

# Romans 11:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Paul's discussion of Israel's role in God's redemptive plan. This verse contributes to Paul's overall purpose in Romans: Systematic exposition of the gospel and righteousness through faith. The key themes of justification by faith, law and grace, Israel and the church are evident in this passage.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Setting:** Romans was written around 57 CE from Corinth to Mixed Jewish and Gentile believers in Rome.

**Occasion:** Preparing for visit to Rome and mission to Spain. The Greco-Roman world valued rhetoric, philosophy, and social status. Paul's message of a crucified Messiah and salvation by grace challenged these values.

First-century believers lived in a pluralistic, pagan society with many parallels to today. Social structures, economic pressures, and religious confusion all challenged Christian witness. Paul's instructions addressed both timeless theological truths and specific cultural situations.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Romans 11:4 deepen my understanding of the gospel and God's character?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call me to make this week?
3. How does this passage point to Christ and His redemptive work?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀλλὰ	τί	λέγει	αὐτῷ	ὁ	χρηματισμός	Κατέλιπον
But	what	saith	unto him	G3588	the answer of God	I have reserved
G235	G5101	G3004	G846		G5538	G2641
ἐμαυτῷ	ἐπτακισχιλίου	ἄνδρας	οἵτινες	οὐκ	ἔκαμψαν	
to myself	seven thousand	men	who	not	bowed	
G1683	G2035	G435	G3748	G3756	G2578	
γόνυ	τῇ	Βάαλ				
the knee	G3588	to the image of Baal				
G1119		G896				

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 19:18** (Parallel theme): Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

**Numbers 25:3** (Parallel theme): And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

