

THE BOOK OF
ROMANS

Romans 9:1-5

I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

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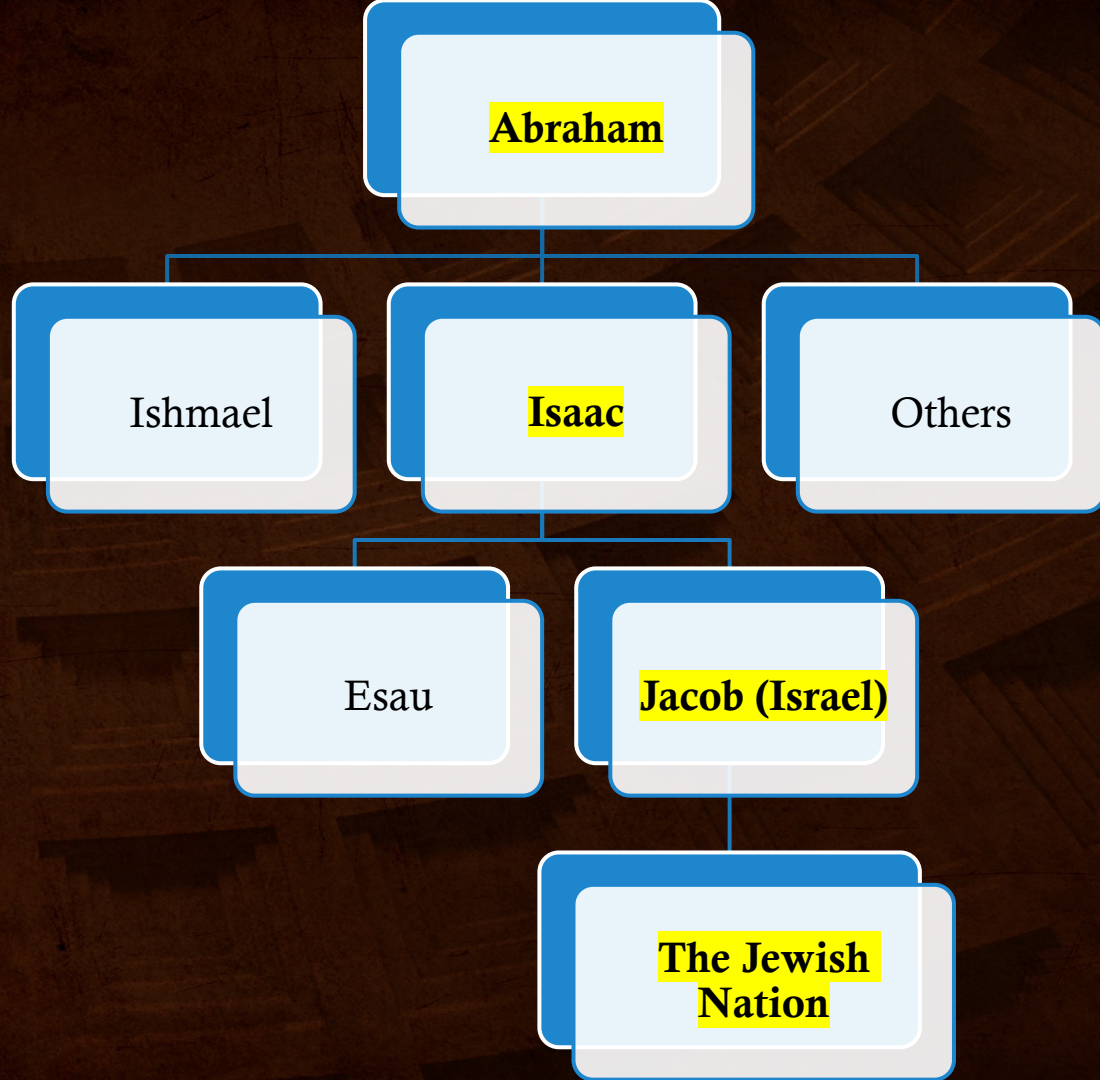
who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory [shekinah glory], and the covenants, and the giving of the Law, and the temple service, and the promises, whose are the fathers [patriarchs], and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 9:6-8

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: 'through Isaac your descendants will be named.' That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Romans 9

- Has God rejected Israel?
- Paul says “not all Israel is Israel”



Romans 4:13

For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 2:28-29

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter

Romans 9

- Has God rejected Israel?
- Paul says “not all Israel is Israel”
- God is NOT rejecting Israel

Romans 9:9-13

For this is the word of promise: 'At this time I will come, and Sarah shall have a son.' And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls

Romans 9:9-13

it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Romans 9

- Has God rejected Israel?
- Paul says “not all Israel is Israel”
- God is NOT rejecting Israel
- Miso (mis-eh-o) in Greek

Thomas Coke

This passage is not discussing election & reprobation (positive choosing & neg. choosing by God) regarding eternal life. It is discussing election & reprobation regarding privileges & service in this life.

1. Privilege and Service

- God sovereignly chooses our gifts/talents
- God sovereignly chooses our place of service
- God sovereignly marked out our race to run
- God sovereignly chooses our place of privilege and service

Jack Cottrell

God's choosing (God's election) here is clearly about service, not salvation, as only a small part of Israel was saved. Yet the entire nation of Israel was elected to the privilege of serving God. The emphasis here in Romans 9 is on God's sovereign authority to choose unconditionally any group or any individual to fill any given role in the working out of HIS purposes.

Jack Cottrell

God selected Israel from all the nations of the earth to perform the greatest act of service possible for an earthly agent. At the same time, God is sovereignly free to choose individuals for salvation in a way that is completely different from the way He chooses anyone for service.

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The fact is that He chooses to bestow salvation on the basis of grace and the condition of faith. Those who put their trust in God's way of grace form another group distinct from ethnic Israel – namely, Spiritual Israel, or the True Israel.

2. Salvation is Conditional

- God's choosing of Jacob over Esau has nothing to do with Salvation
- God's choosing of Jacob over Esau is about privilege and service

Genesis 25:23

The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; and two peoples will be separated from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger.

2. Salvation is Conditional

- God's choosing of Jacob over Esau has nothing to do with Salvation
- God's choosing of Jacob over Esau is about privilege and service
- Edom became Israel's slaves
- Nowhere in scripture is Salvation given to a family or nation

Romans 9:14-18

What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! ¹⁵ For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶ So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

Romans 9:14-18

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth." ¹⁸ So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

2. Salvation is Conditional

- God saves people in his own way and on his terms
- God extended mercy to the entire world
- Prevenient Grace

Romans 9:19-21

One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?” 20

But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” 21

Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

Romans 9:30-32

What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith, but as if it were by works.

2. Salvation is Conditional


- God saves people in his own way and on his terms
- God extended mercy to the entire world
- Prevenient Grace
- NOT Gentile v. Jew
- This is about Faith v. Works

Romans 9:33

As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.

Romans 9

- Right standing with God is not obtained by your works
- You can't earn Salvation
- You just accept the merciful gift from God that is salvation



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