

# Romans from a Torah Covenant Perspective

## - Chapter 11 • Part 1 -

***Matthew 15:24 I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.***

Chapter 11 details Israel's current rebellious status and brings to light a related “*gentile problem*” that was rearing its ugly head in the congregation after the Edict of Claudius has ended, and Jews were returning to Rome to find the synagogue landscape transformed into a gentile/*say believing 10 Israel* one; no longer a unregenerate Jewish one.

Some gentiles/Ephraimites were tempted to believe that because most of the Jews had rejected the Gospel, יהוה had rejected them and replaced them with a new people, and a faith not patterned after the Torah.

Paul condemns this thought and in turn brings forth the revelation that was hidden from the Prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 4).

***Romans 11:1 I say then, did יהוה cast away His people? By no means. For I also am a Yisraelite, of the seed of Avraham, of the tribe of Benyamin.***

***Romans 11:2 vuvh has not cast away His people whom He foreknew and chose beforehand. Don't you know what the Scriptures says of Eliyahu? How he even pleads with vuvh against Yisrael, saying,***

***Romans 11:3 vuvh, they have killed Your neviim, and overthrown Your altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my chayim.***

The majority of theologians draw the faulty conclusion that יהוה has abandoned Israel for a new gentile church, abandoned the OT for the NT and abandoned law for grace.

***1 Samuel 12:22 For יהוה will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because יהוה has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.***

***Psalms 94.14 For יהוה will not abandon His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance (Israel YHWH's inheritance - Psalms 78.71, Isaiah 19.25, Jeremiah 10.16).***

***Amos 3.2 You (Israel) only have I chosen among all the families of the earth, therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.***

Punishment by pruning the tree almost bare; devoid of branches - branches are often time symbolic of people in scripture.

***Romans 11:4 But what says the word of vuvh to him? I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Ba'al.***

**Romans 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to His election by grace/unmerited favor.**

**Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more by works: otherwise grace is not grace. But if it is by works, then is it no more grace: unless work is not work.**

V. 6 the adverb 'ouketi' 'no more' and the TNIV! (Today's NIV)

**TNIV V. 6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works, if it were, grace would no longer be grace.** (i.e. "there was once a time when YHWH's grace could be earned by human action!")

Redemption could never be acquired by human action in the Tanakh. This verse isn't setting up a dichotomy of works and grace, law and grace as is falsely taught. Once there was works but NOW there's grace. 'Ouketi' exposes this false construct immediately.

'Ouketi' 'no more' doesn't mean 'no more' as in it once used to be and now it's 'no more' as in temporarily.

'Ouketi' is a marker of inference in a logical process, like 'NOT'. Paul's communicating that even the remnant in the time of Elijah were the remnant based upon grace 'NOT' works. Works never made a person inclusive of the redeemed, ever!

Logical force/Not Vs. temporal force/no more/used to be!

Now the words 'proginosko' 'foreknowledge' and 'eklogē' 'election' can push some of you into wanting to debate Calvinism and Arminism, the choosing of some individuals for salvation and some for damnation.....

..... the context is the corporate election of Israel - the people as a whole.

Foreknowledge is talking about the nation NOT the foreordination of individuals to salvation - a 16th Century construct.

**Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Master how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Yahusha saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.**

7000 is representative of forgiving one's offender (here יהוה is the offended party and Israel the offender about to be pruned off the tree) but יהוה is willing to forgive Israel up to seventy times seven.

Forgiveness is given to the self-multiplying seed of Jacob/Israel - YHWH's never ending mercy toward His people seeking repentance and restoration with him.

**Romans 11:7** What then? Yisrael has not obtained that which they sought for; but the chosen remnant has obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

**Romans 11:8** According as it is written, “vuvh has given them the ruach of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear; to this day” (Deuteronomy 29.4, Isaiah 29:10),

**Romans 11:9** And Dawid says, ‘Let their shulchan be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling-block, and a reward to them:

**Romans 11:10** Let their eyes become darkened, that they may not see, and be hunchbacked always’ (Psalms 69.22, 35.8).

The remnant isn’t Judah: Amos 5:15 it’s Joseph alluding to Genesis 45:7 and יהוה is willing to prune the tree bare and burn the branches (Amos 5:6) if it means the restoration and return of all Israel.

Remnant and election theology can’t be divorced from the nation and fought out amongst individuals (Calvinism Arminianism).

If Israel exists solely because of YHWH’s mercy and kindness to them, then even the remnant can expect to receive that same mercy and kindness in return for repentance.

**Ezekiel 16:1** and say, thus says יהוה to Jerusalem: ‘Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite; your father was an Amorite, your mother was a Hittite. As for your birth, on the day you were born your umbilical cord was not cut nor were you washed in water for cleansing. You were never rubbed with salt nor were you swaddled at all. No eye pitied you enough to do any of these things to you out of compassion. Instead you were cast out in the open field, for you were detested on the day you were born.

Hardening isn’t an obstacle to Israel, but judgement on Israel..

**Romans 11:11** I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall le-olam-va-ed? Let it not be: but rather through their fall salvation has gone out to the nations, for to provoke them to jealousy.

**Matthew 10:5** These twelve did Yahusha send forth, having given command to them, saying, ‘To the way of the nations go not away, and into a city of the Samaritans go not in, and be going rather unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

**Matthew 15:22** and lo, a woman, a Canaanitess, from those borders having come forth, did call to him, saying, ‘Deal kindly with me, Sir—Son of David; my daughter is miserably demonized.’ And he did not answer her a word; and his disciples having come to him, were asking him, saying—‘Let her away, because she crieth after us;’ (Judah sends Ephraim away) and he answering said, ‘I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ And having come, she was bowing to him, saying, ‘Sir, help me;’ and he answering said, ‘It is not good to take the

***children's bread, and to cast to the little dogs.***(It's not to take the children of Israel's bread - the Torah and cast it before the gentiles; they'll stigmatize it) '***And she said, 'Yes, sir, for even the little dogs do eat of the crumbs that are falling from their Masters' table;'*** then answering, ***Yahusha said to her, 'O woman, great is thy faith, let it be to thee as thou wilt;'*** and her daughter was healed from that hour.

The teachings from the Torah may often be wasted on those at home in the nations, it's not good to take it away from the children of Israel unless it's requested by one from the nations *by faith and hearing*.....isn't that the truth!

Ultimately deliverance was meant for Israel, the nation, but they failed to receive it. Individuals did accept it but the majority, including the establishment didn't. Judaism, Messianic Judaism, Christianity are all part of a theological establishment! It's the individuals from their midst the Spirit is drawing into the remnant priesthood.

***Romans 11:12 Now if their temporal fall brought riches to the world, and the diminishing of their believing numbers brought riches to the nations; how much more the fullness of their return from blindness?***

V. 12 'Pleroma' 'fullness', 'completion.'

Are we talking?

1. Qualitative?... or
2. Quantitative?

Quantitative - a full number, a full quota which is the answer to Israel's rebellion and defeat - her full restoration.

'Pleroma' isn't supporting predestination of individuals to salvation. It's not used to describe a set number of the elect, rather a full, large number or the Great Multitude that are numbered from all 12 tribes of Israel fully grafted in from the nations, peoples, tribes and tongues Revelation 7 - the planting of Israel!

***Romans 11:13 For I speak to you nations, because I am the sholiach to the nations, I magnify my work by explaining this.***

***Romans 11:14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation those who are of my flesh, and might save some of them.***

***Romans 11:15 For if their temporal setting aside be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them back be, but chayim from the dead?***

***Romans 11:16 For if the bikkurim are kadosh, the lump is also kadosh: and if the root is kadosh, so are the branches-netsarim.***

The lump is the Numbers 15:18 heave offering.  
The root is Yahusha Revelation 22.16.