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TOPIC: ISRAEL IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE
Chapter 11 & 12

TEXT: Romans

INTRODUCTION

Paul's discussion about God's plan for the Israelites, which he started in Romans 9 and 10, and continued in chapter 11, insists that, though Israel as a nation has rejected Christ, a remnant of Jewish Christians exists (v.5), God has hardened the rest in their unbelief (v.7b) until enough Gentiles have come to salvation through Christ (v.11).

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BASED ON LAWS –Romans 11:1-11, Gal. 3:24-25, John 1:17, 19:7, Romans 3:20-21, Gal:2:16, 3:11, According to Paul, God has not rejected Israel forever, despite her refusal to come to Christ. Paul points to himself as the first evidence that God has not rejected Israel, he is an Israelite and a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. He insists that God's relationship with Israel continues (v.2). Although they remain adamant for now to see that following the law will not bring them God's righteousness, yet God has not and will not reject them. (Ps 94:14, 1 Sam 12:22) God's decision on Israel is beyond human comprehension. His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob remains forever (Ps 15:4, Lev.26:31-42, Judges 2:1, Heb 6.13)

NEW COVENANT BASED ON FAITH - Romans 11:18-24, 3:27, Gal 2:16,20, Eph 2:8, Col 2:7, Paul called the attention of believers to an essential truth; God has offered Himself to the non-Jewish nations through faith in Jesus, while Israel has rejected the gospel of faith in Christ. Their rejection opened the door of salvation to gentiles and we should not boast (v.18) but be humble and remain grateful, (v.21-22). The covenant was with the patriarch, by faith we are saved and not by works. We must endeavour not to lose our salvation but ensure we guard and keep the faith, so that when the re-grafting starts, we will remain rooted in the branch

JEWISH AND GENTILE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST-. Romans 12:1-21, Matt 5:1-16, Heb.13:16, Jude 1:3,5-6, Hebrews 2:1, John 4:23-24, A doctrinal teaching on how to live as Jewish and Gentiles believers today, Paul admonish us to keep away from what led to the rejection of the Jews. We are to be a living, breathing sacrifice in service to God. Our service to God and man must be motivated by genuine love and not eye service. To hate what is evil and hold on to what is good and godly. The great privilege we have as believers should not be thrown away by ignorance and wilful sin. We are God's temple, be holy, bridle our tongue, avoid worldliness, love all men and worship God in spirit and truth. We must be selfless and not selfish. God centred and not self-centred, serving each other. Do not repay evil for evil and allow God to revenge for you. Never be amongst those who condemn Israel's lack of faith in Christ (antisemitism) but always remember (v.3), for we are not the original branches of the natural Olive. Christians are in no way favoured and superior to the Jews, hold on to the faith. Remember God can add or remove!

REJECTORS OF JESUS CHRIST – Matt.8:12,13:28, 7:21-23,26, Ps 19:7, Rev. 20:15 Those who reject the invitation to salvation will be rejected and cast into eternal darkness.

CONCLUSION: God does not owe us anything but has graciously giving us all things that we need in life, therefore we must show gratitude by serving him diligently with everything, 2 Peter 1:3-4