

1. God has made the message of the Gospel clear to His people Israel by sending the Church throughout the earth to proclaim the work of Jesus Christ to the ends of the world.
2. Christ, who has always been God of both Jew and Gentile, is now being worshipped as the God of the Gentiles, while God the Father is reaching out all day long to the Jews who disobey and reject His Son, Jesus.
3. Paul argues that God has not rejected His people because Paul himself is a Jew, and he has been saved, along with a relatively small group of others.
4. Even though Elijah could not see them right away, God had kept seven thousand men from the Jews that were part of His elect and had not forsaken Him.
5. Even today, as part of the Church, there is an elect remnant of the Jewish people who have come to put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Jews and Gentiles together have received salvation by grace.
6. Was God passive in the hardening of the non-elect? Verse 8 tells us that this is not the case. "God gave them a spirit of stupor. He gave them eyes that would not see. He gave them ears that would not hear. Even down to this very day."

Application

1. Let us continue to have great sorrow and unceasing anguish about the terrible fate of most Jews since the first coming of Jesus Christ.
2. As we mourn the tragic loss of so many Jews to the wrath of God, let us reach out to all the people in our life who do not know the mercy of God and call them to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
3. Look forward to the coming day when all Israel shall be saved, as we will see in the coming weeks as we finish looking at Romans chapters 9-11.