THE OLIVE TREE –PART 1 (EXERPTED FROM “To All That Be In Rome”)

#### **GRAFFING DURING ISRAEL’S BLESSING.**

**Introduction.**

**Romans 11, verse 17.**

Romans 11, verse 17, starts the section about the olive tree,

branches being broken off, and being graffed in.

There are often a lot of questions about that.

It will be good to go through that.

**Romans 11, verse 17**, says**,**

“and if some of the branches be broken off

and thou being a wild olive tree

wert graffed in **(past tense)** among them and

with them partakest of

the root and the fatness of the tree”.

And he goes on, but, **we can see here that** he is talking about,

an **olive tree**, and

a **wild** olive tree.

**Discovering Terms.**

There are several things we need to discover here.

We need to discover what the Bible says the “**olive tree” is,**

what the “broken off branches” are,

what is the “breaking off”, and

what does it mean when it says “being a wild olive tree”.

We need to find out what “graffing in” is, and

“partaking”.

What are the verses that tell us those things?

**Abram's Blessing and Seed.**

First of all, we need to do some background work so that

we understand when God tells us what the olive tree is in scripture.

What kind of blessing did Israel have?

Let’s go to Genesis, chapter 12, verses 1, through 3,

and we will find out Abrams calling,

right in the beginning when God

called him out from all the rest of the people.

**Genesis 12, verse 1-3**

“Now the LORD had said unto Abram,

Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred,

and from thy father's house,

unto a LAND that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee,

and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee,

and curse him that curseth thee:

and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

And then He goes on to confirm that

to **Abram’s**, later called Abraham’s son **Isaac**.

And then, He confirms it again in another appearance

to Isaac’s son, **Jacob**, and

then to the 12 tribes of Israel.

God renamed Jacob, Israel, and the children of Israel are

the 12 tribes of Israel, and their descendents.

**A PROSELYTE GOES BEYOND BLESSING.**

Lets become familiar with some of the scripture about being a **proselyte**.

**Genesis 17:12**

And he that is eight days old shall be **CIRCUMCISED** among you,

every man child in your generations,

he that is born in the house,

or bought with money of **any stranger**, which is not of thy seed.

**13**

He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money,

**must** needs be **circumcised**:

and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

**14**

And the **uncircumcised** man child whose

flesh of his foreskin is **not circumcised**,

that soul shall be **cut off** from his people;

he hath broken my covenant.

**Exodus 12:43**

And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron,

This is the **ORDINANCE OF THE PASSOVER**:

There shall **NO STRANGER EAT THEREOF**:

**Exodus 12:48**

And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee,

and **will** keep the passover to the LORD,

let all his males be **circumcised**, and

**then** let him come near and **KEEP IT;**

and **HE SHALL BE** as one that is **BORN IN THE LAND**:

for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

**Exodus 12:49**

**ONE LAW** shall be to him that is **homeborn**,

and unto **the stranger** that sojourneth among you.

**Israel Is Separate From the Body of Christ.**

Those things are not necessarily related to

anything having to do with the **body of Christ**.

We are talking about Israel, at this point.

They were two **entities**, two **agencies** running side-by-side,

at the same time in the book of Acts.

An **event** in Israel does not necessarily **correlate** to

any change or event in the body of Christ.

They are two separate **entities**.

Israel was ending for a while,

and the body of Christ was beginning at that time.

**Gentiles Alien from Israel.**

Most Gentiles had not blessed Israel,

and so were not blessed by God with

the covenants of promise **to the** commonwealth of Israel.

By not blessing Israel, most of the Gentiles

fit into the description of Ephesians 2, verse 12,

**Ephesians 2, verse 12**

being **alien** from the commonwealth of Israel,

and **strangers** from the covenants of promise,

having **no hope**, and **without God** in the world.

# **GENTILES BLESSING ISRAEL AND BEING CIRCUMCISED.**

But there were a few Gentiles that **blessed** Israel,

and then became **circumcised**,

to become part of Israel,

partake of the feasts,

and be under the same law as the rest of Israel.

As we saw in Exodus 12, verses 43, 48, and 49

**Exodus 12, verse 48**

“And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee,

and will keep the passover to the LORD,

**LET ALL HIS MALES BE CIRCUMCISED**,

and then let him come near and **KEEP IT;**

and he shall be **as one that is born in the land**….”

**Exodus 12, verse 49**

One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger

They were unlike the rest of the Gentiles

which had not blessed Israel.

They were not **aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**

**and not strangers from the covenants of promise.**

They were **not without** hope, and **not without** God in the world.

So those promises of God to Abram, and Moses

came down through the centuries to Israel in Paul's lifetime**.**

**Genesis 12, verse 3**

**“I will bless them that bless thee,”**

**Exodus 12, verse 48,**

“let all his males be circumcised…

he **shall be as one that is born** in the land”

and that's what these Gentiles

that Paul was writing to, **are resting in.**

We see just a few verses back that

he does identify some of them as Gentiles.

They were Gentiles that were resting in the law.

In **Rom.11, verse 13,** he says,

**“For I speak to you Gentiles”**

and

**Romans 2, verse 17**.

they rested in the law

Some were Jews that were called Jews as in Ephesians 2:11.

**THEY BELIEVED** the law of Moses in **Exodus 12, verse 48**,

that **IF** they became circumcised,

They would be under **the same law** of the covenant as

“One that is born in the land.”

So, when they bore offspring,

their children would be **circumcised** on the **eighth** day.

Their children would be considered Jews, born in the land.

And of course, the more generations that passed,

the longer their genealogy would become.

That is what Paul was discouraging in the body of Christ.

In **Philippians 2, verses 3, and 5**, Paul preached that

**Philippians 2:3.**

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory;

but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other **better than themselves**.

**Philippians 2:5.**

Let **this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

But look what Paul had to **write to Titus,** in Titus 3, verse 9.

**Titus 3:9.**

But **AVOID** foolish questions,

and genealogies,

and contentions,

and strivings about the law;

for they are unprofitable and vain.

See how the GENEALOGIES, contentions, and THE LAW, connected?

And, he goes into more detail, in

**1 Timothy 1, verses 3, through 7.**

As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus,

when I went into Macedonia,

that thou mightest **CHARGE SOME** that they **teach no other doctrine**,

**1 Timothy 1:4**

Neither give heed to **fables** and endless **GENEALOGIES**,

which minister questions, **rather than godly edifying** which is in faith:

**SO DO.**

**1 Timothy 1:5**

Now the end of the commandment

(what Paul had just **COMMANDED** Timothy to do, at the end of verse 4.)

is charity out of a pure heart,

and of a good conscience,

and of faith unfeigned:

**1 Timothy 1:6**

From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;

**1 Timothy 1:7**

Desiring to be teachers of **THE LAW**;

understanding neither what they say,

nor whereof they affirm.

There you see **“GENEALOGIES”** again connected with **“THE LAW”.**

That’s where boasting about GENEALOGIES came in.

Paul told Timothy to TEACH NO OTHER DOCTRINE,

Which ruled out boasting in “**the law**” about

how many generations “SOME” had been Jews.

(Remember in **1 Timothy 1:3** Paul said to “CHARGE SOME”?

So anyway, **these** Gentiles were called Jews, and

in **Romans 2, verse 17,** they

**rested** in the law,

and they made their boast of God

Some were Jews called Jews as in Ephesians 2:11.

So that is the way God treated people in the Old Testament.

And we see an example of that when Christ came to earth.

He did the same thing when he was walking the earth.

He came unto his own, which was Israel, and they rejected him.

They did not believe him.

Whether Israel got God’s **blessings**, or God’s **curses**,

depended on Israel’s keeping God’s **conditional** **law** **covenant**

that Israel agreed to through Moses.

LIsten, as we can hear this in

Exodus 19, and Deutoronomy chapters 28, through 30.

**Exodus 19, verse 5-8.**

Now therefore, **IF ye** will **obey**

my voice indeed, and keep my covenant,

**then ye** shall be a **peculiar treasure** unto me

above all people:

for all the earth is mine:

**(How could we spiritually be Israel,**

**if Israel is above us, “ABOVE ALL PEOPLE”?**

**How could we be above ourselves?)**

**Exodus 19, verse 6**

And ye shall be unto me

a **kingdom of priests**,

and an **holy nation**.

These are the words which thou shalt speak

**unto the children of Israel. (NOT TO US)**

And Moses came and

called for the elders of the people,

and laid before their faces all these words

which the LORD commanded him.

**Exodus 19, verse 8**

And all the people answered together, and said,

**ALL** that the LORD hath spoken **WE WILL DO**.

And Moses returned the words of the people

unto the LORD.

**Deuteronomy 28, verse 1-2**

And it shall come to pass,

if thou shalt hearken diligently

unto the voice of the LORD thy God,

to **observe** and to **do all** his commandments

which I command thee this day,

that the LORD thy God will set thee on high

**ABOVE ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH**:

And all these blessings

shall come on thee, and overtake thee,

**IF thou** shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

**Deuteronomy 28, verse 13-16**

And the LORD shall

make thee the **head**,

and not the **tail**;

and thou shalt be **above only**,

and thou shalt **not be beneath;**

**IF that thou** hearken unto

the **commandments** of the LORD thy God,

which **I command thee** this day,

**to observe** and **to do** them:

**Deuteronomy 28, verse 14**

And thou shalt not go aside

from any of the words which I command thee this day,

to the right hand, or to the left,

to go after other gods to serve them.

**Deuteronomy 28, verse 15**

But it shall come to pass,

IF thou **wilt not hearken** unto

the voice of the LORD thy God,

to observe to do **ALL** his commandments

and his statutes which I command thee this day;

that all these curses shall come upon thee,

and overtake thee:

**Deuteronomy 28, verse 16**

Cursed shalt thou be in the city,

and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

**Deuteronomy 29, verse 25-29**

Then men shall say,

Because they have forsaken the covenant

of the LORD God of their fathers,

which he made with them

when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:

For they went and served other gods,

and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not,

and whom he had not given unto them:

**Deuteronomy 29, verse 27**

And the anger of the LORD

was kindled against **this land**,

to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:

And the LORD

rooted them out of their land in anger,

and in wrath, and in great indignation,

and cast them into another land,

as it is this day.

**Deuteronomy 29, verse 29**

The **secret things**

belong unto the LORD our God: **(until revealed to Paul)**

but those things which are **revealed**

belong unto us and to our children for ever,

that we may **DO ALL** the words **OF THIS LAW**.

**Deuteronomy 30, verse 15-18**

See**, I have set** before thee this day

**life** and **good**, and **death** and **evil**;

**Deuteronomy 30, verse 16**

In that **I command thee** this day

to **love the LORD** thy God, **to walk** in his ways,

and **to keep** his commandments

and his **statutes** and his **judgments**,

that thou mayest **live** and **multiply**:

and the LORD thy God shall bless thee

**IN THE LAND** whither thou goest to possess it.

**Deuteronomy 30, verse 17**

**But IF** thine heart turn away,

so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away,

and worship other gods, and serve them;

**Deuteronomy 30, verse 18,**

I denounce unto you this day,

that **ye shall surely perish**,

and that ye shall **not prolong your days** upon the land,

whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

So, Israel's leadership, and majority,

had gone into **apostasy**, **idolatry**, and **iniquity**.

**John the Baptist**, **Jesus Christ**, and the **12 Apostles**

**called Israel back** to total adherence

to God's **conditional law covenant** that

they **had agreed to** with God.

Israel had largely, **continued to reject** God's offer.

**THE OLIVE TREE – PART 2 OF 4**

**Jeremiah's Green Olive.**

**THAT WAS ALL BACKGROUND WORK**, so that

**we can understand** when God tells us

what **the olive tree** is in scripture.

**(((REVIEW)))**

Let's look at what God says about that.

There is a lot of speculation about

what the olive tree is,

but let's see what God says about it, in the Bible.

**Jeremiah 11, verse 16-17.**

The LORD called thy name,

A green **olive tree**,

fair, and

of goodly fruit:

with the noise of a **great tumult**

he hath **kindled fire** upon it,

and the **branches of it are broken**.

**Jeremiah 11, verse 17**

For the LORD of hosts, **that planted thee**,

hath pronounced **evil against thee**,

**for the evil** of the house of Israel

**and** of the house of Judah,

which **they have done** against themselves

to provoke me to anger

in offering incense unto Baal.

So, we see it right there.

**“The Lord called thy name a green olive tree”**

talking about the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Combined, that's the **nation of Israel**.

**SO, THE OLIVE TREE, IN SCRIPTURE, IS ISRAEL.**

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**Broken Off Branches Are Disbelievers.**

**Jeremiah 11, verse 16** mentioned that

**"the branches of it are broken",**

and goes on in verse 17 to say they were broken off

"**for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah**"

Paul mentions in **Romans 11, verses 19, and 20**, that

"The branches were broken off",

and

"because of unbelief they were broken off."

Alright, Paul is saying that whoever

these individual persons were, that did not believe,

**they** were broken off,

and it was those persons,

that were the branches, that were broken off.

So those broken off branches are

the individual Israelites that **disbelieved God.**

In the Old Testament, the **disbelieving Israelites** were

the ones that offered incense to Ba-al in Jeremiah 11, verses 16, through 17.

And here in **Paul's, Acts 20** epistle to the Romans,

they were the ones that did not believe that

Jesus was the prophesied Christ,

the son of God,

that rose from the dead.

They did not believe the facts about Jesus,

that he was **the one,** prophesied in the Old Testament,

and was coming **to bear the sins** of **His people, Israel,**

as it says in Isaiah 53.

So, what are the “broken off branches” in

Romans 11, verse 7,

and verses 17, through 24?

The “broken off branches” are those Israelites,

offering incense to bail in **unbelief**,

and those later that **rejected the Lord** Jesus Christ.

So the “broken off branches” were

those **unbelieving Israelites** of the nation of Israel,

the **apostate** Israelites.

**They are "the rest"** that were blinded in

**Romans 11, verse 7**.

What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for;

but the election hath obtained it,

and the rest were blinded.

**Wild Olive Tree.**

The “wild olive tree” was everyone, other than Israel

Man went wild ever since Noah's flood,

long before God called out Abram.

**Graffing In.**

We will see that being a **proselyte** is

related to being **graffed** into the olive tree.

So, lets review what constitutes being a proselyte into Israel.

God required circumcision as a sign or token of God’s covenant with Israel.

Lets look in **Genesis 17, verses 12, through 14**.

**Genesis 17:12**

And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you,

every man child in your generations,

he that is born in the house, or

bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

**13**

He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money,

must needs be circumcised:

and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

**14**

And the uncircumcised man child whose

flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised,

that soul shall be **CUT OFF** from his people;

he hath broken my covenant.

But, what if a non-Jew wanted to be part of Israel?

Look at **Exodus 12, verses 43, and 48, and 49.**

**Exodus 12:43**

And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron,

This is the ordinance of the passover:

There shall **no stranger eat thereof**:

Only Israelites could partake of the Passover feast.

Again, what if a non-Jew wanted to be part of Israel, and its events?

**Exodus 12, verse 48, and 49,**

And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee,

and will keep the passover to the LORD,

(And here is the **condition** that **qualifies** the stranger to be **CALLED A JEW**.)

**LET** all his males be circumcised,

and **THEN** let him come near and keep it;

and **HE SHALL BE AS ONE THAT IS BORN IN THE LAND**:

for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

**49**

**ONE LAW** shall be to him that is homeborn,

and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

That has to do with “**GRAFFING into ISRAEL, the OLIVE TREE**.”

**Exodus 12:48**

**“HE SHALL BE AS ONE THAT IS BORN IN THE LAND**”

**“LET** all his males be circumcised”

“and **HE SHALL BE AS ONE THAT IS BORN IN THE LAND**:”

So, the **olive tree** was **Israel**, and those proselyted Gentiles,

were **graffed into** the olive tree, and Israel’s promises.

Remember, in **Jeremiah 11, verses 16, and 17**,

the Lord calls the house of Israel and the house of Judah

a **green olive tree**, fair, and of goodly fruit.”

The LORD called thy name,

A **green olive tree**,

fair, and of goodly fruit:

with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it,

and the **branches of it are broken**.

So, here in Romans 11, Paul, well-versed in the Old Testament,

is talking about Israel's apostate branches that be broken off,

some of the branches were broken off of Israel, the olive tree,

and thou being a Gentile, wild olive tree

wert graffed in among them, into Israel, the **olive tree**,

as part of the commonwealth of Israel.

As Gentiles, **they became circumcised as proselytes** , and so,

were **graffed into the commonwealth** of Israel,

and got in **under Israel’s covenants of promises** in that way.

That’s how they got into the olive tree, **into Israel’s** commonwealth.

**Partaking**

“Partaking” is the “partaking of Israel’s blessings”,

under the **Genesis 12, verse 3,** promise

to those that bless the seed of Abraham.

**Genesis 12:3**

And I will bless them that bless thee,

and curse him that curseth thee:

and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

**Loammi.**

Hosea's prophecy applies at this point.

In **Hosea 1, verse 9**, Hosea told Israel that God said**,**

"Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people,

and I will not be your God."

That is a prophecy.

So God is prophesying that **there will be a time** when

Israel will stop being God's people, for a while.

That happened at the end of Acts.

God inspired Paul to pronounce **Isaiah's casting away curse**

on Israel in **Acts 28, verses 25, through 29,**

which we need to read at least once here.

**Acts 28:25**

And when they agreed not among themselves,

they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word,

Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

**Acts 28:26**

Saying, Go unto this people, and say,

Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand;

and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

**Acts 28:27**

For the heart of this people is waxed gross,

and their ears are dull of hearing,

and their eyes have they closed;

lest they should see with their eyes,

and hear with their ears,

and understand with their heart,

and should be converted,

and I should heal them.

**Acts 28:28**

Be it known therefore unto you,

that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles,

and that they will hear it.

**Acts 28:29**

And when he had said these words, the Jews departed,

and had great reasoning among themselves.

That suspended **their special** standing with God.

They can still come to God **in the same way** we do,

but they do not have that blessing that they had before,

During the book of Acts, Israel was diminishing and

getting closer and closer to being

totally **cast away** for the nation's **apostasy, idolatry, and iniquity**,

capped by their **rejection of their Messiah**,

and their **blaspheming of the Holy Ghost**,

by stoning Holy Ghost filled Stephen.

But it had not happened yet.

From the writing of Romans in Acts 20,

**UNTIL** Israel’s Acts 28 casting away,

Paul still had some **time left** to preach

the gospel of Christ, the gospel of salvation,

to those Jews, proselytes, and Jew-blessing Greeks in Acts,

to try to convince **some of that remnant**,

to **believe the gospel of salvation**, and thereby,

become members of the body of Christ.

In **Romans 11, verse 25,** Paul revealed that

not all of Israel was yet blinded, but

**"that blindness in part is happened to Israel."**

The remnant still had opportunity to

believe Paul's gospel of salvation, but Paul tells us in **Romans 11, verse 7,**

that

**"the rest were blinded."**

In **Hosea 1, verse 9**, **“Lo-ammi”** means,

**“for ye are NOT MY PEOPLE, and I will NOT BE YOUR GOD.”**

So, they stopped being God's people

when that prophecy came true, in Acts 28.

We can see, in scripture, that **it did happen to** Israel,

that they were **not God's people anymore**.

They became **Lo-ammi in Acts 28, verses 25 through 29.**

**THE OLIVE TREE – PART 3 OF 4**

**The Olive Tree Can Not Be the Unsearchable Body of Christ**

Ephesians 3, verses 4, through 9, tell us that

the mystery of the body of Christ, is "**unsearchable**."

Search as you may, **you can not find it.**

It is **not in** the Old Testament.

It is **not in** any previous prophecies or writings.

Being unsearchable, it can not be found before.

It was not told.

They are not there.

It was hidden.

It was kept secret.

The Lord Jesus Christ used many phrases,

to assure us that what He revealed to Paul,

was **new information**.

It was never revealed before.

According to **Ephesians 3, verses 4, through 9,**

the body of Christ is part of the mystery, that was revealed to Paul,

to reveal to us, and that the mystery is **unsearchable**.

**Ephesians 3, verse 4**

**Ephesians 3:4**

Whereby, when ye read,

ye may understand **my knowledge** in the mystery of Christ)

**Ephesians 3:5**

Which in other ages

was **not made known** unto the sons of men,

as **it is now revealed** unto his

holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

**Ephesians 3:6**

That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs,

and **of the same body**,

and partakers of his promise in Christ **BY THE GOSPEL:**

**Ephesians 3:7**

Whereof I was made a minister,

according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me

by the effectual working of his power.

**Ephesians 3:8**

Unto me,

who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given,

that I should preach among the Gentiles

the **unsearchable riches** of Christ;

**Ephesians 3:9**

And to make all men see what is

the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from

the beginning of the world hath **been hid** in God,

who created all things by Jesus Christ:

So, the body of Christ is **not in** the Old Testament in any form.

However, **the olive tree**, as we just read, is in the Old Testament.

Since the olive tree is in the Old Testament,

and the body of Christ is mystery, not being in the Old Testament,

then, the olive tree **can not be the** body of Christ.

Also, those who WERE graffed into the OLIVE TREE were not graffed into the body of Christ. They were graffed into Israel.

This agrees with what we saw in the scriptures earlier.

**God Now Saves By The Gospel, Into the Body of Christ**

In Acts 13, Paul's preaches 3 times that

God's way of saving people has changed.

FIRSTLY, Israel has fallen, **AND** according to Acts 13, verse 39,

Christ's new pattern now saves all believers in His gospel,

into the Body of Christ, at the time they believe.

Israel's ministration of the law, did not do that.

**Acts 13, verse 39**

**And by him all that believe are justified**

**from all things, from which**

**ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**

**SECONDLY**, in **Acts 13, verse 46 and 48**, Paul tells

the Israel audience in the synagogue in Antioch of Pisidia,

**"…It was necessary that the word of God**

**should first have been spoken to you:**

**but seeing ye put it from you,**

**and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life,**

**lo, we turn to the Gentiles**",

Notice that Paul did not say "we turn to ALL the Gentiles".

**The only Gentiles** we can **find record of** Paul turning to,

at that time, were **the Greeks** in the synagogue,

those God-fearing, synagogue-going, Israel-blessing Gentiles

that Paul was speaking of in **Acts 13, verse 48**,

**"…they were glad,**

**and glorified the word of the Lord:**

**and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."**

This was the first of 3 times that Paul warned the Jews

that he would be **going to the Gentiles to provoke** Israel to faith.

He said it this time, in **Acts 13, verse 46**,

then in **Acts 18, verse 6,**

and then finally, in **Acts 28, verse 25-29**.

That third time closed the book on Israel,

until God re-gathers them after the fullness of the Gentiles

be come in (**Romans 11, verse 25**),

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of **this mystery**,

lest ye should be wise in your own conceits;

that **BLINDNESS** in part **is happened to Israel**,

**UNTIL** the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

**THIRDLY**, in **Acts 13, verse 47**, Paul,

inspired of God to write holy scripture,

reapplies what had been prophesied for Israel

(and will happen, in the future).

Isaiah had prophesied in **Isaiah 60, verse 3**, that

**"the Gentiles shall come to thy light,**

**and kings to the brightness of thy rising**",

**which will happen after (Isaiah 60, verse 1)**

**thy light is come,**

**and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee."**

Paul had been committed with the **dispensing of the gospel**

that he first received (see **1Cor.9, verse 17-18; 1Cor.15, verse 1-4**).

So Paul, reveals to these synagogue Jews and Greeks that

the Light of the **"glory of the Lord"**

(**see Isaiah 60, verse 1, and 3**) that had been upon Israel, that

**"the Gentiles shall come to thy light,**

**and kings to the brightness of thy rising".**

Paul **NOW** in **Acts 13, verse 47**, **says that**

**"the Lord commanded us, saying,**

**I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles,**

**that thou shouldest be for salvation**

**unto the ends of the earth".**

In **Acts 13, verse 48**, those God-fearing, synagogue-going Gentiles

(elsewhere called Greeks)

**"were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord"**

But, in **Acts 13, verse 45**, the Jews

"**were filled with envy...**

**contradiction and blaspheming"**

and in **Acts 13, verse 50,** those Jews

**"raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas,**

**and expelled them out of their coasts."**

And so, the God-fearing Gentiles were

glad and believed the gospel of salvation,

but the Jews just took another step

in their diminishing

(see **Romans 11, verse 12**).

Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world,

and the **DIMINISHING** of them the riches of the Gentiles;

how much more **their fulness**?

(When Christ returns with His kingdom from heaven.)

**(((REVIEW)))**

**Romans 11, verse 17, Summary - Body of Christ**

So, the olive tree is Israel.

Those branches broken off were

the Israelites that did **not believe** that Jesus was the Christ.

Those from a wild olive tree, that wert graffed in,

were those that started in the same position,

as the Syrophenician woman.

They believed that Jesus was the Christ.

They were Gentiles.

They were not from Israel’s green olive tree,

but they came into the synagogues.

They came and they blessed Israel.

They were seeking the blessing of God there.

When they (all their males) eventually became circumcised,

that was the graffing into that olive tree,

into Israel, that Paul spoke of.

They were not graffed into the body of Christ,

as some people mistakenly think.

The Bible never says anything about anybody

getting into the body of Christ,

other than by **believing the gospel** that Paul preached,

and the Holy Spirit spiritually baptizing them

into the **one body** of Christ.

That is the only way to get in, not by graffing.

**At one time**, graffing graffed people into the **green olive tree**,

**which was Israel**.

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But now, Israel is cast away, for a while.

So, for now, salvation is only available

by believing the gospel revealed to Paul

(see **Galatians 1, verses 11 and 12**).

**Galatians 1: 11**

But I certify you, brethren, that

the gospel which was preached of me is **not after** man.

**Galatians 1:12**

For I neither received it **of man**,

neither was I taught it,

but **by the revelation** of Jesus Christ.

That gospel of salvation was **committed** to Paul to **dispense**.

**1 Corinthians 9, verse 17, and 18,**

For if I do this thing willingly,

I have a reward: but if against my will,

a **dispensation** of the gospel is **committed** unto me.

**1 Corinthians 9:18** What is my reward then?

Verily that, when I preach the gospel,

I may make **the gospel of Christ** without charge,

that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

So, I hope this helps to **make it clear**,

as we go through the next few verses.

Let’s go on to **Romans 11, verse 18.**

This continues on through verse 24.

So, we continue on to the next verse.

**Romans 11, verse 18.**

**(**You Gentiles graffed into Israel**)**

“Boast not against the branches (believing Israelites, then).

But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root,

but the root thee.”

Back then, the Gentiles could only approach God **through Israel**.

The root bore them.

### **Israel’s Conditional Standing**

## **Romans 11, verses 19 and 20**

On to verses 19, and 20,

**Romans 11, verse 19-20**

“Thou wilt say then,

The branches were broken off, **that** I might be graffed in.

Well; **because of unbelief** they were broken off,

and thou standest **by faith**.”

Faith was part of the conditions that they were under,

**continuing** to have faith**.**

“Thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, **but fear:”**

Those Israelites **(branches)** were broken off,

and later it says they were blinded.

Those Israelites, like those throughout their history,

did **not believe** God.

From the time when they came out of Egypt,

and at Mount Sinai, they were making idols, and following idols.

They even had idols in their synagogues.

God was calling them to **repent from** their apostasy,

To **change their mind** about not believing God,

and believe **that** Jesus **was the** Christ

when He was walking on earth,

and that He was their Messiah.

As they went along, David, in his kingship

way back almost 1100 years before Christ,

pronounced **this** on them, as we read earlier,

**Psalms (69, verse 22-23),**

“Let their table become **a snare** before them:

and that which should have been for their welfare,

let it become a **trap**.

Let their eyes be **darkened**, that they **see not**;

and make their loins continually to **shake**.”

After centuries of abusing their relationship with God,

Breaking God’s covenant with them,

And going gleefully into **idolatry**, **iniquity**, and **apostasy**,

They would no longer be **able** to **respond** to God.

### **THE OLIVE TREE – PART 4 OF 4**

### **Israel’s Casting Away is Prophesied.**

After **Moses**, **David**, and **Hosea** prophesied **Israel’s blinding**,

then **Isaiah** prophesied it in **Isaiah 6, verse 9, and 10.**

**Isaiah 6:9** And he said, Go, and tell this people,

Hear ye indeed, but understand not;

and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

**Isaiah 6:10** Make the heart of this people fat,

and make their ears heavy,

and shut their eyes;

lest they see with their eyes,

and hear with their ears,

and understand with their heart,

and convert,

and be healed.

Then **Jesus Christ** said it in his earthly ministry.

When he walked on the Earth,

He warned them that

they were going to be blinded.

**Matthew 13:15**  For this people's heart is waxed gross,

and their ears are dull of hearing,

and their eyes they have closed;

lest at any time they should see with their eyes,

and hear with their ears,

and should understand with their heart,

and should be converted,

and I should heal them.

So, **THE DIMINISHING** that they were told about

had continued on for a long time.

It had been told them that they would be blinded,

**IF** they continued in their iniquity and apostasy.

**THEN** **Paul** finalizes it at the end of Acts,

and that is the end of Israel,

**UNTIL** they **confess their sins**,

trusting that God…

**1 JOHN 1, verse 9**

“…is faithful and just to **forgive them their sins**,

and to **cleanse them** from all unrighteousness”,

as promised **to Israel** in **First John 1, verse 9**

as well as many other places in the Old Testament

(such as Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 30, and 2 Chronicles 7).

Until then, **Israel remains stumbled**,

**fallen** backward,

**broken** off,

**snared**,

**taken**,

**cut off**, and

**blinded**.

They are no longer God's people.

They are “**Lo-ammi”**.

**Romans 11, verse 21**

Let's look at this next verse.

We are reading Romans 11, verse 21.

We see a **feature** about those that **had been** graffed in.

It is a feature that is unlike anything ever taught by

Paul in his teachings regarding the body of Christ.

That is another proof that

they had **not been** graffed into the body of Christ,

if you need another proof.

The Bible already says they are not.

It says they had been **graffed into** the green **olive tree**,

which Jeremiah 11 says is **Israel**.

Let’s read in **Romans 11, verse 21,**

“For if God spared not the **natural** branches,

take heed lest he also spare **not thee**.”

So, these people were graffed into Israel,

and they could be **removed**

just like the unbelieving **Israelites** had

been the branches that were **removed**.

They could actually **FAIL TO BE SAVED**.

**Unlike us** in the body of Christ,

Israel's conditions were partly under **their control**.

It depended on **their works** and **their faith**.

So, in **Matthew 24, verse 13,**

we see that **they had to endure** **to the end** **to be saved,**

“But he that shall **ENDURE UNTO THE END**,

the same **shall be saved**.”

That was for them.

That was for **Israel**.

See how different that is from everything that Paul teaches.

Christ **never** had Paul teach us that…

**we** have to endure to the end to be saved.

Paul teaches in **Ephesians 2, verse 5,**

“Even when we were dead in sins,

hath quickened us together **with Christ**,

(by grace **YE ARE SAVED**.)”

It doesn't say by grace **you will be saved**.

It says by grace **you are saved.**

Many of us know that, and we **rest in that**, from God’s word.

We are **saved now**,

as soon as we **believe the gospel** of salvation, **we are saved.**

Saved means **saved from the wrath** of God.

**IF** someone **ever ends up** in the **wrath of God**,

**THEN,** they **were never saved**.

Because, **IF** God says **you are saved**, **THEN** you **are saved**.

And, here he says it again, in **Ephesians 2, verse 8 and 9.**

“For by grace **are ye saved** through faith;

and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**not of works**, lest any man should boast.”

Notice that it says**, “For by grace ARE you saved”,**

not “For by grace WILL you be saved.”

So we will go on to **Romans 11, verse 22,**

“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.”**

It says

“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God:

on them which fell, severity;”

That is talking about His treatment of Israel,

the way Israel related to God,

and the way God related to Israel.

“But toward thee, goodness,

**IF** thou **continue** in his goodness.”

**“IF”,** do you see that condition?

For those **in Israel**, and even those **graffed into Israel**,

there was that condition**.**

“**IF** thou continue in his goodness:

**OTHERWISE** thou also shalt be **cut off**.”

Thou also shall be cut off, **from what**?

Cut off from what they **were in.**

They were in the green **olive tree, Israel**.

They would be **cut off from Israel**.

They would be cut off from Israel’s **future salvation** into **“THE LAND.”**

They were **not being saved** into the body of Christ.

Instead, they were enduring to the end,

in order to, **in the end** be saved, as part of Israel,

into **THE LAND**.

**Israel Saved to The Land, on Earth.**

Saved into the land. That is Israel's future,

**in the land**.

“The land” is, what was promised **to Israel**…

in places like Genesis 13, verse 15, and Deuteronomy 30, verse 16.

**Genesis 13, verse 15**

For all the **land** which thou seest,

to thee will I give it,

and to thy seed for ever.

**Deuteronomy 30, verse 16**

In that I command thee this day

to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways,

and to keep his commandments and his statutes

and his judgments,

**that thou mayest** live and multiply:

and the LORD thy God shall bless thee **IN THE LAND**

whither thou goest to possess it.

This verifies that Israel was going to be **saved to THE LAND**,

**IF** they **endured** to the end.

To the land is the part we are looking for here**,**

“in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God,”

(That is God talking through Moses to Israel,

that **they had to love** the Lord,)

“to walk in his ways,”

(that is actions,)

“to keep his commandments,”

(that's keeping laws, doing works,)

“and his statutes and his judgments,

that thou mayest live and multiply:

and the LORD thy God shall

bless thee in **the land** whither thou goest to possess it.”

So their inheritance was in **the land**, on Earth, not in heaven.

Heaven was never promised in the Old Testament.

The revelation of Jesus Christ through Paul was

the first time it was told to us **that we,** in the body of Christ,

would have a **home “eternal in the heavens.”**

Now, **Romans 11, verse 23,**

“And they also, **if** they **(Israel)** abide not still in unbelief,

shall be **graffed** in.”

So these Israelites in Paul’s time,

that believed not that Jesus was their Messiah,

and didn't believe that He rose from the dead

“if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be **graffed** in.”

Graffed into what?

Graffed into the **olive tree** mentioned in **Romans 11, verse 17**,

which **Jeremiah 11, verse 16-17**, show us is the **nation of Israel.**

So, they would be graffed back into Israel

“for God is able to **graff** them in again.”

The natural branches of the olive tree

could not be graffed **back into the body** **of Christ** again,

because they **started in Israel**,

and had **not ever been** in the body of Christ before,

so they could not be graffed into the **body** of Christ, **AGAIN**,

**not having ever** been in the **body** of Christ **BEFORE**.

This **again confirms** that the branches were **graffed into Israel**,

**not** into the body of Christ.

In Romans, Paul was writing in Acts 20.

We know that by Acts 28, Paul recited that Isaiah curse to Israel

and **they were cut off**.

They were “**Lo-ammi”** as prophesied by Hosea, in **Hosea 1, verse 9.**

So **after** Israel was “Lo-ammi”,

there could be no more graffing of anyone **into Israel,**

because, Israel was **no longer** “**God’s people**”.

Now, let’s go to the last verse in the section, **Romans 11, verse 24**.

“For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree

which is **wild by nature**,

and wert graffed contrary to nature into a **good olive tree**:

how much more shall these,

which be the **natural branches**,

be graffed **into their own** olive tree?”

That not only is talking about individual Israelites,

but also the nation of Israel.

Back in **Romans 11, verses 12, and 15**,

Paul had already revealed that

there will eventually be a **“fullness of Israel”** **(Romans 11, verse 12)**,

and that there will eventually be a **“receiving of them”**

that will be **“life from the dead” (Romans 11, verse 15).**

### **God is Trustworthy to Keep All His Promises to Whom He Promised.**

He had revealed part of the mystery for us, the body of Christ,

to know that at some point in the future,

Israel will be back in God's favor.

God will keep all his promises **to Israel**.

God does **not** make promises,

and then say “well, I am going to **fulfill it to somebody else**.

**NO!** If I promised **to take you** for an ice cream cone,

and then took you and your friend, and **got him** an ice cream cone,

**BUT NOT YOU**,

I would have **made the promise** **to you,**

and claimed to have fulfilled it to **someone else**.

I would **not be worthy** of your **trust**.

How **dare** anyone **claim that God** Himself

does that **deceitful thing** to His firstborn son, Israel.

The object of the promises was Israel,

and the object was **part of** what was promised.

The object will still be Israel,

**NOT** the body of Christ,

**NOT** Gentiles or

somebody else.

**Israel** will be the ones to be blessed by Christ.

**Israel** will be the ones in the kingdom of heaven, on earth,

that will be ruled by Jesus Christ, Himself on the throne,

and the 12 apostles on 12 thrones, as the Bible says in

**Acts 2, verse 29-32**, and **Matthew 25, verse 31**, and **Matthew 19, verse 28**.

**Acts 2, verse 29**

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you

of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried,

and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that

God had sworn with an oath to him,

that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh,

he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

**Acts 2, verse 31**

He seeing this before spake of

the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell,

neither his flesh did **see corruption**.

This Jesus hath God raised up,

whereof we all are witnesses.

**Matthew 25, verse 31**

When the Son of man

shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him,

then shall he **sit upon the throne of his glory**:

**Matthew 19, verse 28**

And Jesus said unto them,

Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me,

**in the regeneration** when the Son of man shall sit in

the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones,

judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

**Christ** and the **Twelve apostles** will be

ruling from Jerusalem, in Israel.

They will rule the world for 1000 years,

as it says in the book of the Revelation.

**Revelation 20, verse 6**

Blessed and holy is he that hath part

in the first resurrection:

on such the second death hath no power,

but they shall be priests of God and of Christ,

and shall **reign with him a thousand** years.

So, the graffed-in, wild olive branches were **those** Roman Gentiles,

that **rested in the law**,

that Paul was **writing to** here.

Look just briefly, in the beginning of the epistle

when Paul wrote **to them**.

The Bible says in **Romans 1, verse 7,**

To **ALL** that be **in Rome**, beloved of God,

**called to be saints**: Grace to you and peace

from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul was writing “**to all**” that be in Rome,

he doesn’t say to Israel in Rome, or

he doesn't say to the Gentiles in Rome.

He is writing **to all that be in** Rome.

You can pick out spots where he addresses **Israel**.

You can pick out spots where he addresses **Gentiles**,

that **restest in the law.**

They would be **those proselytes**, that we have been talking about,

that were **graffed into** the **olive tree**.

So here, he says,

**“To all that be in Rome, beloved of God.”**

He is **calling them, to be** saints.

Jesus Christ is **calling them to become** saints

**through Paul's gospel.**

**called to be saints**: Grace to you and peace

from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We saw there at the end of that section in Romans 11, verse 24,

that God is again telling, that Israel has a bright future.

**Romans 11, verse 24 .**

For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree

which is wild by nature,

and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good **olive tree**:

**how much more** shall these,

which be the **natural branches**,

be graffed **into their own** olive tree?