

For centuries people have been puzzled by the nation of Israel. The Roman government recognized the Jewish religion, but it still called the nation *secta nefaria*—"a nefarious sect." The great historian Arnold Toynbee classified Israel as "a fossil civilization" and did not know what to do with it. For some reason, the nation did not fit into his historical theories.

Paul devoted all of Romans 11 to presenting proof that God can still save Israel. Paul calls on five witnesses to prove there was a future in God's plan for the Jews. God could and will save them if they accept the Messiah and trust in him to save them. Listen to the testimony of the five witnesses.

Paul Himself 11:1 1. Paul is Jewish and his conversion is testified to in three places in the book of Acts. Can you identify these passages? \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Paul call himself "\_\_\_\_\_" in 1 Corinthians 15:8 3. In 1 Timothy 1:16 Paul stated that God saved him so that "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ as an example for those who would \_\_\_\_ ." 4. His "example" (NIV) or "pattern" (NKJV) as the worst of sinners being saved showed that the hard hearted Jews could also be saved if they would follow in Paul footsteps. The Prophet Elijah 11:2-10 1. Elijah thought the whole nation had deserted God (1 Kings 19) but found out the God had a \_\_\_\_\_ of faithful obedient children. 11:2-4 2. In Romans 9:27, Paul quotes Isaiah 10:22-23 and refers to this \_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ chosen by grace. 11:5 3. Paul refers to the hard hearted lost Jews in three passages. What are they? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ 11:7-10 4. Paul uses Elijah and the OT verses to prove a \_\_\_\_\_ was save in Elijah's day and the same is true for those who lived in Paul's day. The Jews and the gentiles can be saved!!