

# INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

## THE JEWS: FORGOTTEN OR SET ASIDE?

ROMANS 11:1-14



### The Heart of the Matter

Paul never forgot his Jewish roots. No matter where he was, what he was doing, or how he was treated, his love for his own people never faded. And so, as he wrote about God's plan for those who believe in His Son for eternal life, Paul's heart was touched by the reality that relatively few Jews had accepted Jesus as their Messiah. The vast majority were conspicuous by their absence from the universal body of Christ. Making sure that his readers did not come to the wrong conclusion, Paul dedicated the central section of this letter (Romans 9–11) to the future of the Jewish nation. He underscored the fact that, while they may be set aside during this era, they have not been forgotten. God will still keep His promises to His chosen!



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Let's Understand the Issues

Before jumping into the passage, it's important to gain clarity on two issues: who are God's people in Romans 11 and has God permanently rejected His people?

#### 2. Let's Review the Plan (Romans 11:1–14)

Paul argued that God has not rejected the Jews forever but only temporarily. This temporary rejection provides an opportunity for the gospel to reach the Gentiles, which in turn is designed to make the Jews jealous and return to God.

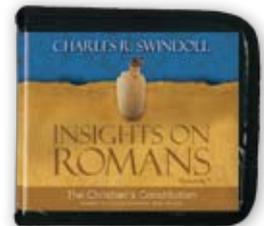


### Starting Your Journey

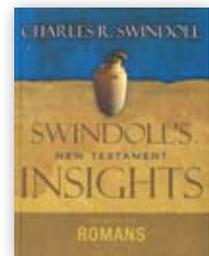
Two key points of application emerge from this passage: Unlike us, God always does His best work through a remnant. Second, unlike the world, God always keeps His promises.



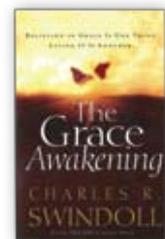
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