

Jews, Gentiles, God and the Messiah

Eph 2:1-5

- Dead in our trespasses and sins
- We walked according to the:
 - Course of the world
 - Prince of the power of the air
 - Spirit of disobedience now at work in the Jews
- We were children of wrath (not children of God) – lusts and indulgences – dead
- But God – merciful and loving – made us alive

Eph 2:11-16

- God has made the two into one new man –
Pentecost/Shavout/feast of weeks – harvest – 7x7

Lev 23:16

- 2 loaves – Jews and gentiles – wave offering – 1st fruits of the harvest – Acts 2
- 7 lambs – seven churches

Romans 11:5-10

- :5 – believing remnant – by God's grace
- :7-10 – 2 roads for the Jews today – chosen or hardened

Matt 21:42-43; 18-19

- :42-43 – Kingdom of God taken away from the Jews
- :18-19 – No longer any fruit from Judaism

Romans 11:11-15

- Rejection is salvation to the world
- Acceptance is life from the dead

Matt 23:37-39

- Desolate house – Jews acceptance of Jesus as the messiah triggers Christ's return
- Not see me until....
- Eyes to see not – Romans 11:8

Rom 11:16-36

- :25 – Partial hardening until the fullness of the gentiles – time of the gentiles complete
- :32 – God has shut up all in disobedience that He may show mercy to all
- :33-36 – We cannot understand this – the reason why is beyond our comprehension

That Said – What is a Believer to Do?

Romans 12:1-21

- :1-2 - Living and holy sacrifice, do not be conformed to the world, be renewed
- :3 – do not take yourself too seriously
- :6-8 – Exercise your gifts
- :9-21 – more – finishes with do not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good

John 15:1-7

- Bear fruit – remember the branches of Romans 11:17-24

Eph 6:10-18

- Finish strong

Joshua 14:6-12 & 15:14-19 – Caleb as an example

- :7 – midlife when he was with Moses
- :10-11 – he's 85 now and still strong
- :12 – still taking and holding ground
- Read 15:14-19 for how it turned out
- Taking on giants and winning
- Encouraging young people to do the same
- Blessing the next generation