



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

Why do so many Christians not have an understanding of the connection between Judaism and Christianity?

What is one question that you have about Israel, Jews, and the Christian faith? (Consider submitting this question for the Romans teaching panel on 8/30 to connect@cvconline.org)

[digging deeper]

Volumes have been written on the relationship Israel has to the church and to God's plan of salvation. There are a few dominant views that vary in where they land, but when you look at Romans 11, do you conclude that God is finished with Israel and has severed them from His plans and promises? What verses stand out to support your view?

Read 1 Kings 19, which the Apostle Paul speaks to in Romans 11:2-5. How does what God did with Elijah mirror what God is doing today with Israel?

How has salvation come to Gentiles (non-Jews) through the trespass of the Jews? (Rom. 11:11)

What can we learn about the concept of global redemption from Romans 11? See Revelation 7:9 for a sneak peek at what's to come because of what we see in Romans 11.

How can God use Gentile salvation to provoke Israel to jealousy? What is God's plan for that jealousy? Can you think of a modern analogy that communicates this big idea well? How is that jealousy an act of grace by God?

How does the grafting metaphor help you understand God's strategy of salvation and personally encourage you? (Rom. 11:17-24)

Review Rom. 11:33-36. If you notice, the tone and cadence of the Apostle Paul changes. He breaks out into praise of God. What do you think prompted that? What are one or two really rich theological "nuggets" that come out of this doxology in the final verses of Romans 11?

Understanding that God's promises to Israel (although delayed at this time) *will be fulfilled*, how does this help encourage you as you think about God's faithfulness and Scriptural promises in your life?

[living it out]

Do a little research on Judaism and the hope the Jewish people have for a Messiah. As you study, pray for Jewish people and for Israel – especially if you have any friends who are Jewish – that God would open their eyes, ears, and hearts to see Yeshua (Jesus) as God’s Messiah. They do not have to wait for someone who has already come!

A few helpful links:

http://www.mjaa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=rd_messianicmovement_messianic_judaism

http://www.gotquestions.org/search.php?zoom_query=jews&search.x=0&search.y=0

<http://www.faithstreet.com/onfaith/2014/12/16/stuff-christians-say-that-make-jewish-people-cringe/35402>

Contact the Cleveland Joseph Project and plan a day with your LifeGroup to go and serve our local Jewish community <http://www.clevelandjosephproject.org/>

Mark Oct. 24th (10/24) on your calendar for the “Unbelievable Gospel” equipping event at CVC and come learn how you can have gospel conversations with people of different religious backgrounds, including Jewish people.

Consider investing your time and money in next year’s CVC trip to Israel so that as a Self Feeder you can exponentially grow in your understanding of the Bible and get a better idea of how to be a Missionary to the Jewish people. <http://www.cvconline.org/worship/israel-2016/>

Close your time in prayer. You can pray for a continued and renewed trust in God’s faithfulness and promises. Please also pray for Israel – God’s unique people. Here are just a few of the many ways:

- Pray for the Salvation of Israel, as well as all the Arab nations surrounding them.
- Pray for Israel to be saved, for Jewish people to see Jesus (Yeshua) as Messiah.
- Pray for the Messianic Jews who are praying and serving their Jewish community, that God will open doors to share the Gospel and that it will be received.
- Pray for the local Jewish population (about 100,000 in Cleveland), that God will reach them through the prayer, love, care, and Gospel-sharing efforts of local believers.