

"HAS ISRAEL FALLEN IRRETRIEVABLY?"

ROMANS 11:11-16

I. THE STUMBLING OF ISRAEL SERVES A TWOFOLD PURPOSE IN THE PLAN OF GOD (11:11, 13-14)

- A. How Great An Irony: The Catastrophe Of Israel Has Served As The Key Occasion For Gentile Salvation (11:11a)
- B. How Great A Responsibility: Gentile Believers Must Live Out Their Christianity In Such A Way As To Make The Jew Long For What They Do Not Have (11:11b, 13-14)
 - 1. The Apostle's Exhortation (11:13)
 - 2. The Apostle's Example (11:14)

II. THE STUMBLING OF ISRAEL IS ONLY TEMPORARY AND HER ULTIMATE RESTORATION TO HER PLACE OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE HAS EVEN GREATER RAMIFICATIONS FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD (11:12, 15-16)

- A. The Phrase "Their Fullness" Stands In Contrast To What Has Happened To The Majority Of The Nation (11:12)
 - 1. Note The Contrasting And Parallel Expressions
 - 2. Note How The Argument Is Developed From The Lesser To The Greater
- B. The Phrase "Life From The Dead" Has Two Possibilities (11:15)
 - 1. A Resurrection From The Graves Of The World
 - 2. A Worldwide Spiritual Awakening

Overview of Daniel 9:24-27

The Prophecy of the 70 Weeks

- 9:24** 70 weeks (of years) of prophetic history are decreed by God upon Israel.
- 9:25** 69 weeks (483 years) will begin with a decree to rebuild Jerusalem and end with "Messiah the Prince".
- 9:26** An interval between the 69th week and the beginning of the 70th week will see the death of the Messiah and the destruction of Jerusalem.
- 9:27** Antichrist ("the prince who is to come"-- v.26) will make a treaty with Israel to extend for 7 years but will break it and desolate Israel midway through that period.