

The message of the Bible is one of redemption from that estate in sin which, according to the God's Word, must be due to the **fall**.

Consequently, the whole Biblical revelation comes to be without reason or reality when the fall of man is denied. The record of the **fall** which the Scriptures present is one of great simplicity.

A man and woman are brought into being as innocent and as upright as the creation of a holy God could make them.

- They know God's mind since they commune with Him.
- A subjective command is given that they abstain from eating the fruit of one certain tree.

To disobey God is to not accept Him and to adopt a course of independent action which is wholly foreign to the proper relation which should exist between a creature and Creator.

The warning had been duly given, but because of disobedience or independent action, "*dying they would die.*" The reference is to perishing, both physical and spiritual, with its consummation in the second death.

By the immediate experience of spiritual death man's first parents were converted downward and became a kind of being wholly different from that which God created.

Israel

An elect, sacred, and everlasting nation is the plan or purpose of God for Israel. These people came into being miraculously as the seed of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob.

They are the object of immeasurable covenants and promises and this becomes their major identification or destination, for the covenants are secured or sealed by the act of Jehovah.

Israel stands alone, in distinction from all **other nations** combined.

Those many **other nations are known as Gentiles**, but Israelites are known as Jews.

Individual **Jews** are such because they **were born into covenant relations** with God by a physical birth.

Herein lies a great contrast, since

Christians are such because they **were born by a spiritual birth into right relations with God.**

Because Israel sustains a covenant relationship to God, He gave them a specific rule of life through Moses.

Keeping the rule of life, however, did not and could not make them children of Jehovah's covenant.

They were to keep the rule of life because they

were already in the covenant.

The believer has a principle of life secured by his position under **grace** today and so keeping this or any rule will **not** make him a child of God, although **being a child** of the Father he should walk according to His revealed will.

Israel's relationship to Jehovah remained unchanged until the present age, (rejection of Jesus the Christ) * in which time God has ordained that there should be "*no difference*" *between Jew and Gentile* ([Rom. 10:12](#)).

All alike are under sin ([Rom. 3:9](#); [Gal. 3:22](#)), and the individual Jew like the Gentile may be saved alone through faith in Christ.

In similar manner, all Jews are now subject to divine judgment, which is something eternal if they continue as Christ rejecters.

When the present age is completed, Israel will return to Jehovah's purpose for her and will enter, properly purged, the long-promised and anticipated kingdom glory.

God will deal specifically with Israel in judgment ([Ezek. 20:33-34](#)).

Also, all the nations shall stand before the throne of Christ's glory to be judged respecting their treatment of Israel as a people (cf. [Matt. 25:31-46](#)).

Israel is appointed to glorify God.

God speaks of the elect nation as "*Israel my glory*" ([Isa. 46:13](#))

He has chosen that nation above all nations for His

- During this time, the Jews were a minority in the church. The Gentiles had responded to the message of salvation in mass. The city of Rome was mostly Gentile
- God's salvation was now being broadcast through the church instead of Israel
- **Is it possible?-salvation has come to the gentiles to make the Jews jealous?** Romans 10:19 (NASB) ¹⁹ *But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, (Deut. 32:21)"I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."*
- Notice that in Romans 9,10,11 no mention of the word "church"
 - Gentiles 7 times, Israel 12 times but no mention of the church
 - **God is not thru with Israel**

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11:11- National Israel's Judicial Hardness is Temporary

11a A RHETORICAL QUESTION

Same question as in **Romans 11:1 (NASB)** *¹I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.):*

lit., *“I say therefore, they did not stumble that they might fall (permanently), did they?”*

CATEGORICAL ANSWER (:μη γενοιτο).

“It could never be.” i.e. **NEVER!**

“This means the total of the Jewish nation, all but the elect remnant.

The contrast here between **stumbling and falling** shows that by the latter is meant an irretrievable fall from which there is no recovery.”

STUMBLE

Original Word: **πταίω**, *ptaiō*

Usage Notes: "to cause to stumble," signifies, "**to stumble**," used metaphorically in [Rom. 11:11](#), in the sense (b)

FALL

Original Word: **πίπτω**, *piptō*

Usage Notes: "to fall," is used (a) of descent, **to "fall" down from**,

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Israel's fall is neither final nor fatal

Have you ever stumbled but didn't fall? They stumbled but they did not fall

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The word "**that**" is **hina** which means "*in order that.*" "**so as to**"

The idea here is not so much purpose but as a result.

Paul rejects vehemently the idea that the stumbling of Israel in its rejection of the Messiah resulted in its final downfall.

What has changed now that Jesus Christ has come?

Israel's relationship to Jehovah was unchanged until the present age.

Now God has ordained that there should be "*no difference*" between Jew and Gentile (**Rom. 10:12**). All alike are under sin (**Rom. 3:9; Gal. 3:22**),

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God in His providence used it as an occasion to bring His salvation to the Gentiles

- This is the means whereby He could make Israel jealous of the Gentiles and incite in them a desire for the salvation they had rejected.

Paul followed this procedure all through his missionary labors,

1. First going to the Jews, and when they rejected the gospel,
2. He went to the Gentiles, until finally in his first Roman imprisonment, he abandoned Israel and turned to the Gentiles.

God's blessing to Gentiles causes the self-satisfied Jew to awake,—**First** to ridicule Gentile testimony. **Then**,—seeing the reality of Divine blessing to the despised Gentile, to arouse to a deep jealousy:

“They have what we ought to have; and we have lost God’s favor!”

The cross was the consummate rejection of Jesus Christ. Israel insisted that He be crucified.

What’s going to happen during the period of rejection- opens the door to gentile blessing. 11:11

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Acts 13:44-45 (NASB)

*⁴⁴ The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, **they were filled with jealousy** and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.*

¹² Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!

NOTICE THERE NO VERBS IN THIS VERSE.

- Between the word transgression and riches lies the doctrine of the sovereignty of God
- Between the word failure and riches also lies the doctrine of the sovereignty of God
- **Sovereignty is not God's approval of everything that is.**
- **God's sovereignty is God's ability to control all events so that the net result brings glory to Him.**

EXAMPLES of God's Sovereignty:

Life of Joseph- Gen. 45:4-8

Gen 45: ⁵ “Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁷ “God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

What is God's purpose in everything He does? To glorify Himself

God takes all events and bring about glory to Himself

Romans 8:28 (NASB) ² And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose..

God is totally secure on His throne.

John 1:11 (NASB) ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

This didn't mess up God's program. It may look like sin wins but His sovereignty is absolutely sovereignty.

Who can make failure riches- who can make transgression riches? Only God can do that.

This chapter is of great importance in relation to the knowledge of God and of His ways.

The sovereignty of God is often regarded as if it were a narrowing up and restriction of blessing, but Paul is showing how it has secured blessing where otherwise there would be none.

SINCE

- The stumble of national Israel in its rejection of the **Messiah** and consequent temporary rejection by God
- **Results** in the enrichment of the world of sinners in the sense that salvation now has **come directly to the Gentiles**,.

AND—

- The setting aside of national Israel results in the enrichment of the Gentiles in that they **became recipients** of salvation—

Then-

- Their fall = the riches of the world; their loss = the riches of the Gentiles.

Before they fell, if a Gentile wanted to know the true God, he must become a “proselyte.”

- He must journey up to Jerusalem three times a year; and even then he could not worship directly.
- He must have Levitical priests and forms.

Contrast with this the day of Pentecost.

- Every man heard in his own tongue in which he was born, the wonderful works of God!
- And later, Paul goes freely forth, apart from the Law, and “religion,” to all the Gentiles:

See Ephesus, and Corinth, and then Rome, and the whole world, “rich,” by Israel’s fall!

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If their failure and their sin brought this wonderful salvation what will their restoration do or be like.

The word "fullness" "fulfillment" is *plērōma*, "that which has been filled."

The word refers to that which is complete, the completeness of Israel referring here to its return to God at the second Advent, and its national salvation.

If He did this wonderful thing for gentiles, what will He do when bringing restoration of the Jews.

Paul doesn't answer, he just lets it sit there.

The normal course of things, according to the prophetic word, would have been for the nations to be blessed through Israel as God's people enjoying His favor.

But, instead of that, in the present ways of God their fall has been the world's wealth, and the Jews loss - the wealth of the nations.

But this in no way sets aside God's plan to bless the Gentile nations in a future day in connection with the full blessing of Israel.

Now if this blessing be so great for the world, with Israel “fallen,” how much more, when the time of restoration, and of fulness for Israel, will be!

Think of it—

- The Lord Jesus, personally reigning on the throne of David in Jerusalem.
- The nation Israel saved
- Satan bound
- Creation released from its curse
- Universal righteousness, peace, and prosperity for one thousand years.

Acts 15:16-18 (NASB)

¹⁶ 'AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT,

¹⁷ SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,'

¹⁸ SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO.

Wherever you are, you can call on the Lord, and walk by the blessed Holy Spirit, and witness of a free salvation to all and any who will listen!

If **their fall** is the riches of the world, and their loss has been “riches to the world” and to the Gentiles, **how much more their fulness?**

For twenty centuries Israel has been feeding on vain hopes, on expectations which have either utterly failed, or have become connected with material gain in a way that has carried them more and more into complete faithlessness.

Israel will yet have "**their fulfillment**" according to many prophetic scriptures, and **the nations will be wealthy then in the richness of millennial blessing, subordinate to Israel as the head under Messiah's benevolent reign.**

But before that day of Israel's wealth and glory, so fully described in Old Testament prophecies, **there has come in a uncharacteristic interval marked by the fall, loss, and setting aside of Israel nationally, and the salvation and wealth of God in grace going out to the nations.**

