

ROMANS 44 – 11:11-15

Gentiles and Israel's Fulness

1. 11:11

- a. Remember the context is Israel, and the fulfillment of God's promise to them.
- b. Remember, what we learned up to now in Romans 9-10
- c. There is a remnant Rom 11:1, the rest were blinded 11:7, they can be saved 11:11
- d. *"that they should fall?"* – Is Israel given up for good? Can they be saved?
- e. *"rather through their fall"* – Israel is fallen. There is no doubt. It is a past event.
 - i. Israel on the map today is not the Israel of the Bible, they are fallen.
 - ii. How did they fall? By rejecting Christ – Remember Rom 10:9-10, 11:8-10
- f. *"salvation is come unto the Gentiles"* – through Israel's fall as part of the remnant
- g. *"for to provoke them [Israel] to jealousy"* – They can be saved, they need the gospel.
- h. The church today does not provoke, we do not have what they were promised.
- i. The people provoking Israel are the ones supplanting them in the remnant.

2. 11:12

- a. The problem = Gentiles boasting against Israel for what they got instead of them
- b. The fall = they stumbled at faith in Christ = riches of the world - Jam 2:5 = not you
- c. Who was left after they fell? A: The remnant of faithful Jews *and Gentiles*
- d. *"diminishing of them"* – A result of the blinding, Rom 9:6, 9:29, Rom 11:7
- e. *"riches of the Gentiles"* – As the law said – Deu 28:30-33 (Also see Isa 10:5-15)
- f. *"much more their fullness"* – ...but Israel will eat the riches of Gentiles – Isa 61:6
- g. Israel is blessed over these Gentiles in their fullness – Gen 12:3, Deu 26:19, Isa 2:2
- h. This is the death knell to full preterism and replacement theology.

3. 11:13

- a. Be careful of making slogans out of these verses just for good preaching
- b. Paul is the minister of the Gentiles, Christ was of the circumcision – Rom 15:8, 16
- c. These are not Gentiles of Paul's ministry, these boasters already knew Christ
- d. Gentiles could get salvation before Paul, Gentile blessing was not a mystery
- e. Gentiles were also a part of the earthly purpose for Israel – Rom 9:24, Rev 21:24
- f. Paul magnifies his office using his authority to speak to these other Gentiles
- g. There are Gentiles in the Bible that are not the church: think Cornelius – Acts 10

4. 11:14-15

- a. 11:14 is why Paul magnifies his office: for the salvation of Israel – 1 Cor 9:19-22
- b. Paul agreed to go to heathen Gal 2:9, but he's writing to the remnant 2 Pet 3:15
- c. *"casting away"* = by their unbelief; *"receiving of them"* – by their salvation by faith
- d. If this were the church, it wouldn't matter, but here Israel receives much more.
- e. *"life from the dead"* – a dead nation raised, but also the resurrection in the end.