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The background of the slide is a blurred photograph of a church service. In the top right corner, there is a circular graphic with a network of white lines and dots, resembling a globe or a digital network. The text "Called to the Gospel" is written in white, sans-serif font within this graphic.

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**I ask then: Did God reject
His people? By no means!
I am an Israelite myself, a
descendant of Abraham,
from the tribe of Benjamin.**

ROMANS 11:1

**God did not reject His people,
whom He foreknew. Don't you
know what Scripture says in the
passage about Elijah — how He
appealed to God against Israel:**

ROMANS 11:2



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“Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me”?

ROMANS 11:3

And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

ROMANS 11:4



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**So too, at the present time there
is a remnant chosen by grace.**

ROMANS 11:5



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**And if by grace, then it cannot
be based on works; if it were,
grace would no longer be grace.**

ROMANS 11:6

What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened,

ROMANS 11:7



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as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day.”

ROMANS 11:8



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And David says: “May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them.

ROMANS 11:9



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**“May their eyes be darkened
so they cannot see, and their
backs be bent forever.”**

ROMANS 11:10

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 11:11

**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 11:12



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**I am talking to you Gentiles.
Inasmuch as I am the apostle
to the Gentiles, I take pride in
my ministry**

ROMANS 11:13



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**in the hope that I may
somehow arouse my own
people to envy and save
some of them.**

ROMANS 11:14



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**For if their rejection brought
reconciliation to the world,
what will their acceptance be
but life from the dead?**

ROMANS 11:15

**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 11:16



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“There is still an Israelite remnant in the present, and there is going to be an Israelite recovery in the future.”

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Chapter 11 Summary:

- 1 The rejection of Israel is not total, but partial.**
- 2 This partial rejection of Israel is not final, but temporary.**



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God has not
rejected Israel.
(11:1)



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“Rejection of God leads to rejection from God. Though God executes it, it is a natural consequence.”

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God has
preserved a
remnant. (11:2-6)

Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved.”

ROMANS 9:27

“God’s preservation of a remnant is not only evidence of His present faithfulness to Israel; it is also a pledge of hope for the future of the people.”

DOUGLAS MOO

“Jews are no different from Gentiles at this point: only by God’s gracious intervention can they be transformed from sinners doomed to die into righteous people destined for eternal life.”

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God has hardened
the rest. (11:7-10)

“Through a real desire to please God — mixed with an unwitting pride in one’s abilities — the heart becomes deeply allergic and hard toward the mercy and love of God through Christ.”

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“God’s hardening of many Jews does not mean that He has given up on Israel. His plan still includes the Jews.”

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Israel's hardening
means spiritual
riches for the
world. (12:11-16)

“Just as the Gentiles could only have heard because Israel largely rejected Christ, now the Jews can only believe because those who accepted Christ were largely Gentiles.”

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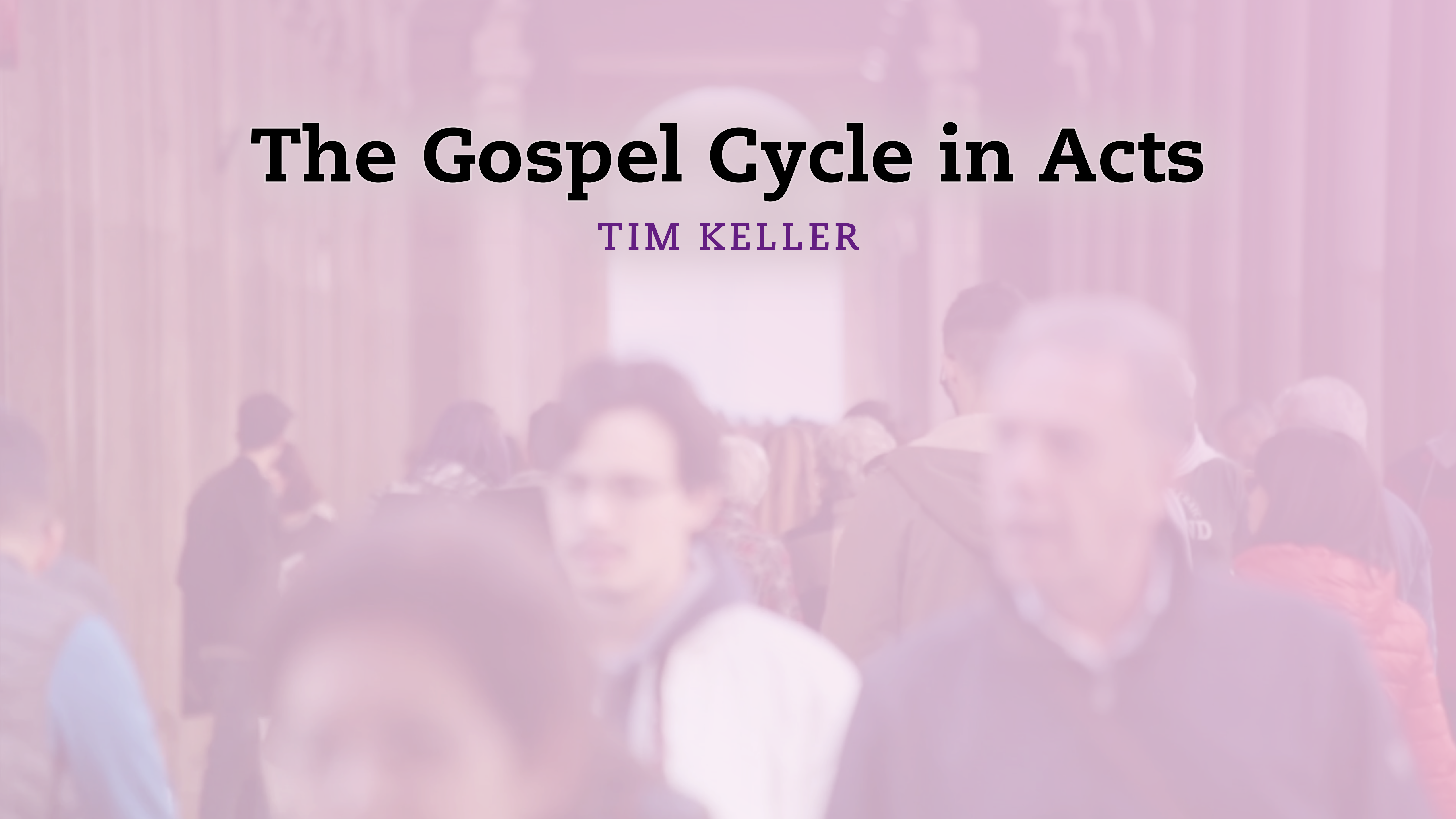
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“Though they were the chosen people, they began to think they were the choice people.”

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- D The church becomes multi-ethnic, with both Jews and Gentiles.



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“The blessing ricochets from Israel to the Gentiles, from the Gentiles back to Israel, and Israel to the Gentiles again.”

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“Not all envy is tainted with selfishness, because it is not always either a grudging discontent or a sinful covetousness...”

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“At base, envy is ‘the desire to have for oneself something possessed by another,’ and whether envy is good or evil depends on the nature of the something desired and on whether one has any right to its possession.”

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**God's mysterious
plans result
in wondrous
blessings for all.**







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