

Does Israel Have a Future?

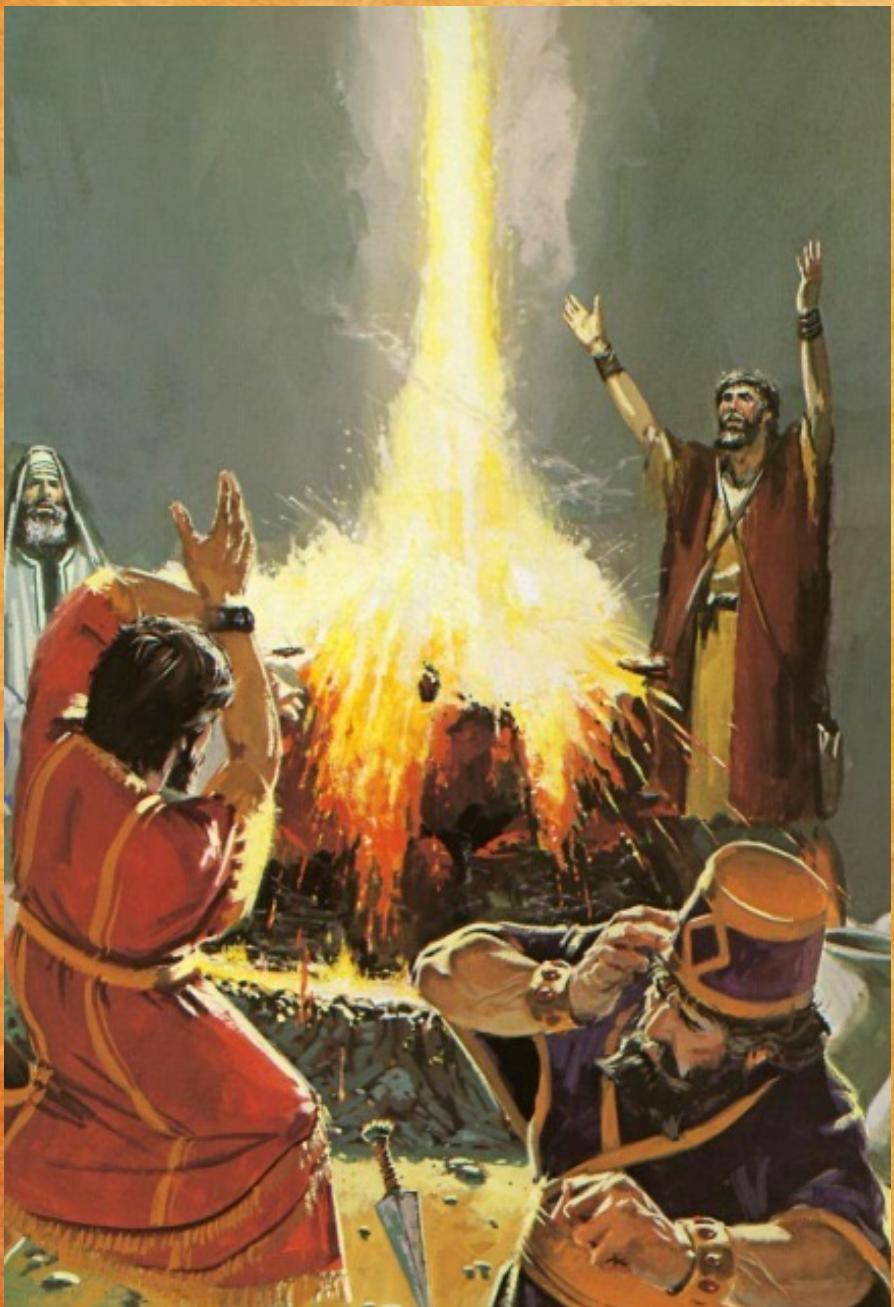
Romans 11:1-27

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Romans 11:1-6 (NKJV)

¹I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, ³“Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? ⁴But what does the divine response say to him? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.





reject = *apōsato*



1 Kings 19:18 (NKJV).

Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.



Romans 11:7-10 (NKJV)

7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written:

“God has given them a spirit of stupor,
Eyes that they should not see
And ears that they should not hear,
To this very day.”

9 And David says:

“Let their table become a snare and a trap,
A stumbling block and a recompense to them.

10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see,
And bow down their back always.”

“It stands forever written” = *gegraptai*
perfect tense

stupor or torpor = κατανύξεως (*katanuxōs*)

hibernation, lethargic, indifference,
suspended physical powers, inertia

Latin – to be stiff





Isaiah 29:9-12 (NKJV)

⁹Pause and wonder!

Blind yourselves and be blind!

They are drunk, but not with wine;

They stagger, but not with intoxicating drink.

¹⁰For the LORD has poured out on you

The spirit of deep sleep,

And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets;

And He has covered your heads, *namely*, the seers.

¹¹The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one who is literate, saying, “Read this, please.”

And he says, “I cannot, for it *is* sealed.”

¹²Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying,

“Read this, please.”

And he says, “I am not literate.”



Isaiah 29:13-16

¹³Therefore the Lord said:
“Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths
And honor Me with their lips,
But have removed their hearts far from Me,
And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,
¹⁴Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work
Among this people,
A marvelous work and a wonder;
For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish,
And the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hidden.”
¹⁵Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD,
And their works are in the dark;
They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”
¹⁶Surely you have things turned around!
Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay;
For shall the thing made say of him who made it,
“He did not make me”?
Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?



Isaiah 29:17-21 (NKJV)

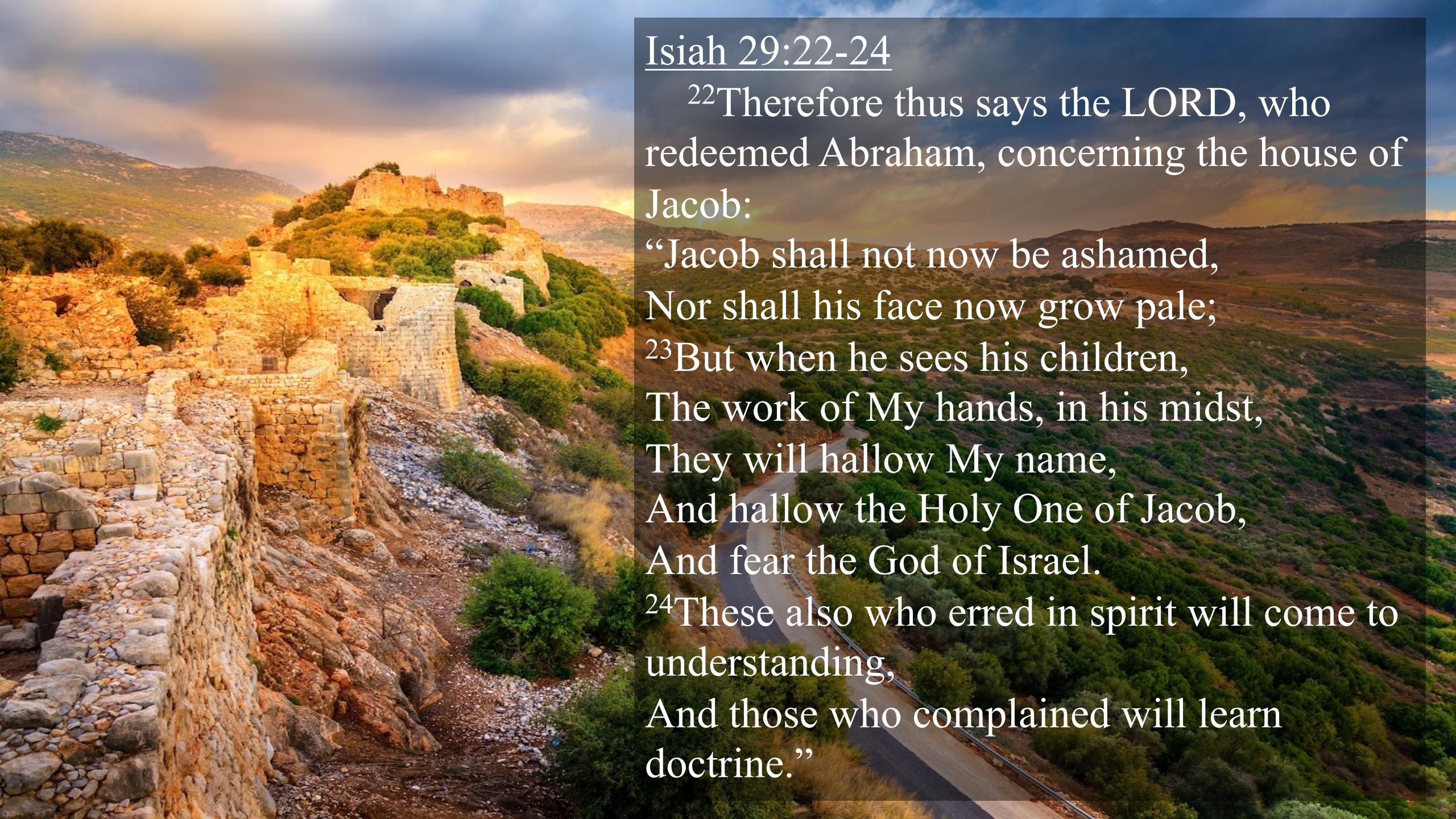
¹⁷*Is it not yet a very little while
Till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
And the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest?*

¹⁸*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book,
And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and
out of darkness.*

¹⁹*The humble also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD,
And the poor among men shall rejoice
In the Holy One of Israel.*

²⁰*For the terrible one is brought to nothing,
The scornful one is consumed,
And all who watch for iniquity are cut off—*

²¹*Who make a man an offender by a word,
And lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
And turn aside the just by empty words.*



Isiah 29:22-24

22Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall not now be ashamed,
Nor shall his face now grow pale;

23But when he sees his children,
The work of My hands, in his midst,
They will hallow My name,
And hallow the Holy One of Jacob,
And fear the God of Israel.

24These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding,
And those who complained will learn doctrine.”

Psalm 69:22-23 (NKJV)

²²Let their table become a snare
before them,

And their well-being a trap.

²³Let their eyes be darkened, so
that they do not see;

And make their loins shake continually.





Romans 11:11-15 (NKJV)

11I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles. **12** Now if their fall *is* riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! **13** For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, **14** if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. **15** For if their being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?

A photograph of a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and white pants, kneeling on a sandy surface. He is holding the hand of a small child who is wearing a dark t-shirt and shorts. They are outdoors, with trees and a building visible in the background.

glorify = *dokazō*

diakonian = ministry, service



Romans 11:16-18

¹⁶ For if the firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*; and if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root *supports* you.



grafted in = *enekentrīsthēs*

partaker = *sugkoinōnos*



Romans 11:19-24 (NKJV)

¹⁹You will say then, “Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.” ²⁰Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. ²²Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are* natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Romans 11:25-27 (NKJV)

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. **26** And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

“The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

27 For this *is* My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins.”





Mystery = *mustērion*



Hardness = *pōrōsis*



Nations, gentiles = *ethnē*



Isaiah 59:20 (NKJV)

“The Redeemer will come to Zion,
And to those who turn from
transgression in Jacob,”
Says the Lord.

Eschatology = Last Things

