

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 4, 1991

“What Can We Learn About Israel’s Present Spiritual Hardening?”
It is Partial
Part 1

Introduction: What can we put our trust in? Things, People, God.
Israel’s suffering may lead many to question God’s faithfulness.

Body:

1. It is partial: (vv. 11:1-10)

A. How can God have a special relationship with Israel when Israel has continual strife?

B. Paul’s response

The hardening is partial.
The hardening is passing.
The hardening is purposeful.

We can see through Israel that God is trustworthy. Looking at Israel should not cause lack of faith but increase faith.

1. Israel’s hardening is partial.

v. 1, Has God rejected His people? Many claim that He has. “MAY IT NEVER BE” the strongest possible language that can be used, may the thought parish, “May it never be.”

The thought of God rejecting His people is totally contradictory to all that the Bible teaches.

God will discipline, He will not forsake, abandon or reject.

v.2, God has not rejected His people whom He fore knew!

Qualifying statement..”Whom He fore knew” Before time, God had chosen and established a relationship with Israel.