

ROMANS 43 – 11:7-10

The Blinding of Israel

1. 11:7

- a. *“Israel hath not obtained”* – because of Rom 9:31-33
- b. *“but the election hath obtained it”* – The remnant already identified in Luke 12:32
- c. *“the rest were blinded”* – The rest of who? Israel. When were they blinded? MMLJ
- d. *“the rest”* – Not all of Israel is blinded, they are only blinded in part – Rom 11:25
- e. This cannot be the church, the BOC, the mystery had not been revealed yet.

2. 11:8

- a. Quote from Isaiah 29:10 about the blinding of Israel
- b. The context is the tribulation / time of Jacob’s trouble - Isa 29:6
- c. They stagger and stumble, why? They are blind – Isa 29:9
- d. God poured out a deep sleep, and blinded them from his words - Isa 29:10
- e. They draw near with their lips, but not their heart - Isa 29:13, Matt 15:7-9
- f. Jesus turned some things upside down – Isa 29:13-16, Matt 11:12-15
- g. The deaf hear, blind see, the poor preached gospel - Isa 29:17-18, Matt 5:5, 11:5

3. *“Ears that they should not hear”*

- a. Isaiah 6:8-13 is God punishing Israel with blindness and hiding salvation
- b. It is about their knowing the word of the Lord – Isa 1:10, 55:3
- c. Remember the song of Moses started with hearing ears – Deu 32:1
- d. The purpose of the parables: Mt 11:15, 13:9-17, 37, Mk 7:16, Lk 14:35, Jn 12:37-40
- e. Each of the seven churches are told to hear – Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13:22
- f. It is used when speaking of the antichrist – Rev 13:9
- g. Paul condemns Israel in Rome with the same prophecy – Acts 28:24-28

4. 11:9-10

- a. Psalm 69 is considered Messianic psalm - Psa 69:1-13
- b. The speaker sees his enemies of his own house surround him – Psa 69:19-21
- c. Their table is the crucifixion (vinegar and gall) - 69:22
- d. The trap is that they should’ve believed, but they stumbled – Isa 8:14-15
- e. *“let their eyes be darkened”* – blinded – Psa 69:23
- f. When loins shake, someone falls. Israel stumbles, is blinded, and falls