

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 25, 1991

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

Introduction: “Great is Thy faithfulness.”

Body:

1. Even though Israel rejected Christ and had always turned away from Him, God has a plan of redemption for Israel.

People tend to look at Israel as a God-fearing nation. This is not true. Israel has always chosen to turn away from God, but throughout time there has always been a faithful remnant in Israel.

11:11, Israel stumbled and fell. They stumbled by rejecting the Messiah, but by their stumbling salvation came to the Gentiles and by this Israel is jealous.

If Israel’s stumbling = riches for the world, how much more blessed will we be when Israel is restored? Ps. 98, the day of Israel’s fulfillment and blessing for the world.

Paul is fully cooperating with God’s plan to bring Jews to Christ by their being jealous of the Gentiles. Paul is excited about his ministry to the Gentiles.