



Word Study on "Olive Tree"

Olive Tree – a tree on which grow olives
Olives - small, egg-shaped black or green fruit
that is used as food or for making oil

Scripture Word Study on the term: *Olive Tree* (Romans 11)

Please read the following passages and answer the associated questions.

- (1) Romans 11:1-2 | 1 Kings 19:10-14 God has not rejected the Israelites, has He? _____
- (2) Romans 11:3-4 | 1 Kin 19:18 How many had not worshipped the idol Baal? _____
- (3) Romans 11:5-8 | Deut 29:4 Where do we get a heart of understanding? _____
- (4) Romans 11:9-10 | Ps 69:22-23 What did David pray would become a trap? _____
- (5) Romans 11:11-16 | Num 15:18-21 What is holy? _____
- (6) Romans 11:17-24 | Jer 11:16 What happens to worthless branches? _____
- (7) In Deuteronomy 24:20 who shared in the fruit of the olive tree? _____
- (8) Judges 9:8-9 Did the olive tree want to be king? _____
- (9) Job 15:33 He will cast off his flower like what? _____
- (10) Psalm 52:8 How long will he trust God? _____
- (11) Isaiah 17:6 What was the maximum olives left in a fruitful tree? _____
- (12) Isaiah 41:19 Who decides which trees will grow where? _____
- (13) Jeremiah 11:16 Who is the olive tree? _____)
- (14) Hosea 14:6 Who is the olive tree? _____
- (15) Romans 11:25-32 | Is 59:20 Who will remove ungodliness from Jacob? _____
- (16) Romans 11:33 | Job 5:9 How deep does God's wisdom go? _____
- (17) Romans 11:34 | Is 40:13-14 Does God ask our advice? No
- (18) Romans 11:35-36 | Job 35:7 What does God owe us? Nothing (See also Job 41:11)
- (19) Explain Rom 11:16-24. Does it mean we are heirs of Abraham? Why or why not? (Hint John 15:1-12)

Think & Pray _____

----- "OLIVE TREE" POSSIBLE ANSWERS -----

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- (1) Romans 11:1-2 | 1 Kings 19:10-14 God has not rejected the Israelites, has He? No, of course not
- (2) Romans 11:3-4 | 1 Kin 19:18 How many had not worshipped the idol Baal? 7,000, a remnant
- (3) Romans 11:5-8 | Deut 29:4 Where do we get a heart of understanding? The Lord (See also Is 29:10)
- (4) Romans 11:9-10 | Ps 69:22-23 What did David pray would become a trap? Their table
- (5) Romans 11:11-16 | Num 15:18-21 What is holy? The first of the dough (See also Neh 10:37, Ezek 44:30)
- (6) Romans 11:17-24 | Jer 11:16 What happens to worthless branches? They are cut off and destroyed
- (7) In Deuteronomy 24:20 who shared in the fruit of the olive tree? Aliens, orphans and widows
- (8) Judges 9:8-9 Did the olive tree want to be king? No
- (9) Job 15:33 He will cast off his flower like what? An olive tree
- (10) Psalm 52:8 How long will he trust God? Forever and ever
- (11) Isaiah 17:6 What was the maximum olives left in a fruitful tree? Five (See also Is 24:13)
- (12) Isaiah 41:19 Who decides which trees will grow where? The Lord, the God of Israel (Is 41:17)
- (13) Jeremiah 11:16 Who is the olive tree? Judah (Jer 11:13)
- (14) Hosea 14:6 Who is the olive tree? Israel (Hos 14:1)
- (15) Romans 11:25-32 | Is 59:20 Who will remove ungodliness from Jacob? The Redeemer/Deliverer
- (16) Romans 11:33 | Job 5:9 How deep does God's wisdom go? We will never know (See also Job 11:7; 15:8)
- (17) Romans 11:34 | Is 40:13-14 Does God ask our advice? No
(but that doesn't stop us from giving it to Him, does it?)
- (18) Romans 11:35-36 | Job 35:7 What does God owe us? Nothing (See also Job 41:11)
- (19) Explain Romans 11:16-24. Does it mean we are heirs of Abraham? Why or why not?

Jesus is the olive tree. The branches are His followers. The Jews were pruned to make room for the Gentiles. However, if they put their trust in Him, they will be grafted in again. Verse 24 is tying this picture in with the first part of the chapter, talking about first fruits being holy. We should keep in mind they came before us and are set apart by God for special blessings.

This passage covers a lot of ground. Paul is dealing here with the "relationship" that Abraham had with God, and the "righteousness" that was imputed to him. Both had been lost when Adam sinned; but both are restored in Abrahams Seed, the Lord Jesus Christ (Psa. 69:4; Gal. 3:7-16). Theologians argue about this and your opinion is just as good as anyone's. My opinion is that we are spiritual heirs of Abraham. By that I mean that we receive the promise of becoming part of the family of God, but we do not become the physical heirs of the Promised Land.

For further thought:

- [20] Compare Romans 11:1, 1 Sam 12:22 & Psalm 94:14 with Jeremiah 31:37 & 33:24-26. What is the same? What is different? So what?
- [21] Compare Romans 11:14, Genesis 29:14 and 2 Sam 19:12-15. ("fellow countrymen" in Romans is literally "flesh.") What did you learn?
- [22] Thinking about Romans 11:16 and Ezekiel 44:30 | Do you give God your first? Why?
- [23] Explain Romans 11:25-27 (Hints Isaiah 59:20-21; Jeremiah 31:33-34 and Isaiah 27:9)
- [24] Compare Romans 11:28, Deuteronomy 7:8 and 10:15. What did you learn?
- [25] How is "olive tree" used in Haggai 2:19? Is it literal or a figure ow speech? What does it mean?