**BSF Scripture Reading:**

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1. **Lecture principles:**
2. **Read the lesson notes**

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**Question 6**

**Romans 9:31-33;** [31] but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, \* has not attained it. \* [32] Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.” \*

[33] As it is written:

“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble

and a rock that makes them fall,

and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” \*\*

**Question 7**

**Isaiah 29:10-14;** [10] The LORD has brought over you a deep sleep: \*

He has sealed your eyes \* (the prophets); \*

he has covered your heads (the seers). \*

[11] For you this whole vision \* is nothing but words sealed \* in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say to him, “Read this, please,” he will answer, “I can't; it is sealed.” [12] Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, “Read this, please,” he will answer, “I don't know how to read.”

[13] The Lord says:

“These people \* come near to me with their mouth

and honor me with their lips, \*

but their hearts are far from me. \*

Their worship of me

is made up only of rules taught by men. \*\*

[14] Therefore once more I will astound these people

with wonder upon wonder; \*

the wisdom of the wise \* will perish,

the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish. \*”

**Psalm 69:22-26;** [22] May the table set before them become a snare; may it become retribution and \* a trap. \*

[23] May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see,

and their backs be bent forever. \*

[24] Pour out your wrath \* on them;

let your fierce anger overtake them.

[25] May their place be deserted; \*

let there be no one to dwell in their tents. \*

[26] For they persecute those you wound

and talk about the pain of those you hurt. \*

**Matthew 13:12-15;** [12] Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. \* [13] This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;

though hearing, they do not hear or understand. \*

[14] In them is fulfilled \* the prophecy of Isaiah:

“‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding;

you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

[15] For this people's heart has become calloused;

they hardly hear with their ears,

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Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

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**John 12:37-43;** [37] Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs \* in their presence, they still would not believe in him. [38] This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” \*\*

[39] For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

[40] “He has blinded their eyes

and deadened their hearts,

so they can neither see with their eyes,

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nor turn—and I would heal them.” \*\*

[41] Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory \* and spoke about him. \*

[42] Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. \* But because of the Pharisees \* they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; \* [43] for they loved praise from men \* more than praise from God. \*

**Acts 28:24-28;**  [24] Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. \* [25] They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said \* through Isaiah the prophet:

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[28] “Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation \* has been sent to the Gentiles, \* and they will listen!” \*

**FOURTH DAY**

**Read Romans 11:11-24**

[11] 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. [12] But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

[13] I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry [14] in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. [15] For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? [16] 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.

[17] If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, [18] do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. [19] You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” [20] Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. [21] For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

[22] Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. [23] And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. [24] After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

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**Read Romans 11:25-32**

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**SIXTH DAY**

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**The Remnant of Israel**

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