

stu: when the boughs thereof are withered, shall be broken off, that would fit in perfectly with Jeremiah 10, the breaking off of the boughs of the olive tree.

MacR: You mean Romans 10.

stu: Romans gets the suggestion of the olive tree being broken from Jeremiah 10.

stu: but it says in verse 11, he ~~is~~ that made them will have no compassion on them, he that (12) them will show them no favor. But all the rest of the chapter deals with the (12)

MacR: Yes. So you see it is rather difficult to think this is Israel, because he is showing no favor, and everywhere else in the chapter he's talking about the favor he is going to show.

stu: well, one would have to be taken in the light of the other, he has clearly established the fact both before and after that he's going to preserve a remnant, and show no favor, and that refers to his terrific (12 1/2) of his chastisement. Still wouldn't necessarily say that they wouldn't be a remnant preserved.

MacR: I don't know, I can't get away from feeling that the language of (12 3/4) is pretty strong, mighty strong. We just read up above that wrath is not in thee, lest thou wilt protect Israel, and then we're told having smitten them as he smote them that smote ~~them~~ them, they had been smitten. But (13)

Verse 9, the purpose of the smiting of Israel is chastisement. They did not (13 1/4) but then in 10 and 11 we have pretty strong figures of destruction, the of thy city is just a place for trash, no honest people there, nothing to keep the from coming right into the central square and eating up the bushes there in the middle of the square. And the boughs are withered and broken down and burned up, there's