
The Tree Metaphor
 Natural Branches: *Israel*
 Wild Olive Shoot: *Gentiles*

Roots: *Patriarchs*

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The Root of Israel's Holy Status

Romans 11:15-16 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 16 If the first piece of dough is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too.

Root?

1. Christ
2. Remnant
3. Patriarchs

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Don't Be Arrogant Against Israel

Romans 11:17-18 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, **were grafted in among them** and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, **18 do not be arrogant toward the branches;** but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.

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Israel's Example Calls for Fear

Romans 11:19-21 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." **20** Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. **Do not be conceited, but fear;** **21** for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either.

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God Is Able to Graft in Israel Again

Romans 11:22-24 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, **if you continue in His kindness;** otherwise you also will be cut off. **23** And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

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Applications

1. We must understand that true saving faith leads to perseverance in the faith.
2. We must know that being arrogant or hateful against Israel will lead to judgment.

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True Faith Leads to Perseverance

Luke 8:15 But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, **and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.**

Col. 1:23a ...**if indeed you continue in the faith** firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard...

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Hatred of Israel Will Be Judged

Genesis 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, **and the one who curses you I will curse.** And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Obadiah 13 Do not enter the gate of My people in the day of their disaster. Yes, you, **do not gloat over their calamity** in the day of their disaster. And do not loot their wealth in the day of their disaster.

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Obadiah 15-17 For the day of the LORD draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head. 16 Because just as you drank on My holy mountain, all the nations will drink continually. They will drink and swallow and become as if they had never existed. 17 But on Mount Zion there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. And the house of Jacob will possess their possessions.

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Joel 3:1-2 For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.

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