

"Where the Road Ends...Ministry Begins"

Romans 9-11 God's Election & the Nation of Israel

I. Romans 9= Israel Elected

1. Paul's heart anguish over Israel's lostness. vrs 1-3

Note his use of "accursed"= Gr. anathema, literally means "against the theme or purpose. Paul though among the "elect" would be willing to "unelect" himself for their salvation if he could.

2. Physical Israel described vrs. 4-5

vs. 4= Israel's blessings by God: Nine great blessings described vs. 5= Greatest blessing is Messiah came thru them.

3. True Israel is the Israel of Faith vrs. 6-13

God's Elective choice began in Abram =see Genesis 12 & the Covenant with Abraham to bless the world thru his seed. That promise is fulfilled in the legacy of faith, not the physical nation [descendents] of Israel.

Vs.11= Notice God's purpose that motivates His choices and callings

1. Not all Abraham's descendents are called according to his purpose.

Vrs.6-8 Isaac & Ishmael

2. God's elective will= vs.11Not of linage= The Twins had the same father

Not of tradition= Esau & Ishmael were 1st born vs.12

Not of works= god chose before they were born.

3. Jacob & Esau =vs. 11="Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated"

Paul's meaning here is that the Gentiles who accept Messiah are the true descendents of Jacob, and the Jews who reject Messiah are the descendents of Esau.

4. God's purpose is to justify by faith & to show God's Righteousness 14-18 & 30

1) God's sovereign choices need no explanation!

2) God's purpose for Israel was always redemptive=covenant of Abraham was to bless the nations with Grace thru Faith.

Result= any Jew or gentile who accepts Messiah Jesus & His sacrifice for sins is "elected" and true "Israel"

II. Romans 10= Israel Rejected

Romans 10:1-4= God calls all men, Jew & Gentile to believe in the Gospel of Grace thru Messiah. Vs. 4=True Israel=children of Faith in Messiah. Jew or Gentile.

Romans 10:16-21= Israel rejected Messiah, so God has rejected them as a nation. They broke the covenant.

III. Romans 11= Israel Accepted

Romans 11:1-7 = God has accepted those Jews, who like Paul are people of faith in Messiah Jesus. God elected some, & hardened others. vs. 7

1. Their [Jews] hardening served God's purpose to bring in the Nations. 11:11

2. Gentile acceptance=makes Jews jealous & some are being saved [remnant] 11:14

The Wild olive branch= 11:16- 23

V23= God is able to graft them in again!!

3. The fullness of the Gentiles =11:25 Only Paul knew this mystery= God has a future program for the Jews. The Remnant of Israel?? Who are these people?

The Remnant:

1). Any physical descendent of Abraham who by faith trusted God as Abraham did.

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2). Jews like Paul= Messianic Jews who formed the 1st church= see Rom. 11: 5-7. There were 5,000 Jews in early church from all over the Roman world.
3). Messianic Jews thru the age of the Gentiles.
4). A future group of Jews to be saved in the last days? Revelation 7:4 & 9 During the Great Tribulation=144,000 Jews become messianic believers Revelation 7:9= a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people & language

4. "All" Israel will be saved. Romans 11:26

Paul's meaning= "All' =same program, Paul means all those God purposed to be saved, He will not lose even one whom He calls. It does not mean every physical born Jew.

5. Why this special effort on God's part to save even more Jews @ the end time? V29 & 33-36="the callings & gifts of God are irrevocable!!"