

**Romans: Righteousness Revealed
God's Pathway to Secure Mercy for All
Romans 11:11-36 (page 789)**

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Israel's future is the headline and focus. To introduce this focus, Paul asks three questions, "Did they not hear?" (10:18), "Did they not understand?" (10:19), and "Did God reject them?" (11:1) In all three cases it's Paul way to make a hard, firm statement of fact. They heard, they didn't understand because they were deafened and have been set aside but not rejected. To verify that future Paul asks the question, "I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means!

I. Israel's failings reveal God's mercy 11:11-24

a. Enter God's 2nd String: "The Gentile Church" 11:11,12

b. Paul reveals his motivations 11:13-16a

c. Paul's illustration and warning 11:16b-24

II. Mystery declared and revealed 11:25-32

a. Mystery defined 11:25 (Eph 3:7-9; Col 1:25-27; 1 Cor. 10:1; 12:1; 2 Cor 1:8; 1 Thess. 4:13)

b. Mystery in prophecy 11:26,27
(Isa 27:9; 59:20-21; 60; Zech 12/13)

c. Mystery ushers in understanding of Mercy 11:28-32

III. Paul's Benediction 11:33-36

Challenge

1. Paul's great desire was to create an attitude of envy and draw Israel to God and salvation. Through the church fulfilling God's plan of grace and MERCY for all who will believe.
 2. How has the work of the Mercy of God challenged you?
- See Paul's challenge in 12:1.2