

**Romans 11:1-10**  
**New Revised Standard Version**

**Israel's Rejection Is Not Final**

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? <sup>3</sup> “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.” <sup>4</sup> But what is the divine reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” <sup>5</sup> So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup> But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace. <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, <sup>8</sup> as it is written,

“God gave them a sluggish spirit,  
eyes that would not see  
and ears that would not hear,  
down to this very day.”

<sup>9</sup> And David says,

“Let their table become a snare and a trap,  
a stumbling block and a retribution for them;  
<sup>10</sup> let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,  
and keep their backs forever bent.”