 19 and each of those statements refers to Israel as a corporate, ethnic unit who, as a group, even though some individuals were saved, rejected God's gracious gift of Jesus as Messiah.**

Romans 10:18, “But I say [*alla lego*], have they not heard? Yes indeed: ‘Their sound has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.’

Romans 10:19, “But I say [*alla lego*], did Israel not know? First Moses says: ‘I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation.’ ”

2. The references in Romans 11:1 to “His people” and in 11:2 to “His people which He foreknew” indicate a corporate view. It would be impossible for God to reverse His unconditional election of the nation.

3. Paul's use of the example from 1 Kings 19:10–18.

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Phil. 3:5, “circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;”

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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.”

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),”

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 19:1, “And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.

1 Kings 19:2, “Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, ‘So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.’ ”

1 Kings 19:3,

“And when he saw* that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.”

***Masoretic Text: “he saw”**

LXX, Vulgate, Syriac, “he was afraid”

***wayyar_e*’ vs *wayyara*’**



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1 Kings 19:4, “But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, ‘It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!’ ”



**1 Kings 19:5,
“Then as he lay
and slept under a
broom tree,
suddenly an angel
touched him, and
said to him, ‘Arise
and eat.’ ”**





1 Kings 19:6, “Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.

1 Kings 19:7, “And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, ‘Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.’

1 Kings 19:8, “So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.”

The Sinai



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 19:11, “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;”

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?’

1 Kings 19:14, “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.’ ”

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

יָתֵר *yeter* comm masc sing constr remainder,
excess

שְׁאֵרִית *she'erit* comm fem sing abs remnant

ὑπόλειμμα *hupoleimma* nom neut sing
remnant

λειμμα *leimma* nom neut sing remnant