

~ INTRO. ~

LAST TIME...

- (Chp #10) ended with a quote from Isaiah (vv.20-21).

INDICATING...

- God's offer has been largely ignored by Israel...
 - YET there IS... a remnant of Israel that believes in Jesus.

CHURCH...

- What you do with Israel...
 - Largely determines how you interpret the NT.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- Some believe the church has replaced Israel –
 - (*Replacement theology*) faulty belief!
- (Rom 11) shows the church does NOT replace Israel.

GETTING THIS RIGHT IS IMPORTANT...

- Because if you miss this distinction...
 - Bible prophecy gets **distorted**...
 - And New Testament events are **misplaced**.

ALSO...

- Missing this distinction... creates a flaw in God's character...
 - Because He's doesn't keep His promise to Israel.

HOW MANY HAVE READ (Revelation)?

THIS DISTINCTION IMPACTS...

- How we read & understand Revelation.
 - Instead of a *blessing* to receive (Rev. 1:3) NLT...
 - We get confused over the characters.

OUTLINE TO REVELATION: (Rev. 1:19) NKJV

- *Have seen* (past)

“Do You Understand the Difference – Israel & The Church”

- *Which are* (present)
- *Will take place* (future)

BIG PICTURE FLOW:

(Rev 1-3) The church on earth

(Rev. 4-5) The church in heaven

- The church does NOT go thru the Tribulation...
(1 Thess. 1:10 & 5:9) NKJV

(Rev. 6-18) Life on earth after the rapture of the church...

- The 7-yr Tribulation period in total (70th week of Daniel)

(Rev. 19-22) Gives the final events in God’s plan...

- The Great Tribulation (final 3 ½ years)
- The second coming of Christ (Christ physical return to earth)
 - Which ends Armageddon.
- Millennial kingdom (1,000 reign of Christ on earth)
- The *Great White Throne Judgment* (at the end of 1,000 reign)
- The new heaven and new earth (prepared by God)

POINT BEING: BIBLE READING...

- Gets confusing when you use the *church* to replace OT *Israel*.
 - So please understand that God has a plan for Israel...
 - And God has a plan for the Church.
 - Both are distinct in the scriptures. Amen!

IDEA #1 – REMNANT

(v.1) There’s a remnant of Israel that has responded (Example: Paul).

(vv.2-4) Gives the story of Elijah (1 Kings 19: 10, 14, 18) remnant.

(vv.5-6) Paul uses the example God gave to Elijah...

- Saying God’s grace has preserved a remnant – **right now**.

IDEA #2 – NATIONAL ISRAEL

GOD’S NOT DONE...

- Working with the Nation of Israel.

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SO...

- Let's understand what's happening at this time.

PAUL IS SPEAKING ABOUT THE NATION AS A WHOLE...

- And NOT every individual.
 - He references (Isa. 29:9-10) NKJV.

TO THIS DAY...

- Religious Jews lean exclusively upon...
 - The writings & interpretations of the Rabbi's.

IDEA #3 – GENTILE'S DON'T BE IGNORANT

The *root & branches*...

- *Root* = Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob)
 - *Branches* = Descendants (the Nation of Israel)

OLIVE TREES...

- Lived for hundreds of years...
- And some branches stop producing olives.
- When that happened branches from younger trees were grafted in.

(vv.17-24)

The old unproductive branches (Israel) were broken off...

- And branches from a wild olive tree (Gentiles) were grafted in...
 - The church.

HERE'S THE IDEA:

- Don't take salvation for granted
- Don't talk trash against Israel (anti-Semitic)

IDEA #4 – REPENTANT JEWS WILL BE SAVED

(v.26) the idea *“All Israel will be saved”*

- Is taken from the OT (Isa. 59:20-21).
 - Delivered by the Messiah thru the Tribulation.

“All Israel will be saved”

- Does NOT mean that every living Jew...

Romans 11:1-36

“Do You Understand the Difference – Israel & The Church”

- At Christ’s return to the earth will be saved.
 - Only the ones who embrace Jesus by faith.

SOURCES:

- Walvoord & Zuck cite (Ezk. 20:38) NKJV
- John MacArthur cites (Zech. 13:8-9) NKJV

FINALLY (vv.30-32)...

Disobedience (x4)

- The condition of being un-persuadable OR obstinate
 - (Acts 19:8-9) NKJV
 - *Harden* = heard but took no action (stubborn)
 - *Did not believe* = withheld themselves from applying
 - *Spoke evil* = curse / abuse / disrespect

Mercy (x4)

- A word filled with emotion...
 - And refers to God’s inclination to relieve our misery.

~ IN CLOSING ~

THE CHAPTER ENDS with God’s amazing wisdom (vv.33-36).