

The Mystery of Israel's Hardness/blindness

Romans 11:6-25

- I.** The majority of Israel has a hardened heart (Rom. 11:5-8).
 1. Israel is cast off (Rom. 11:15).
 2. The Gentiles are reconciled.

- II.** The olive tree is the place of God's dealing, blessing and not salvation (Rom. 11:17 cf. Acts 15:14).
 1. The natural branches, Israel has been broken out of the tree (Rom. 11:17, 19, 20, 21, 22).
 2. The wild branches were grafted in the tree (Rom. 11:17).
 3. They were grafted in by grace (Rom. 11:6, 20, 21).

- III.** The three stages pictured in the tree of Romans 11.
 1. Stage #1, The Old Testament Nation of Israel (v. 16).
 2. Stage #2, the transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament, (v. 17).
 3. Stage #3, After the Rapture, Israel will be grafted back into the tree—God will be dealing with them as a Nation again during the Tribulation (vv. 23-24).

- IV.** The Mystery and its ramifications (Rom. 11:25).
 1. The Jews were cast off because of unbelief.
 2. The Gentiles were grafted in by grace (vv. 6, 18, 22).
 3. After the set number of Gentiles are saved, God will cast off the Gentiles and begin dealing with Israel as a Nation again during the Tribulation.
 4. The majority of Gentiles will not be saved
 5. This dispensation will not end in a great revival.
 6. This dispensation will end due to the failure of the Church.

- V.** Additional passage on Israel's current hardness of heart (2 Cor. 3:6-16).