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**The Whole World Has Heard**

Romans 10:18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? **Indeed they have**; "THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD."

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**Israel Rejected the Law**

Romans 10:19 But I say, **surely Israel did not know, did they?** First Moses says, "I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."

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### Israel Rejected the Prophets

Romans 10:20-21 And Isaiah is very bold and says, "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME." 21 But as for Israel He says, "ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE."

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### Applications

1. We should understand Israel's unique status before God and their temporary hardness.
2. We should learn from Israel's mistakes and not harden ourselves against God's word.

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### Israel's Unique Status

Deuteronomy 32:8-10 ESV When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, **when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.** 9 But the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage. 10 "He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

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### Israel's Rejection of Their Status

Acts 7:42-43 But God turned away and delivered them up **to serve the host of heaven**; as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL? 43 'YOU ALSO TOOK ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH AND THE STAR OF THE GOD ROMPHA, THE IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP. I ALSO WILL REMOVE YOU BEYOND BABYLON.'

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### Israel's Rejection of God's Word

Matthew 23:37-39 **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!** How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 "For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' "

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### Israel's Hardening Is Temporary

Romans 11:1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? **May it never be!** For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.



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### Learning From Israel's Mistakes

Hebrews 2:1-3a For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, 3 **how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard...**

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