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Romans 11:2-4 (NIV) ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah--how he appealed to God against Israel:

³ "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? ⁴ And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal."



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Romans 11:5-10 (NIV) ⁵ So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace. ⁷ What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened, ⁸ as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day."



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⁹ And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. ¹⁰ May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."



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Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.



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His Lordship

His authority

His Son

His grace

Romans 10:13 (NIV) for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



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II. IT INVOLVES THE GRAFTING OF GOD

vs. 11-24

A. The Grafting of Unnatural Branches vs. 17-22

Romans 11:17-22 (NIV)¹⁷ If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root,¹⁸ do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in."



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²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. ²²

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.



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A. The Grafting of Unnatural Branches vs. 11-22

John 1:11-12 (NIV) ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--



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John 15:1-2 (NIV) ¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.



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B. The Grafting of Natural Branches vs. 19-24

Romans 11:23-24 (NIV) ²³ And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!



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Luke 18:27 (NIV) Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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vs. 25-32

A. His Promises vs. 25-27

Romans 11:25-27 (NIV) ²⁵ I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. ²⁷ And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."



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B. His Purposes vs. 28-32

Romans 11:28-32 (NIV) ²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.



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Paul does not envision the church as a replacement for Israel, nor of separate Jewish and Gentile churches, “but rather a church of Jews and Gentiles” (Jewett 2007, 693). The God who was able to bring Gentiles to faith is able to restore unbelieving Israel into the one people of God. If the incorporation of Gentiles into Israel is possible, how much more is the restoration of unbelieving ethnic Israel to the people of God a divine possibility. God is able (v 23)!

New Beacon Bible Commentary.



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One Church:

- Established through the Jews
- Joined by the Gentiles
- Completed by Israel



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IV. IT INVOLVES THE GLORY OF GOD

vs. 33-36

A. His Greatness vs. 33-34

Romans 11:33-34 (NIV) ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"



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IV. IT INVOLVES THE GLORY OF GOD

vs. 33-36

B. His Grace v. 35

Romans 11:35 (NIV) "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"



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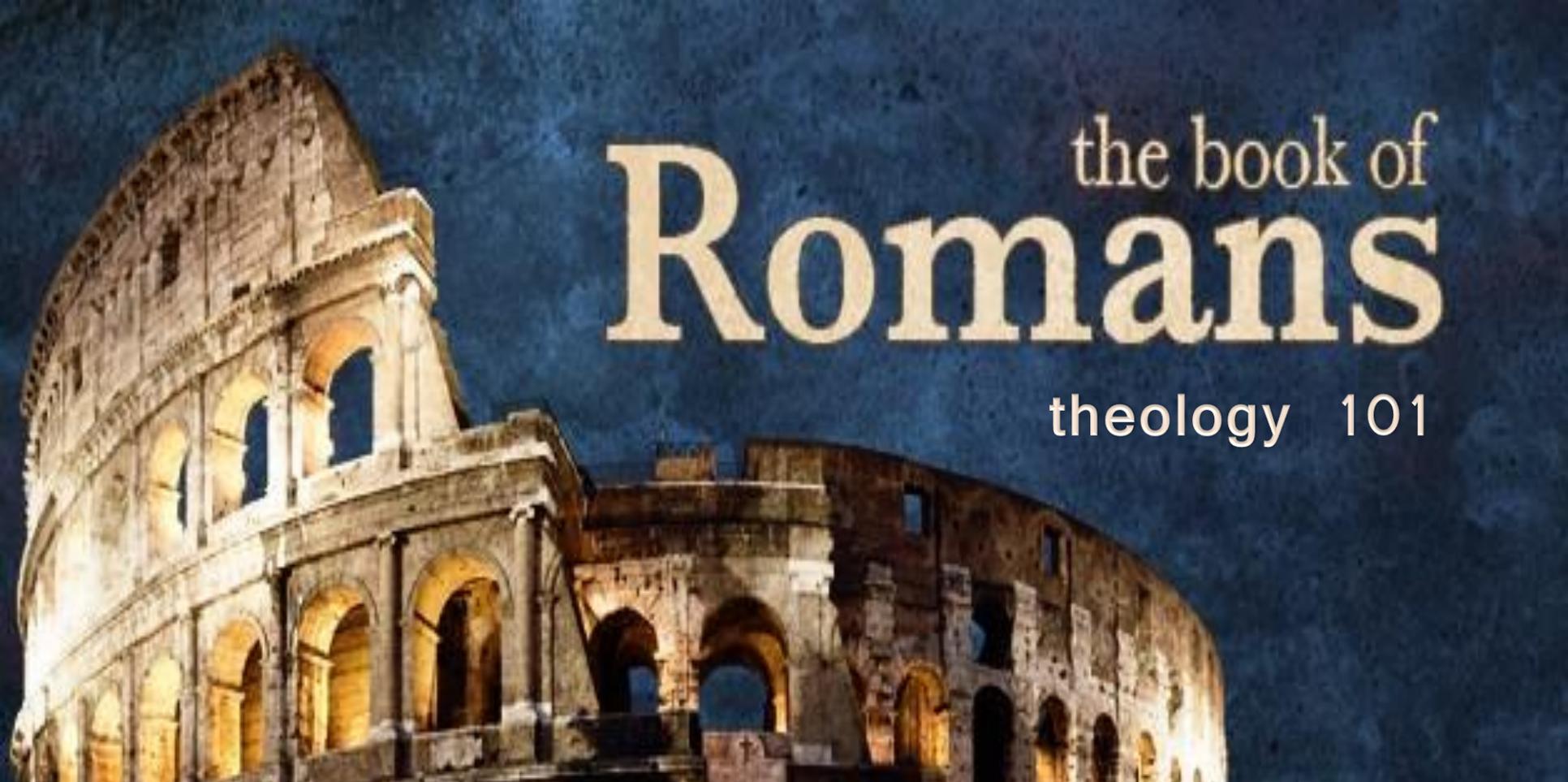
C. His Glory v. 36

Romans 11:36 (NIV) For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

“From” God

“Through” God

“To” God



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