



# International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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## Lesson 12

### Romans 11:11-24 Scripture Handout New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
  2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(Romans 11:11) Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious.

(Romans 11:12) But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

(Romans 11:13) I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry

(Romans 11:14) in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them.

(Romans 11:15) For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

(Romans 11:16) If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

(Romans 11:17) If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root,

(Romans 11:18) do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.

(Romans 11:19) You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in."

(Romans 11:20) Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble.

(Romans 11:21) For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

(Romans 11:22) Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

(Romans 11:23) And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

(Romans 11:24) After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

**Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?