

ROMANS—PART 71

Romans 11:1-6

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1. God's greatest promises are unconditional and grounded solely in God's integrity.
2. Because of God's promises (Genesis 12:2-3; 13:14-15), Israel has always been and always will be preserved and protected by God.
3. *11:1* In light of God's promises to never abandon Israel (Psalm 89:31-37), Paul insisted that God's present setting aside of Israel is only partial and temporary (11:1–10).
4. *11:2* Paul was not referring to an individual Jew or Gentile, but to a nation as a corporate body.
5. *11:2* God's predetermined plan and His foreknowledge are equated. For God, to foreknow is to predetermine and to preordain.
6. *11:2* To totally reject Israel would discredit God's integrity.
7. *11:4* God said to Elijah (someone who should have known better) that He was doing a work he knew nothing about.
8. *11:3-4* Elijah's assessment of the situation was not accurate.
9. *11:5* Paul spoke of a remnant, which in this context was a symbol of hope.
10. *11:5* The believing remnant were not elected by their worthiness or good works, but according to God's sovereign design.
11. *11:6* Once we have come to see that salvation is by grace alone there is obviously no longer any place for works.

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