



GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PEOPLE

Romans 11:1-10

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We are living in unprecedented times with covid, wars, economic & political pressures, disasters around the world. Signs of the End Times are mentioned in Matthew 24 and we see some of these signs actually come to pass during the siege of Jerusalem. In the year 70 AD, the decisive event of the First Jewish–Roman War, when the Roman army captured the city of Jerusalem and destroyed both the city and its Temple. Jesus says...

*"So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place, **16** then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **17** Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, **18** and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. **19** And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! **20** Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. **21** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. **22** And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short."*

Matthew 24:15-22

These tribulations are evidence that we are living in the last days, but God continues to remain faithful to His chosen people in becoming a nation that will experience God's gracious salvation. We see this occurring in our lifetime now. We may say the world is falling apart, but to God, it is falling into place. It's no surprise to Him if anyone would reject the righteousness and gospel of Jesus Christ. God's continued work with Israel speaks of his faithfulness to accomplish His missional work in the world.

READ, ROMANS 11:1-10

*"I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. **2** God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? **3** "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." **4** But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." **5** So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. **6** But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. **7** What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, **8** as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day." **9** And David says, "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; **10** let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever."*

1. God can be TRUSTED. (v 1)

- God's GRACE always surpasses His people's SIN.

2. God Keeps His PROMISES (v 2-7)

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, **32** not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. **33** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people." **Jeremiah 31:31-33**

- Christ's CHURCH has never been without believing JEWS.

3. God Warns Those of DISBELIEF. (v 7b-10)

The Lord has hardened the hearts of those Jews who only refuse to believe and reject grace. So many people place their trust in the very thing that sends them to hell: false religion of pagan spiritism, cultic, unbiblical Christianity and even the endless cycle of empty, religious activity. The more Israel continues to reject God, the more blind they become to truly see Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart. Trust in Jesus today!

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision you could ever make is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death. Yet through God's love, only Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead — YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins, BELIEVE in Jesus thereby receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.