

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for September 1, 1991

“What Can We Learn About Israel’s Present Spiritual Hardening?”
It is Temporary
Part 2

Introduction: Paul’s ministry to the gentiles is connected with his love for the Jews to provoke them to jealousy.

Body:

1. Definite Purpose - “To make Israel jealous.”
2. Definite warning - “Do Not be arrogant toward the branches.”

V. 16, offering the first fruits, everything comes from God therefore everything belongs to God.

The patriarchs are the first piece of dough, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc... Because Abraham could not be abandoned by God then Israel can not be abandoned by God (Is. 51:1-3).

V. 17, Israel is the original branch. The remnant remains and now we (the church) have been grafted in.

We are not the source of our blessedness. Abraham is the root, the source of our blessedness.

Branches were broken off so we could be grafted in. So do not be arrogant, do not be conceited, but fear.