

ISRAEL: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
Romans 9-11

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Theme: The Gospel of God (or, The Righteousness of God)

Key Verses: Rom. 1:16-17

Romans 1:16–17 (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.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Note from the very beginning Paul ties in the salvation theme and how it is related to both Jew and Gentile – to everyone who will believe.

OUTLINE OF ROMANS

Prologue: 1:1-17

Doctrinal: 1:18-8:39

God’s Holiness – Man’s Sinfulness cf. 1:18-3:20

The lost condition of the heathen cf. 1:18-32

The lost condition of the moralist cf. 2:1-16

The lost condition of the religionist (e.g. Hebrews) cf. 2:17-3:8

The lost condition of the whole world cf. 3:9-20

The bottom line is that Paul, in this long section, methodically shows that all are sinners – there is no exception.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Justification by grace through faith cf. 3:21-5:21

In the midst of this section, we have most of the whole chapter of Romans 4 given over to the greatest example of saving faith in the Bible – namely, that of Abraham.

Sanctification of the believer cf. 6:1-8:39

Dispensational – 9:1-11:36 (The place of Israel and the church)

Practical –12:1-15:33 (Duties and privileges of the believer)

Epilogue: 16:1-27

Outline of Romans 9 – 11

Israel's Past (Election)

9:1-5 – Paul's Sorrow over Privileged Israel

9:6-29 – God's Sovereignty over Israel

9:6-13 – An Elect Remnant

9:14-24 – Election: A Divine Prerogative

9:25-29 – God's Electing Purposes Foretold

Israel's Present (Rejection)

9:30-10:3 – Israel's Present Problem

10:4-13 – The Neglected Remedy (FAITH)

10:14-21 – Israel's Pattern of Rebellion

Israel's Future (Salvation)

11:1-10 – God Always Has a Remnant

11:11-24 – Israel is the Root

11:25-32 – Israel's Rejection is Partial and Temporary

11:33-36 – Theology Yields to Doxology

A Key Verse:

Romans 11:25 (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.
(emphasis mine)

God right now is building His forever Church Family which is made up of both Jew and Gentile but largely consists of Gentiles. When the Church (largely made up of Gentiles) is complete ("the fullness of the Gentiles") then God will complete His program with Israel. The blindness of Israel is only partial and only temporary. God is NOT done with Israel!