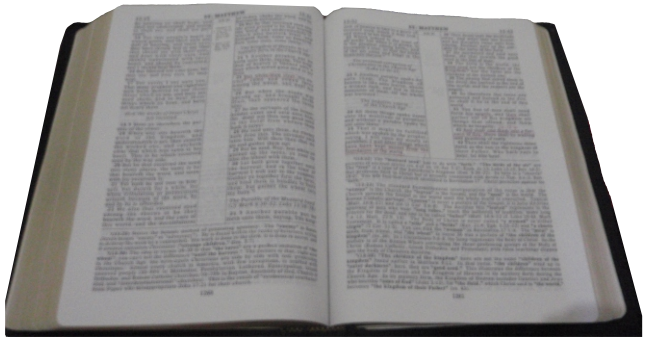
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

Romans
11

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Romans 11- Israel's relationship to God- Future

- Rom. 11 primarily deals with the future of Israel, specifically

- The restoration of Israel to their place as God's chosen p people.

- The ultimate salvation of all living Jews at the end of the Tribulation.

11:1-2- God has not cast away the Jews who are His chosen people

11:1- His people

- Israel as a physical nation, which includes all 12 tribes

- Deu. 7:6

- While we don't know where all 12 tribes are today because of them being scattered all over the world.

- God knows where they are and will choose 12,000 from each tribe of Israel, 144,000 in the Tribulation to be witnesses

- Rev. 7:3-4- These have the seal of the living God,

- Rev. 14:3- These are all male virgins no women.

- God has perfect foreknowledge about what He is going to do and what man will do

- But God does not override man's will to bring it to pass.

11:2b-3- 1Kg. 19:10, 14

- Elijah's intercessory prayer quoted

- Acts 20:35b- Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

11:36- Jesus Christ is preeminent (1st) in all things.

- Resulting in glory for ever

- Col. 1:16-17

- Ps. 115:1

11:36- This verse refers to **11:33**

- His riches, wisdom, knowledge, and judgments

- God has placed all things under His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1Cor. 15:20-28

- Believers have a perfect salvation and go to Heaven because Jesus is Preeminent.

- Heb. 2:10

- God knows all things that have ever happened or will happen concerning the entire universe... nobody can understand a mind like that

- Acts 15-18

- Believers can study to understand that which God reveals to us through His word and through the Holy Spirit.

- Jh. 14:26

- We as believers need to saturate ourselves with the scriptures so that we can think more like God as we grow in our Christian walk.

- Example- How we treat the Jew

- Gen. 12:3

11:35- God has first given us everything we have

- Jam. 1:17

- Acts 17:28a- For in him we live, and move, and have our being.

- Nobody ever gave God anything first, so it is impossible for God to be in debt to anyone.

- Even the ability and power to get wealth is given to us by God

- Deu. 8:18

- You cannot out give God.

- Lk. 6:38

- Notice Elijah's prayer is against Israel and is the only time in the Bible that intercessory prayer is against someone.

- Paul is saying "don't you know how it was with Elijah" when he saw no remnant?

- Elijah thought he was the only prophet lift even after being told that Obadiah had saved 100 prophets from Jezebel when she slew the prophets of the Lord

- 1Kg. 18:13

- When we focus on ourselves we may think we are alone and this leads us to self-pity.

11:4- 1Kg. 19:18

- God's response to Elijah

- God reserved to Himself 7,000 men who had not given in to Baal worship.

11:4- Who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal

- These men kept the 1st commandment of God

- Ex. 20:3- Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

- Doctrinally the 7000 not bowing the knee to Baal is a picture of a right relationship to God in the OT in that they:

- 1- They believed God

- 2- They obeyed His commandments

- The 7000 were most likely scattered throughout Israel so Elijah didn't know or see them.

- In the same way Bible believing Christians are scattered wherever God wants them to carry out His work today.

11:5- Contrast **11:4** showing Jewish election is the present time the Church Age.

- There will be a remnant of Jews saved in the Church Age based on receiving Jesus Christ by grace through fatih

- Eph. 2:8-9

- A clear passage showing salvation during the Church Age is by grace and not by works.

11:6- The Jews have a choice to make during the Church Age

1- Their system of Justification in keeping the Law which will lead to hell in this dispensation.

2- Receive Jesus Christ by grace through faith and go to heaven.

- Salvation is either by grace or by works it can not be both or some mixture of both.

- Prophetically, these verses point to the salvation of the Jews during the Tribulation

1- Worshipping the antichrist automatically results in going to hell

- Rev. 14:9-11

2- A person is saved by faith in Jesus and keeping God's commandments

- Rev. 14:12

- God is here reflecting on all the things He has said in chapters 9-11 concerning the nation of Israel and it's relationship to God.

11:33- God is so far above man that it is impossible to compare the two.

- God's wisdom and knowledge are inexhaustible and too deep to fully understand.

- God judgments are unsearchable, they are only revealed by the Holy sprit

- God's ways are past finding out

- Isa. 55:8-9- Here are some examples

1- 2Cor. 9:15- Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

2- Eph. 3:8- ....unsearchable riches of Christ

3- Ph. 4:7- ... which passeth all understanding...

4- 1Pet. 1:8- ...ye rejoice with joy unspeakable...

11:34- Context of this verse is in the sense of being able to instruct God,

- We can have the mind of Christ in the sense of being able to understand His will for our lives.

- How He wants us to conduct ourselves as believers.

- 1Cor. 2:14-16

- God is perfectly righteous and has a perfect and holy mind and has no need to seek counsel from anybody for anything

- Note the Bible says God repented or lacked repentance 39 times, therefore repentance does not necessarily have to do with sin.

- Jer. 18:8-10, 20:16, 26:19

- The direct application in this vers applies to Israel as a nation,

- The practical application for Christians today is that each believer has a specific calling and purpose in this life and has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit to fulfill that calling.

- These spiritual callings can be into full time ministry or through whatever secular job or vocation God has given you.

- What you do with your calling and gifts is based on your obedience and surrender to God.

11:30-32- God is merciful to all.

- Through the Jews unbelief, all nations have now obtained mercy and are given the opportunity to get saved through trusting Jesus Christ.

- God sees all people as being in bondage under sin and unbelief, and in need of Jesus as Saviour

- These verses apparently are also fulfilled during the Millennium.

- Isa. 19:24-25

11:33-36- A list of things that man cannot completely understand about God.

11:6- Notice when you read your Bible when it deals with[5] Israel it is always a combination of faith and works.

- Eze. 18, Mt. 24, Jam. 2, Heb. 3, 6, 10.

- Only through rightly dividing your Bible can you then understand these passages.

- 2Tim. 2:15

11:7- Three different groups of Israelites are Identified:

1- Israel as a nation

- Nationally Israel was/is seeking to establish their own righteousness required for salvation without Jesus Christ

- Rom. 10:1-4

2- Israel as “the election”

- These individual Jews who received the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ by faith.

- Rom. 3:21-22

3- The “rest (of Israel) were blinded”

- Those individual Jews who rejected Jesus Christ were blinded to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Not that they did not have a chance to be saved, this is referring to all who willfully reject the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- We know the Jews require a sign

- 1Cor. 1:22

- The vast majority of the Jews shut their eyes to what God has done for them in Jesus Christ.

- Jh. 12:37-40

11:8- Spiritual blindness is a result of sin and unbelief and is ultimately what God does in response to what man does in this case the Jews.

- Isa. 29:9-14

- Isa. 29:10- In this verse God identifies exactly whose eyes He has closed after the word “eyes”

- Prophets, rulers, seers

- So after the apostles, Israel had no other prophets, (and still none unto this day) and gets none until

- Rev. 7 & 11 during the Tribulation

- Isa. 29:11-12- Not only has God blinded the Jewish Rabbis themselves, but has also closed up the scripture to them.

- The truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not taught by the Jewish leaders today.

- The Jewish congregations are also blind to the truth.

- Mt. 15:14

- This is why it is so important to respond and obey the calling of God immediately.

- God’s election (choosing) of the Jewish nation are the beloved of God for the fathers’ sakes.

- That is in spite of all the rejection of Jesus Christ among Jews today, God loves them for the sake of national patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses David, Joseph etc.

- God remembers the promises He made to these fathers of Israel and He loves the Jews today and will keep all those promises he made to them.

- Now if God loves the nation of Israel we ought to also the Jews as well.

- Don’t ever get involved in Jew bashing or blaming the Jews for the problems in the world today.

- It’s wrong and God will curse you for doing so, individually and as a nation.

- Gen. 12:3

- God has not prospered America because we are great capitalists or so intelligent, He has prospered America because we have historically supported the nation of Israel.

11:29- God Is never going to change His mind (repent) concerning His calling out the nation of Israel as His chosen people and the OT promises he gave them.

- Deut. 14:2

- God is also not going to repent of His giving gifts to Israel.

- Rom. 9:4- the list

- Israel as a nation will again be put in their rightful place above the nations.

- Their national sins are not taken away until the 2nd Advent of Christ when they repent of their unbelief and believe on Jesus Christ as their Messiah and Saviour

- 11:23

11:27- When I shall take away their sins.

- Under the New Covenant with Israel, God shall take away their sins,

- Jesus Christ paid for all of their sins at the cross of Calvary and he will remember them no more.

- Heb. 10:16-17

11:28-32- Context is God's relationship to the Jews right now during the Church Age.

11:28- Gospel, Election

- This is relation to the Jews and the election of the Jews as as a nation.

- Jews or anyone who reject the gospel of Jesus Christ are enemies of God.

- Jews consider Christians their enemies because they associate Christianity with Catholicism and the persecution they suffered at the hands of Hitler during WW2.

- Note all of Hitler's henchmen that inflicted the terrible persecution on the Jews were confirmed Roman Catholics

- The Catholics profess themselves as the only true Christian church.

11:9-10- Ps. 69:22-23

- This follows immediately after the Jew's rejection of Jesus Christ when He was on the cross.

- Ps. 69:24-28

- God (through David) reveals Israel' sin and goes into fierce and violent prayer of vengeance against the nation of Israel who has rejected Jesus Christ.

- A table is a place for nourishment, council, instruction and fellowship.

- God takes something that should have been for the Jews benefit (the table), and made it into something that would curse and hurt them (snare, trap, etc) (stumbling block, and recompense)

- But didn't Jesus pray - Father forgive them, for they not what they do.

- Lk. 23:34?

- Yes He did, but that prayer was not for the nation of Israel- as the prayer of Ps. 69:24-28 was- but for those individuals at the cross.

- Heb. 4:12- The word of God and the Holy Spirit can bring conviction of sin and salvation to your soul.

- If rejected, it will bring spiritual blindness and damn your soul.- It depends on you.

- Rejecting God and the scriptures leads to deeper and deeper spiritual darkness and blindness.

11:10- Ps. 69:23

- Bow down their back always= make their loins continually shake

- This could mean that God is going to cause the Jews' foundational beliefs (back/loins) to slip or shake or falter as they bow down to (yield or worship) the false teachings of their spiritual leaders.

11:11- What kind of fall are the Jews experiencing right now

- Rom. 11:1

- This verse means- Are the Jews as a nation experiencing a permanent falling away from God's grace and salvation forever?

- The ANSWER– Nooooooooooooooo God forbid

- The Jews are experiencing a temporary fall (setting aside) during the Church Age and God as a result is giving the Gentiles a chance to be saved.

- God is also using the Church Age as a time to provoke the Jews to jealousy.

- The Jews cannot understand God saving a bunch of heathen Gentile dogs like us.

- Then God giving us Christians many physical as well as spiritual blessings,

- Including the opportunity to read, study, and understand the scriptures, which the Jews don't understand.

- This also infuriates the Jews and provokes them to jealousy (just as God intends for it to do)

- Jer. 31;34

- At the end of the Tribulation when Jesus returns at the 2nd Advent, all surviving Jews at that time will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and accept His as their Saviour.

- Zech. 12:9-14

11:26- All Israel

- If all Israel meant every Jew who ever lived will be saved at the 2nd Advent

- Why was Paul so burdened about his "kinsmen according to the flesh" and "brethren" if they were all going to be saved anyway?

- Rom. 9:3- according to the flesh

- Rom. 10:1- brethren

- Also why is it necessary to witness to the Jews today if all Jews will be saved at the 2nd Advent anyway?

- Unbelieving Jews do go to Hell

- Num. 16:20-35

- Lk. 16:19-24

- Mt. 23:15

- Jesus told Nicodemus a Jew in:

- Jh. 3:7- Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again

2- Has given the Church the OT promises he made to Israel will make you highminded **11:20** and conceited.

- Israel is spiritually blind right now, as a nation, but not totally, notice

- 11:17- Some

- 11:25- Part

- Some Jews are being saved right now during the Church Age.

11:25- Fulness of the Gentiles

- The fulness of the Gentiles is nearing completion

- 11:12- Fulness

- 11:15- The definition

- After the last soul is saved in the Church Age, the Church the Body of Christ will be raptured out.

- 1Th. 4:13-18

- Will there be any Gentiles that get saved during the Tribulation Yes.

- Rev. 7:9-17

11:26-27- Isa. 59:20-21

- God will then deal directly with the Jews under a New Covenant.

- Heb. 8:6-13

11:12- The Gentiles are the beneficiaries of the temporary setting aside of the Jews.

- God has given both physical and spiritual riches to the Gentiles through the Body of Christ.

- But even greater blessings will occur when the Lord restores the Jews.

- The restoration of the Jews will culminate when Jesus reigns during the Millennium.

- The Millennium will be a literal, physical, Jewish reign with Jesus as the King for 1000 years

- Isa. 11-12

- And that time will be eclipsed only by Eternity after the earth is renovated by fire and the New Heaven and the New Earth comes into existence and Paradise is once again and forevermore restored, without the possibility of sin ever entering in again.

11:13-14- Paul's primary ministry is to the Gentiles

- Acts 9:15, 22:21, 26:17

- The 12 apostles and Jesus Christ Himself were sent to the Jews.

- Mt. 10:5-6

- Mt. 15:24

- Paul brought attention to the fact that he was ministering to and trying to get as many Gentiles saved as possible for the purpose of provoking the Jews to envy and jealousy that some of the Jews might get saved.

11:15- Similar to **11:12**

- We see the Gentiles benefit from the temporary setting aside of the Jews and the coming (future) restoration of the Jews.

- Eze. 37:1-14

- Isa. 26:19

- Israel did not exist as a nation from 70AD to 1948

- During those 1878 years, Israel kept their identity as a people, including their same language and religion.

- That's a miracle of God and proves Israel is God' chosen people.

- The temporary casting away of the Jews has allowed millions from every nation on earth to hear the Gospel and believe on Jesus Christ and get saved.

- A great day is coming when God will restore, bless and fulfill all the OT promises to the nation of Israel

- Eze. 36:24-28

- Acts 2:16-21

- Joel 2:28:32- which is a fulfillment of Joel 2

11:16- Context is **16-24**

- God uses the analogy of an olive tree to represent Jews and Gentiles as groups of people

- Not individual salvation

- Picture of salvation repentance:

- It is a changing of their mind in that they turn from abiding in unbelief to believing on Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

- This is the exact same way any person gets saved today in the Church Age

- Acts 26:20

11:24- How fitting for the Jew to be graffed back into the good olive tree.

- God is saying that if, contrary to nature, He is able to graft those limbs that are from a wild olive tree (Gentile believers **11:17**) into the good olive tree,

- How much more able and fitting is it to graft the natural branches (Jewish believers) back into the good olive tree.

- This is not teaching that all Jews that ever lived are ultimately going to be saved, they must be believers according to **11:23.**

- During the Tribulation the Bible says they must have faith in Jesus Christ and also obey God's commandments

- Rev. 14:12

11:25- Don't be ignorant of the mystery of God's relationship to the Jews.

- Ignorance in thinking that God:

1- Is through dealing with Israel

- Heb. 12:29

- Holy- Wrath

- Jh. 3:36

- God has a positive and loving side to those that trust His Son and a negative and condemning side to those that reject his Son.

- God loves righteousness and hates evil, just as there is a Heaven and Hell.

- God gives eternal life but also casts out unbelievers into hell fire.

- Mt. 13:41-42, 47-50

- God is dealing here with “thee” the Gentile believers as a whole, not individual salvation.

- God will keep on dealing with Gentile nations as long as they continue to follow God.

- No revival will come until and unless Christians repent of our worldly ways and seek God with our whole heart.

- 2Ch. 7:14

- This verse makes it easy to see that judgment is coming to America, because we as a nation, including believers, have turned our backs on God and His book.

11:23- How will God graft in the Jews again?

- They must believe on Jesus Christ as their Messiah and Saviour.

- God counted the firstfruit holy and it was brought into the tabernacle and set aside for the priests.

- Next, we see a tree (olive **11:17**) that is holy, which is made up of holy roots and holy branches, signifying the nation of Israel, **not the church.**

11:17- God breaks off **some** of the branches of the tree, but not all

- First we must note that Gentile believers **do not replace** and take over God’s promises to the nation of Israel

- Christ replacement theology is false doctrine.

- The branches- the natural branches- broken off represent the Jews who rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah and Saviour.

- The reason **11:20-** UNBELIEF

- God graffed in Gentile believers- limbs- a wild olive tree which are put into the good olive tree **11:20 by faith in Jesus Christ.**

- Being graffed in allows the Gentile believers to partake with them (the Jews) of the root (Jesus Christ) and the fatness (rich blessings/ abundant life) of the olive tree.

- Jh. 10:10

11:18-19- Gentiles believers’ relationship to the Jews

- Rom. 12:3

- The tendency of Gentile believers is to become high minded and conceited

- Rom. 11:20, 25

- Gentile believers are not to boast against to the natural branches that were broken off.

- There is nothing glorious about unbelievers Jew or Gentile going to hell.

- Why? Because in a tree the roots do not exist because the branches,

- The branches exist because of the root.

- Destroy the roots and you'll destroy the tree

- Application- Christianity for the Gentiles was established through the Jews.

- How?- The entire Bible was written by the Jews, all the Apostles were Jews, Jesus was a Jew, and salvation is of the Jews.

- Jh. 4:22

- No wonder God blesses those who bless Israel and curses those who curse Israel

- Gen. 12:3

- The whole theme of the Bible is Jesus as King and His Jewish Kingdom.

- We should love and respect the Jewish people.

- We should also witness to and pray for them, as well as support missionaries who are trying to reach the Jews with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

11:20- Gentile believers stand by faith alone

- 2Cor. 1:24

- Rom. 5:2

11:20- Well= yes, truly, not that what the Gentiles said in 11:19 was the right thing.

- Gentile believers are admonished "but fear" Why

- 11:21

11:21- Take heed

- Gentile believers (as a group) are given a warning to take heed.

- This verse is not about individual Gentiles losing their salvation.

- If God is willing to cast off His own chosen people, the Jews, what makes us think God will not set aside the Gentiles when He again starts dealing with the Jews.

- God doesn't owe the Gentiles one thing more than He's already given.

- That is the opportunity for salvation through Jesus Christ and the scriptures telling us how to get saved.

11:22- There are two sides to God

Good-Severe, Love-Jealous

- Ex. 34:14

Light-Consuming fire