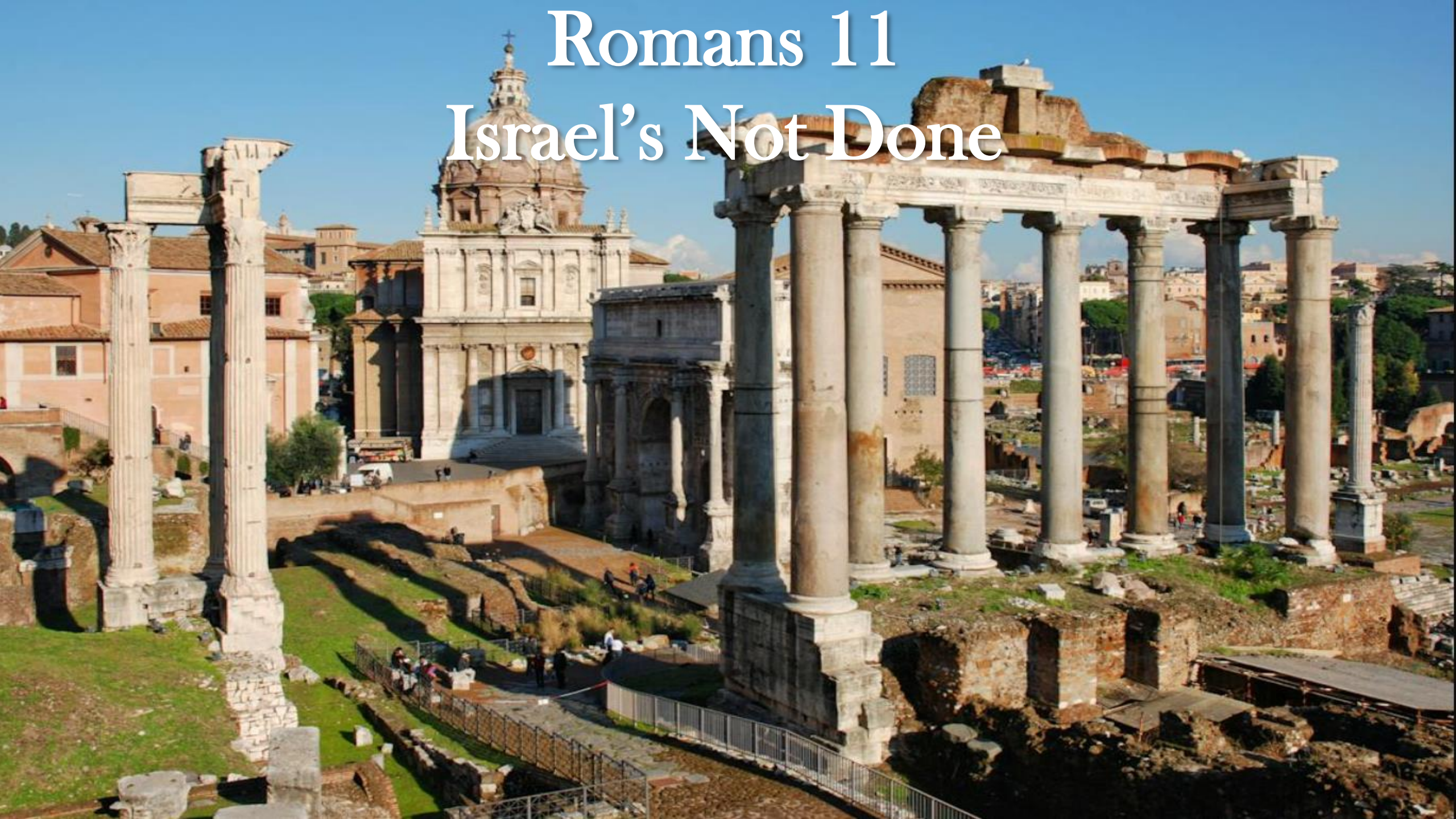


Romans 11 Israel's Not Done



Opening Questions

- What is “Elijah Syndrome?”
- Have the Jews been replaced by the church?
- Is the falling away of the Jews expected
- Will the Jews be restored?
- What is the “Fullness of the Gentiles?”

1 I 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. 2 God 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"? 4 But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And 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.

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."

Q: (v1-2) What defense does Paul come to for the Jewish people?

- Paul himself was a Jew and had been called by God, even after pursuing and persecuting Jesus and the early Christians (The Way)

Q: (v4) How is Paul linking the preservation of 7000 Jews in the time of Elijah to the Jews of his, and our, day?

- God made a promise to the Jews, they will always be preserved (Deut 7:7-9)
- God is not done with the Jews just because the prophesied Messiah (Jesus) has come. Ex: New Jerusalem has 12 tribes of Israel written on gates (Rev 21:12)

Q: (v5-6) By what mechanism are the Jews preserved?

- A small number have been chosen by God because of His mercy, not through what they have done; it's 100% by God's grace

Q: (v7) What was the outcome?

- A small number of elect were chosen by God
- What we would call 'poetic justice.' In God's judgement those that had refused to see or hear became even harder of hearing or the ability to see (the Messiah)

Q: (v9) Is this right for God to do?

- Quoted from Psalm 69:22-23), where King David prayed that the plots of the wicked against him would backfire

11 I 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?

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.

19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." 20 Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. 22 Therefore 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. 23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For 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?.

Q: (v11) What is one reason Israel is provoked to jealousy of the Gentile's salvation?

- So the Jews would desire what the Gentiles have received

Q: (v) What is the root of the tree and the grafted on branches?

- Jewish people are the root
- Gentiles are the grafted-on branches

Q: (v18) Should the church think it has replaced Israel?

- Paul makes it clear. No! The Jews are the foundation and have not been replaced

Q: (v22-23) Should the church think they are superior to the Jews?

- Absolutely not! If God would punish the Jewish people this severely, He certainly would not hesitate to do the same to the church.

Q: (v24) Would it be hard for God to bring back the Jewish people and cut out the gentiles?

- Not at all! Easier to bring them back, since they were from the original roots

Q: How does this apply today?

- The church has not replaced Israel. Instead, we should be supporting our "roots" in all ways

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.”

28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 “For who has known the mind of the LORD?
Or who has become His counselor?”

35 “Or who has first given to Him
And it shall be repaid to him?”

36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Q: (v25) What is the sequence of events in the ‘mystery?’

1. The Jewish nation is God’s chosen people – The original olive tree
2. The Jewish nation in large measure falls into apostasy – many branches are cut off
3. God grafts on wild branches to the original olive tree – The Gentiles
4. A finite number of branches will be added – The fullness of the Gentiles
5. After that, the nation of Israel will be restored

Q: (v29) Is God’s promise to Israel revocable?

- No

Q: (v32) Have these things happened by accident?

- No, this all part of God’s plan

Q: (v33) Why is Paul astounded?

- Startled amazement at God’s plans and purposes

Q: (v36) What is his conclusion?

- All things are in alignment with God and His purposes, for His glory



The Believers Future

- We will be transformed into the image of Christ
- We will know God personally face to face, like Adam
- We will have eternal life
- We will live on the new heaven and the new earth in glorified bodies
- We will reign and rule with God forever
- We will worship and be intimately wed to God forever!

Next Up

Romans 12 –



2 Corinthians 11:22-28 - The Sufferings of Paul

24 From the Jews five times I received **forty stripes minus one**.

25 Three times I was **beaten with rods**; once I was **stoned**; three times I was **shipwrecked**; a night and a day I have been **in the deep**; 26 in journeys often, in **perils of waters**, in perils of **robbers**, in perils of my **own countrymen**, in perils of the **Gentiles**, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my **deep concern for all the churches**.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?





Romans Theme

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." – Rom 1:16-17

The Christian's Riches

1 Corinthians/ 2: Isa 64/65 - Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered the heart of man, The things which God has prepared for those who love Him

John 3:16 - Life that will never end

John 4:14 - A spring of spiritual water that will never dry up

John 6: 37, 39 - A gift that will never be lost

Romans 8: 39 - a love from which he can never be separated

Romans 11: 29 - a calling that will never be revoked

2 Timothy 2: 19 - a foundation that will never be destroyed

1 Peter 1: 4- 5 - An inheritance that will never diminish



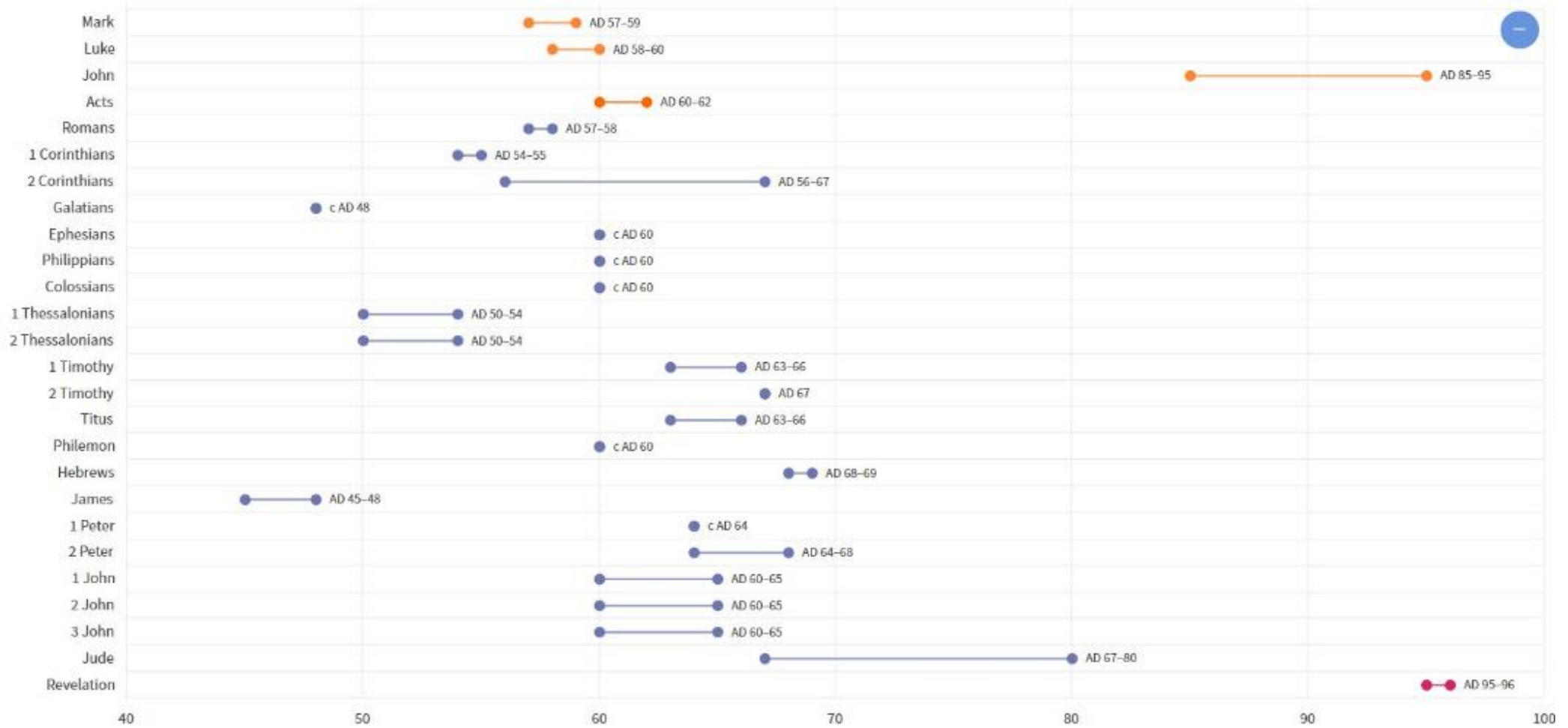
Co-writer – Apostle Paul

- Born as Saul in Tarsus (on the southern coast of modern-day Turkey). Likely borne about the same time as Jesus.
- Schooled as a Pharisee under the Jerusalem religious famous Gamaliel.
- Became a traveling missionary and preacher for the early church; renamed Paul.
- Worked as an artisan who made tents – maybe subcomponents
- Was imprisoned multiple times by the Roman authorities for his religious agitation.
- Believed to have co-written 6 letters to the churches.
- Died sometime between AD 62–64; Paul, believed to be in Rome.



- **AD 33 Damascus – Direct conversion**
- **AD 33-36 Arabia – Receiving direct revelation from the Lord (Gal 1)**
- **3 missionary journeys to Asia minor**
- **AD 56 Wrote Romans on 3rd journey in Corinth**





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- Romans ties to other books of the bible



Paul's Testimony to Agrippa – Acts 26



1. Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself."

So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself: 2 "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, 3 especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

4 "My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know. 5 They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. 6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. 7 To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews. 8 Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

9 "Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. 11 And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

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12 “While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, 13 at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. 14 And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ 15 So I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. 17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.’

19 “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. 21 For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. 22 Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come— 23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”

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24 Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!"

25 But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. 26 For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

29 And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."

30 When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them; 31 and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, "This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains."

32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

The Depravity of Man – The Bad News

Self-will and self satisfaction reign in mans heart



This produces guilt, masked with even more self-seeking



This produces meaninglessness, as nothing truly satisfies



This produces hopelessness, we sense the supernatural promise of life after death and the consequences of it