

The Plan of God for Israel and the Nations Romans 9:22–29

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There are 5 themes running thru Romans 9-11
in answer to the overarching question

Romans 9:6 (NKJV)

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Has the Word of God Failed????

The 5 Themes are

1. To answer the elephant in the room question regarding Israel, the the seeming rejection of Israel by God.

If Israel is cursed of God and it appears that the promises of God have failed.

The covenants of God have failed and Israel can't trust the promises of God, How can we trust the promises of Security in Romans 8. IF Israel, the chosen nation and people of God aren't secure, then what about us.

2. Another issue is how can this gospel be true if the people whom God promised all the blessing be true if the Israel rejects it. If it is true, then would not the special people the covenant people of God believe it. If Jesus is the true Messiah, then wouldn't the people who God promised the Messiah believe it and embrace it.

3. Another point Paul wants to bring out, that is in our text this evening is that God's mercy and grace is bigger than the ethnic nation Israel. That it reaches a people who are not a people and makes them the people of God. That the original plan, as far back as the Covenant with Abraham included the Jews and Gentiles.

The the most offensive thought to a Jew, that a pagan, Gentile, defiling people who are Idolaters, can become part of true Israel. This is an amazing thought.

4. Also, on a more gospel related point, Paul repeatedly says

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

How is the gospel for the Jew if they are cursed.....

5. To explain a mystery of the plan of God for the ethnic people of Israel. Or as some believe... it over for them....they had their opportunity and blew it!! God is done, finished with the nation Israel. It's reinstitution of a people as a nation in the Land of Palestine has no significance what so ever. They are just another pagan nation just like Iran or Egypt or Russian, but just happen to be living in the original homeland.

This Providential placement by God of Jews in Israel has no relevance now and no relevance for the future.

Paul gives us the future plan for ethnic physical Israel.

In our Study so far in Romans 9 in answer to the question, has the Word of God failed, since Israel has rejected her Messiah and is in a state of unbelief and judgment,
We see 3 Things

The Rejection by Israel of the Gospel does not affect

God's promise

God's person

God's plan

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1 God's Promise

Romans 9:6–8 (NKJV)

⁶ But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel,
⁷ nor *are they* all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "*In Isaac your seed shall be called.*"
⁸ That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

The Promise was never for every physical Jew.
Romans 2:28–29 (NKJV)

²⁸ For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; ²⁹ but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God.

God is a God who sovereignly chooses whom he will bless and who will be part of the promise.

It was never Ishmael it was Isaac.

It was never Esau, the first born, it was Jacob.

God's choice was that the promise was for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, not Ishmael, and Esau...

God made a choice of his own will.....

Romans 9:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ (for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹² it was said to her, "*The older shall serve the younger.*" ¹³ As it is written, "*Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.*"

The Rejection of Israel of the gospel does not affect

1. God's promise

2. God's person

So is God unfair or wrong or unjust in choosing as He did?

NO

God has always been a God that chooses of his own sovereign pleasure

Romans 9:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! ¹⁵ For He says to Moses, *“I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.”*

Romans 9:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, *“For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.”* ¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

None of this is a violation of Gods person or Holiness.

Romans 9:20–23 (NKJV)

²⁰ But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

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²⁴ even us whom He called, not of the **Jews** only, but also of the **Gentiles**?

What is most astonishing about 9-11 is the growing reference to the Gentiles. He starts off talking exclusively about the Nation Israel alone, and then how out of Israel only select persons have been chosen and then the hint comes in

Romans 9:7–8 (NKJV)

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⁸ That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

The Door is opened the Jewishness is not an automatic guarantee of salvation.

Then comes introduction of God's purpose with Jew and Gentile

through the explanation of the vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy from the same lump of clay. with the obvious inclusion of the Gentiles

Romans 9:23–24 (NKJV)

²³ and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the **vessels of mercy**, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

²⁴ *even us* whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

In other words,

Paul has 2 things in mind as we move thru the 5 themes of the passage.

1. The explanation of the purpose and plan of God for ethnic Israel

2. The explanation the plan of God of the inclusion of the Gentiles as part of the the spiritual seed of Abraham, the Church ,The True Israel

We see this in a number of places

Romans 10:1–3 (NKJV)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

Clearly a reference to ethnic Israel, physical seeds of Abraham.

Romans 10:12–13 (NKJV)

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “*whoever calls* on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Clearly a reference to the body of Christ which is Jew and Gentile, the true spiritual seed of Abraham, the church.

Romans 10:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says:

*“I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation,
I will move you to anger by a foolish nation.”*

²⁰ But Isaiah is very bold and says:

*“I was found by those who did not seek Me;
I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me.”*

²¹ But to Israel he says:

*“All day long I have stretched out My hands
To a disobedient and contrary people.”*

Clearly a distinction is made between the ethnic unbelieving nation of physical Israel and the Gentiles that are saved and are part of spiritual Israel.

Romans 11:1–2 (NKJV)

I say then, has God cast away His people?
Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.

Romans 11:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ I say then, have they (Israel) stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles. ¹² Now if their fall *is* riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

A Reference to the Physical ethnic Israel who contain the true seed of Abraham and How God has used the rejection and unbelief of Ethnic Israel to bring the true spiritual Seed of Abraham of Jews and Gentiles to faith and Salvation.

Romans 11:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel **until** the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved,

And now in keeping the theme of answering the question of what we are to do with Unbelieving Israel and their rejection of the Messiah and does this mean the promises of God have failed.

Paul unequivocally say no.
No the plan of God has not failed. In fact **this is**
what God has planned and MORE

Not only does he plan to restore ethnic Israel,
but He has chosen to have the Gentiles as part to
the true seed of Abraham and the true spiritual
Israel.

Some might ask, why Paul would introduce the
Gentiles and Gods plan for them when he was
clearly talking about ethic Israel at the beginning of
Romans 9.

The answer is simple. Because what also must
be proven is the God's word has not failed because
He has all along planned to have the Gentiles make
up the true Israel, The true Abrahamic offspring. The
Church.

To prove this, He quotes 2 prophets
Hosea and Isaiah

Hosea is quoted to show the inclusion of the
Gentiles and

Isaiah is quoted to show the inclusion of the Jew.

Hosea is a living Parable of the relationship of
God with Israel. God is the true faithful husband and

Israel is the Harlot. The the unfaithful bride, the idolatrous wife

Romans 9:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ As He says also in Hosea:

“I will call them My people, who were not My people,

And her beloved, who was not beloved.”

²⁶ *“And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them,*

‘You are not My people,’

There they shall be called sons of the living God.”

This is a quote of Hosea 2:23 and 1:10

Hosea 1:2–4 (NKJV)

² When the Lord began to speak by Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea:

“Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry

And children of harlotry,

For the land has committed great harlotry

By departing from the Lord.”

³ So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴ Then the Lord said to him:

“Call his name Jezreel,
For in a little *while*
I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the
house of Jehu,
And bring an end to the kingdom of the house of
Israel.

Jezreel - means “God sows” or scattered its association with past and future events at the place Jezreel (cf., however, v. 11; 2:22–23). Jezreel was the site of Jehu’s ruthless massacre of the house of Ahab (1:4; cf. 2 Kings 9–10). In the future it would be the scene of Israel’s military demise (Hosea 1:5).

Chisholm, R. B., Jr. (1985). [Hosea](#). In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1380). Victor Books.

Hosea 1:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And she conceived again and bore a daughter.
Then *God* said to him:

“Call her name Lo-Ruhamah,
For I will no longer have mercy on the house of
Israel,
But I will utterly take them away.

Lo-Ruhamah,— No compassion

Hosea 1:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she
conceived and bore a son. ⁹ Then *God* said:

“Call his name Lo-Ammi,
For you *are* not My people,
And I will not be your *God*.

Lo-Ammi,— —Not my People

So Gomer would give birth to three children
Jezreel — scattered
Lo-Ruhaman- No Mercy

Lo- Ammi— Not My People

Israel, the idolatrous harlot would give birth and become a scattered, people who are not the people of God with no mercy and no compassion.

Judgement of God fall

And it did historically and they did become a scatter people rejected by God.

Yet God promises to restore them

Hosea 1:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ “Yet the number of the children of Israel
Shall be as the sand of the sea,
Which cannot be measured or numbered.
And it shall come to pass
In the place where it was said to them,
‘*You are not My people,*’
There it shall be said to them,
‘*You are sons of the living God.*’

Hosea 1:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then the children of Judah and the children of
Israel

Shall be gathered together,
And appoint for themselves one head;
And they shall come up out of the land,
For great *will be* the day of Jezreel!

The intention of Hosea is that God will restore the people who had been judged and where no longer the people of God

But Paul expands it as he does in the rest of Romans 9-11 to include the Gentiles.

In Chapter 2 God calls on Israel to repent and turn from her harlotry of Idolatry lest God come in Judgement.

Hosea 2:9–12 (NKJV)

⁹ “Therefore I will return and take away
My grain in its time
And My new wine in its season,
And will take back My wool and My linen,
Given to cover her nakedness.

¹⁰ Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her
lovers,
And no one shall deliver her from My hand.

¹¹ I will also cause all her mirth to cease,
Her feast days,
Her New Moons,
Her Sabbaths—
All her appointed feasts.

¹² “And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees,....

Hosea 2:13 (NKJV)

¹³ I will punish her
For the days of the Baals to which she burned
incense.
She decked herself with her earrings and jewelry,
And went after her lovers;
But Me she forgot,” says the Lord.

What does God do, does he forsake Israel utterly
and completely and eternally.

NO

Hosea 2:14–23 (NKJV)

¹⁴ “Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
Will bring her into the wilderness,
And speak comfort to her.

¹⁵ I will give her her vineyards from there,
And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope;
She shall sing there,

As in the days of her youth,
As in the day when she came up from the land of
Egypt.

16 “And it shall be, in that day,”

Says the Lord,

“That you will call Me ‘My Husband,’

And no longer call Me ‘My Master,’

17 For I will take from her mouth the names of the
Baals,

And they shall be remembered by their name no
more.

18 In that day I will make a covenant for them

With the beasts of the field,

With the birds of the air,

And *with* the creeping things of the ground.

Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the
earth,

To make them lie down safely.

19 “I will betroth you to Me forever;

Yes, I will betroth you to Me

In righteousness and justice,

In lovingkindness and mercy;

20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness,

And you shall know the Lord.

21 “It shall come to pass in that day

That I will answer,” says the Lord;

“I will answer the heavens,
And they shall answer the earth.

²² The earth shall answer

With grain,

With new wine,

And with oil;

They shall answer Jezreel.

²³ Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth,

And I will have mercy on *her who had* not obtained
mercy;

Then I will say to *those who were* not My people,

‘*You are* My people!’

And they shall say, ‘*You are my God!*’ ”

Paul applies this to the Jews and Gentiles

The OT Jews had forsaken God and God had
abandoned them. They were no longer His
people Just like the Gentile pagans

Likewise Calvin: “When the Jews were banished from
the family of God, they were thereby reduced to a
common level with the Gentiles. The distinction
between Jew and Gentile has been removed, and the

mercy of God now extends indiscriminately to all the Gentiles.”

Boice, J. M. (1991–). [Romans: God and History](#) (Vol. 3, p. 1120). Baker Book House.

But now God has called both Jews and Gentiles as His people

Which is the Plan of God ALL Along.

Quotation #2

for the Jew

Romans 9:27–28 (NKJV)

²⁷ Isaiah also cries out concerning **Israel**:

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The remnant will be saved.*

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Romans 9:28 (NASB95)

28 for the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly.”

This is a quote of

Isaiah 10:22–23 (NKJV)

Here Paul quoted Old Testament verses to support the fact that God in His sovereign choice and calling always includes a Jewish segment, though it is a minority. The passages quoted (Isa. 10:22–23 and 1:9, both from the LXX) make it clear that in God’s judgment on rebellious Israel He by sovereign choice **preserves and saves a remnant**. Those promises were fulfilled in the Captivity and Exile of both Israel and Judah and in the destruction of Jerusalem in a.d. 70 and will also be fulfilled in the national end-time deliverance of Israel (Rom. 11:26–27). Even today the same principle is true. Jews who become members of the church, the body of Christ, are what Paul later called “a remnant chosen by grace” (11:5), which included himself (11:1).

Witmer, J. A. (1985). [Romans](#). In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 479). Victor Books.

Romans 9:29 (NKJV)

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4519. σαβαώθ sabaōth; of Heb. or. [6635] in fem. pl.; *Sabaoth*, i.e. *armies*:—Sabaoth(2).

Thomas, R. L. (1998). In [New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition](#). Foundation Publications, Inc.

Had God not chosen a remnant, a seed, a small amount to continue it, they would have had the same fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Judged out of existence.

Paul clearly has the salvation of the remnant of the Jews in mind and also the inclusion of Gentiles as the true children of God.

For these OT quotations are sandwiched between Romans 9:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ *even* us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Romans 9:30–31 (NKJV)

³⁰ What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; ³¹ but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

Paul argues that, not only has God's Word not failed in relation to Israel, Because He has always sovereignly chosen a remnant to believe, but also that this plan has always included the Gentiles as part of True Israel...

Ephesians 3:3–6 (NKJV)

³ ...by revelation He made known to me the mystery⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶ that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and **partakers of His promise** in Christ through the gospel,

Galatians 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:27–29 (NKJV)

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ

Jesus. ²⁹ And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Peter 2:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.