Romans 11

Outline of Romans 11

I. Evidence that Israel's rejection is partial (11:1-10)
   A. Paul was a Jewish believer (1).
   B. God always had a believing remnant (2-4).
   C. God still has a believing remnant (5-6).
   D. God's hardening of Israel is partial (7-10).

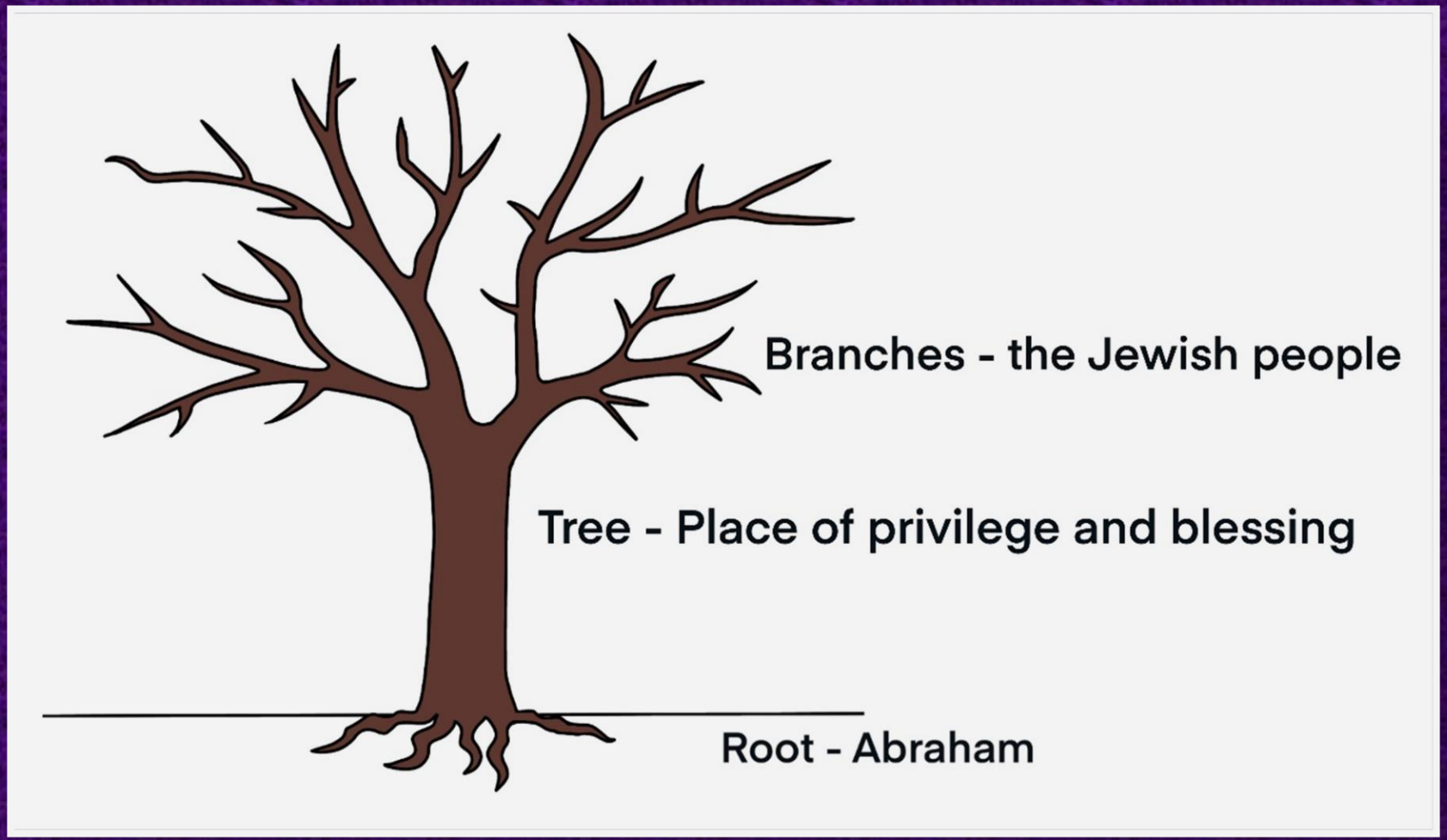
II. Israel's rejection is temporary (11:11-32).

III. The resulting response is praise to God (11:33-36).

Blinded or Hardened

- The Greek word translated either *blinded* or *hardened* is *πωρόω (pōroō).*
- It means to cover with a thick skin, to harden by covering with a callus.
- It's used figuratively in the New Testament—to make the heart dull, to grow hard, callous, become dull, lose the power of understanding.

The Olive Tree
Romans 11:16



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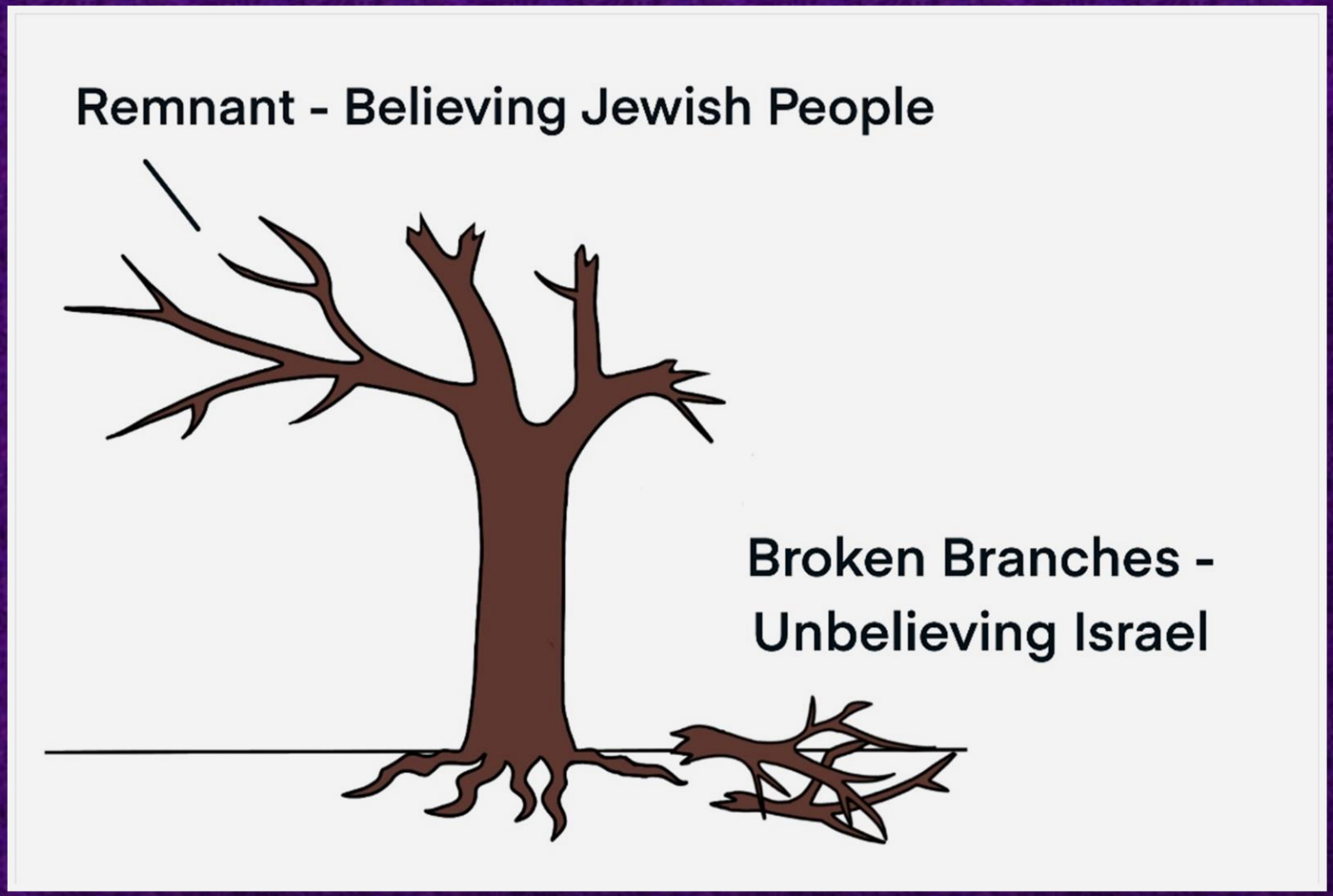

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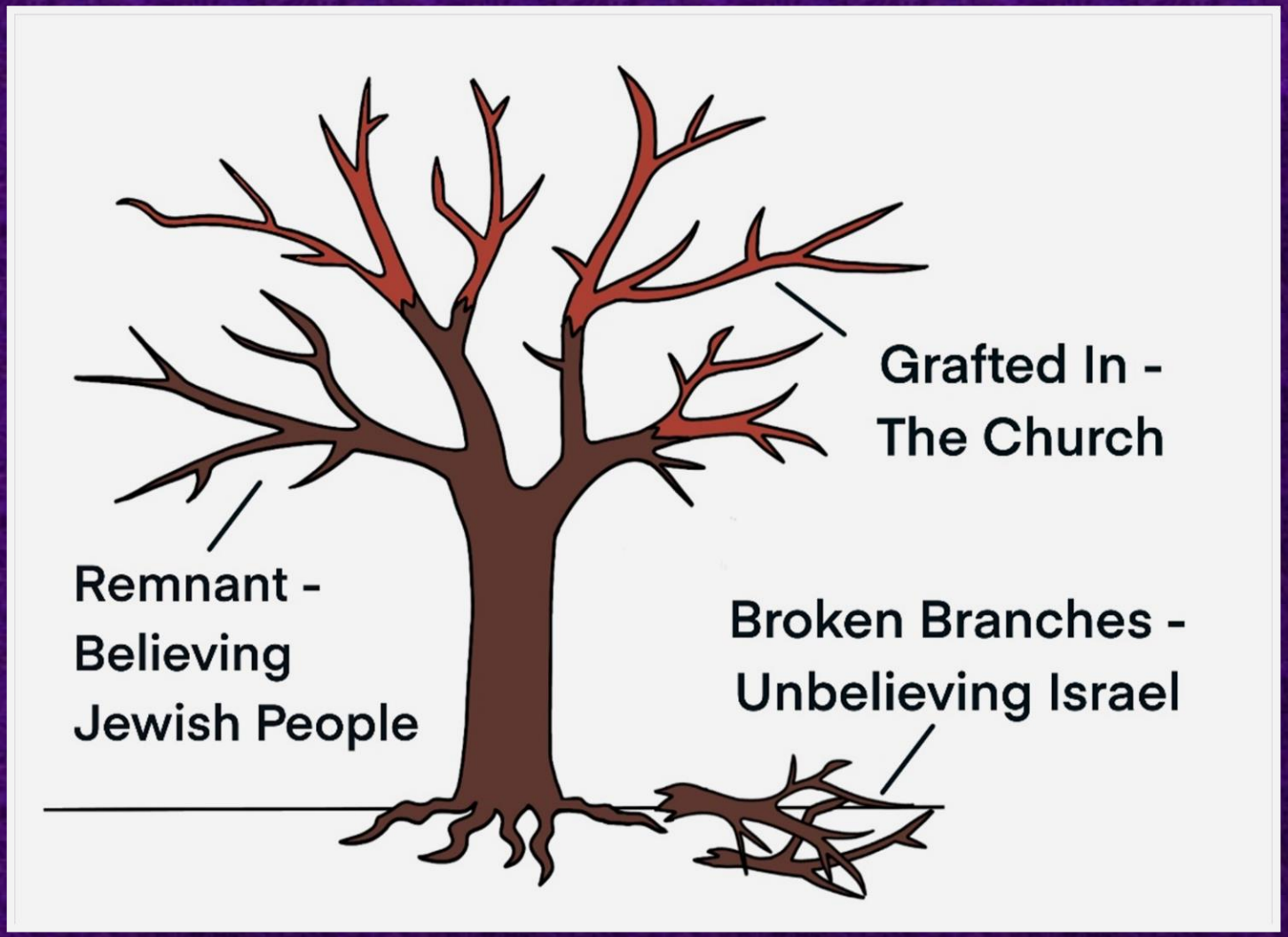

My Romans Dictionary

- Mystery—a previously hidden truth; a plan or purpose of God that has not been revealed until now

Zechariah 12:9-10

9 For on that day I will begin to destroy all
the nations that come against Jerusalem.
10 “Then I will pour out a spirit of grace
and prayer on the family of David and on
the people of Jerusalem. They will look
on me whom they have pierced and
mourn for him as for an only son. They
will grieve bitterly for him as for a
firstborn son who has died.

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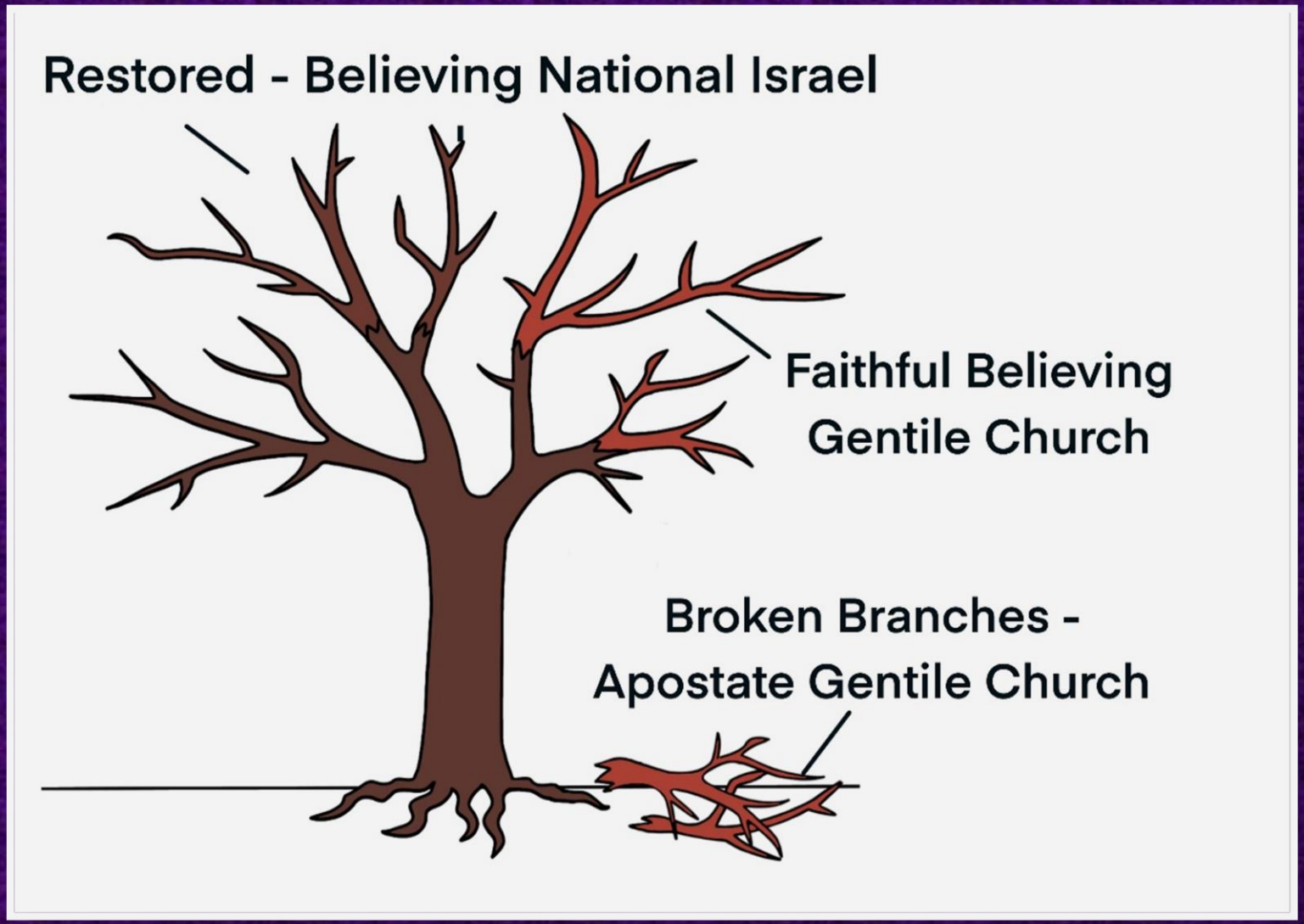
Romans 11:24



Take-Home Thoughts

- Do not be afraid to share your faith with a Jewish person.
- Search your heart for feelings of antisemitism and check them at the door (Genesis 12:3).
- God keeps His Word (Malachi 3:6).
- Stand by faith (Romans 11:20).