



*“The more we can learn about our foundations the stronger our faith will be”*

## Cut Off Romans 11:4

# The Divine Response

In all the years of attending church services I never heard a sermon given by any pastor or lay leader on **Romans 9, 10 or 11**. I suppose I see these chapters as being the crème in the Latte’ coffee as they address everything that Replacement Theology advocates need to know about the wrong teaching. Often folks are afraid to talk Replacement Theology as it is a different form of daily bread than what they were raised on; therefore, they just do not touch it.

The margins of my Bible have no space left from my notes on these three chapters of Romans. For me, it has all of the answers one needs to realize how wrong Replacement Theology is— which has poisoned so many believers. It will go down in history as the greatest spiritual plague of error in the historical church. That which began as a Jewish faith movement in Jerusalem turned into another religion. This is monumental. Jesus never knew a Christian. He never heard of Christianity or Christendom when He walked the dusty roads of ancient Israel. I hope that you will find this teaching not depressing but instead, refreshing truth to your bones and water to your thirsty soul.

In order to bring to the surface that which has been submerged in deep bitter waters for centuries we need to set the scene in context. I do not use the method of *eisegesis* (where you make the scriptures say anything you want it to say to fit your traditional upbringing) but I use the theological method of (*exegesis* which means to “pull out” from the context, time period and who is speaking to whom). From Matthew to Revelation, we read the Writings of the Jewish Apostles who had sat at the feet of Rabbi Yeshua. We



need to see through their eyes not our western unfamiliar-with-the-Torah lens. *“For I speak to you Gentiles (non-Jews) now.” (Romans 11:13)*

Remember Paul, (Shaul his real name) is in Rome. He is an orthodox Jewish scholar with the strictest of lifestyles who has just given his life to following his Rabbi who said *“Follow Me!* (normal for Rabbis of that day). He had walked dusty roads and sat at the table with Yeshua at the Jewish festival of Pesach (Passover) and was a real eye witness of the outstanding miracles which Yeshua did for so many followers.

Shaul has had his ears wide open since he walked into Rome. He sees the divisions; he has heard about accusations which were already going around at that time about Jews. He begins chapter 11's message with a question. *“I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.” (Romans 11:1)* Why does he ask this question unless there was an argument that God had finished with the Jews. After all (they thought) *“they murdered ‘Christ’ and God is sending them all to hell.”* I believe Shaul is trying to set the record straight and in defense of his people, Shaul brilliantly performs surgery on a tumor in the minds of some of the people who had so many questions. They just needed to hear the truth...and the truth is what he gave them. The first thing out of his mouth is *“Well, if God cast them all away, I'm here...I am a Jew...and God did not finish with me!” (Romans 11:1)*. He begins to defend the faithfulness of God to His covenant with Israel and how God so beautifully designed time so that gentiles who were not “chosen” could be included *with* the “chosen” people of God. He wants every reader to hear how he deals with the accusations and spiritual pride among the non-Jews believing in his Messiah. He records it so we can read it today and unfolds a great truth which has been submerged in muddy waters for centuries. If left unanswered, it may never find its way to the surface, but God will not be mocked. By understanding more about God's plan for man and His covenant with Israel, we will see the most incredible Divine Mercy ever seen before which our Heavenly Father expressed toward the non-Jews (such as ourselves). There is a harbinger (warning) in **Romans 11:22** and it is time for the church to stop skipping over it because they do not understand it. It is time to say, *“Why did I not see this before?”*

Here is the harbinger. Shaul clearly informs and cautions everyone. He is saying that God expects us to love His Chosen People and to treat them with humility, love, and mercy. He instructs not to *“boast against the branches,”* (Romans 11:8) meaning God considers mercy from the non-Jews. We received God's Love while we were, yet sinners and He expects us to act in the same manner towards His People. If we do not, then we face the consequences. He speaks only about showing mercy—being a blessing as He commanded us in **Genesis 12:3**. We owe a tremendous debt to the Jewish people as all we possess has come from Israel.

We owe them a great debt. God partially blinded them, laid a veil on their eyes, a stupor and sleep until the fullness of the non-Jews come in (Romans 11:25) and **then** all Israel will be saved. The directive of mercy and kindness is a testimony of character. He did not blind them permanently but only for a season while He brings in non-Jews from the nations into the Commonwealth of Israel—the redeemed Israel of God (**Ephesians 2:12**) **Those who show no mercy will be cut off! This is a serious warning.** Who speaks to us about this from the pulpit?

*“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His Goodness: otherwise, thou also shalt be cut off” (Romans 11:22).* The Hebrew word “*kareth*,” the verb “*karat*” mean to cut or cut off. It means to break a connection with something. Can a soul be cut off? Historically, in the Torah when someone sinned against God, they were cut off from the camp of Israel. **(Numbers 15:27-31)** It also meant from the “City of the Lord”. (Other scriptures to study) **(1 Corinthians 1:18, 15:2; 2 Corinthians 4:11; Genesis 17:14; Romans 1:16; 2:3; Psalm 101:8; 94:23; 116:5; Leviticus 20:3; Ephesians 2:4; 2 Timothy 1:18; Job 4:7; Matthew. 13:30. Mercy is indeed the key. (Hosea 2:23)**

The church wants to lead but both covenants are with Israel. What is called the “church” is a wild olive, grafted into a cultivated tree. We are a graft (in Hebrew a “*netzir*”). It is where the word “*Nazar—ene*” comes from. A graft is a graft is an offshoot, transplant, and attached to Israel. We do not replace her. We are to “cling” as Ruth. (Study **Psalm 12:13; Zechariah 1:17; Isaiah 60:4; Romans 11:17, Ruth 1:16-17**)

Haman wanted glory, prestige, and honor. He worked against Mordecai, the Jew. “False teaching is breeding anti-Israel sentiment in countless churches...ALL Scripture is by God...pastors should be providing a Biblical context...many remain woefully silent about Israel...the various false teachings that have arisen because of the wide acceptance of a-millennialism has obscured the truth needed to understand the perils of the world in which we live.... this war is not like the others..... Satan renews his hatred for the Jewish people with the deadly rage of the antichrist. He inspired the barbaric attacks of 7 October, 2023, as a part of his agenda to prevent Jesus from returning to His homeland at His Second coming... Hamas is at war against humanity, not just Israel...we must pray for Israel, its people and its war effort... the message of the Torah is clear: the Land still belongs to Israel and nations that seek to divide it will suffer...**Augustine, the theologian who popularized the millennial denial of a future kingdom for Israel, was motivated by his hatred for the Jews.** This same attitude was found in both Luther and Calvin...I have noticed a pattern...they appear oblivious to God’s impending judgment. I hear it in their church’s statements of faith....most believers remain unprepared for the near future...its intent to divide the Land of Israel...to fit a human-based agenda that falsely asserts that Israel no longer has a place in God’s prophetic agenda...the Tribulation is rapidly approaching..... however, before God’s wrath descends upon the nations, Jesus will appear.” (Jonathan Brentner, Bible teacher (Harbinger’s Daily)

Let us heed the warning of Shaul found in Romans and walk a straight path with the Lord.

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