



# DID GOD MAKE A MISTAKE WITH ISRAEL?

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- **Having become a Christian Paul was considered a traitor to the Jewish nation**
- **He has stirred up a lot of negative emotions among the Jews**
- **Paul does not let their rejection of him – affect his love for them**

- The emphasis in **chapter 9** is on **Israel's past election**
- In **chapter 10** it's **Israel's present election**
- And in **chapter 11** it is on **Israel's future restoration**

## **Paul Defended The Character Of God In Choosing Israel**

Showing that *Israel's history magnified the attributes of God*

**He specifically named four attributes of God:**

***1.) faithfulness 2.) righteousness 3.) justice 4.) grace***

***Seen in His choosing to bless Israel with a destiny and future***

**PAUL'S PURPOSE IN ROMANS 9:**

***To explain how God could set aside His chosen people and save the Gentiles***

***How he will restore the nation of Israel at some future date***

**ROMANS 9:1-5 -- PAUL DESCRIBES THE SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL –THRU HISTORY & EVEN TODAY**

***He is exceedingly pained by the rejection of the Jews towards Christ***

***He would be willing to do anything for them to see the truth and be saved***

**PAUL GIVES 8 FACTS ABOUT THE ELECTION OF ISRAEL (9:4-5)**

- **1. Their Adoption As Sons**
- **2. The Divine Glory**
- **3. The Covenants**
- **4. The Giving Of The Law**

- **5. The Service Of God**
- **6. The Promises...**
- **7. The Fathers: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob**
- **8. The Messiah -- Christ Was A Jew**
  
- *Paul Finished It With An Amen...*
- **"it is firm"**

**No Other Nation Enjoys The Heritage, The History,  
The Tie-ins With God, His Blessings, His Covenant**

***Those Blessings Impact Us:***

- *1. We Are Adopted*
- *2. We Are Blessed With His Glory*
- *3. The Law Written On Our Hearts*
- *4. The New Covenant In Christ's Blood*
- *5. We Are Afforded A Priestly Service Through Christ*
- *6. We Have Abraham As The Father Of The Believing*

# **Not All Jews Have Rejected These Truths --They Are True Israel – In Heart & Spirit**

- **The natural "Israel"** is the national, cultural, political Israel, all of whom were to be circumcised physically.
- **The "supernatural" Israel** is represented by a "remnant" who God in great mercy and grace preserved.

## **The church is not the continuation of "political Israel"**

- **Nor, has the church replaced Israel in God's plan**
- **God is not finished with Israel or with the Jew**

- **In Election... God Exercises His Sovereign Will -- He Will Choose Who He Wants To**
- **Paul gives three examples: Abraham –Isaac --Jacob**
- ***WHY WAS ABRAHAM CHOSEN?  
Simply Because God Decided To Choose Him***

## **NOT ALL ISRAELITES ARE TRUE SONS OF ISRAEL:**

- *God's Election Is Not On The Basis Of Natural Descent*
- *Abraham Had Many Children But Only One Chosen Son*
- **God chose and elected Isaac & not Ishmael so that His plan could be accomplished**

**God bypassed Esau, the first born and chose Jacob... That His purpose in electing His nation would be fulfilled**

***God's purpose does not depend on man's decisions, or on human merit. He always does the right thing, at the right time, for the right purpose***

- **ISRAEL'S ELECTION IS DEFENDED:**
- **Romans 9:9–13**
- **God's election and choosing is not about justice -- it's about free grace**

- ***SOME TODAY WOULD SAY THAT " GOD IS UNJUST IF HE CHOOSES ONE AND LEAVES ANOTHER!"... BUT THAT STATEMENT IGNORES THE FACT OF WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE KNOWS AND DOES.***

## **Whom God Chooses And Uses**

- Is Not based on natural descent  
Is Not based on works (good or bad)  
But Is based --- According to His purpose

**The secret things belong to the LORD." (Dt 29:29)**

Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

- **Hate is a relative term**
- **God's favor and blessing upon Jacob was so extensive that by comparison Esau would appear to be hated**
- **God has chosen Jacob to fulfill His elective purpose, but He has passed over Esau.**

## ***CONSIDERING GOD'S CHOICES:***

- **Romans 9:14–18**
- ***Is God unjust? No, not at all***
- **God's purpose in this goes beyond justice**
- ***His purpose considers: Everything He says, knows, and does.***

- **Rom 9:19-21... Paul Is Explaining God's Justice**
- ***Paul Uses Moses And Pharaoh As Proof That God Can Do What He Wants In Dispensing His Grace And Mercy***
- **Who Are We To Argue With God?**
- ***Doesn't The Potter Have The Right To Do What He Wants To With The Clay?***

## **God Has His Purposes – And It Is Really His Choice & Up To Him What He Does** (Rom 9:22 -24)

- *Everything God Does Advances His Glory -- And In People & In Nations -- Prepares Them For His Purposes--*
- *Including Salvation*
- *Yet Some By Their Willing Rejection Have Set Themselves Up (Have Prepared Themselves) For Their Own Destruction*

- ***GOD'S ELECTION MAKES IT POSSIBLE For Both Jews And Gentiles To Be SAVED BY GRACE...***
- ***Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV) — 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is **not from yourselves**, it is the gift of God—9 **not by works**, so that no one can boast.***

- WE ...AS BELIEVERS TODAY... ARE RECIPIENTS OF GOD'S GRACE:  
(ROMANS 9:30-33)
- **Here Is The Paradox Of History It Involves Israel**
- *The Jews Tried To Be Righteous And Were Rejected...*
- *The Gentiles Did Not Have The Privileges The Jews Had... Yet They Were Received...*
- **Israel stumbled at that stumbling-stone, which was Christ.**
- **THIS IS STILL THE CASE TODAY – (SEE:2 THES 2:8-10)**

***Paul's Main Purpose*** In This Chapter Is To **Explain Israel's Position In The Plan Of God**

***Israel Is An Elect Nation...Chosen By God***

This Entire Chapter ***Exalts The Sovereign Grace Of God Without Minimizing The Responsibility Of Both Nations & Individuals To Make Right (Godly) Decisions...***

***Disobedient Sinners – Whether Individuals Or Nations -- Will Miss Out On The Blessing... As Long As They Resist God***

- ***There Are Many Mysteries Connected With This Subject Of Divine Sovereignty And Human Responsibility***
- ***Nowhere Does God Ask Us To Choose Between These Two Truths... (To Get On One Side Or The Other) No... Why? Because They Both Come From God And Are A Part Of God's Plan....***
- ***They Do Not Compete... They Cooperate (Wiersbe)***

- **Israel's Rejection Of Christ Does Not Deny The Faithfulness Of God... In Keeping The Covenant**
- **God Is Still Faithful... Righteous... Just... And Gracious...**
- **The Lord Can Be Depended On To Accomplish His Purposes And Keep His Promises**
- **His Covenants To Israel Remain Intact**
- **And His Covenants With Believers Are As Good And As Strong And As Incredible As Ever**

- **There Are Many Who Are Just Like Israel... Who Cannot See The Truth About Christ**
- **The Problem :*Many People – And Many Nations -- Have A False Understanding Of Christ***
- ***We Need To Get The Right Perspective On Jesus Christ... The First The Last, The King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords***
- **God says, "Whosoever will" and the door is open to all**