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Psalm 122:6 NIV

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure.

Romans 11:1-7 NLT

I ask, then, has God rejected his own people, the nation of Israel? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and a member of the tribe of Benjamin. No God has not rejected his own people, whom he chose from the very beginning. Do you realize what the Scriptures say about this? Elijah the prophet complained to God about the people of Israel and said, “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.” And do you remember God’s reply?

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He said, “No, I have 7,000 others who have never bowed down to Baal!” It is the same today, for a few of the people of Israel have remained faithful because of God’s grace—his undeserved kindness in choosing them. And since it is through God’s kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case God’s grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved. So this is the situation: Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly. A few have—the ones God has chosen—but the hearts of the rest were hardened.

Exodus 19:5-8 NLT

Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation. This is the message you must give to the people of Israel.” So Moses returned from the mountain and called together the elders of the people and told them everything the Lord had commanded him. And all the people responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has commanded.” So Moses brought the people’s answer back to the Lord.

God's Promises

If they were obedient and faithful God gave them 3 promises.

- Special possession and treasure
- A kingdom of priests
- A holy nation

Exodus 24:3 NLT

Then Moses went down to the people and repeated all the instructions and regulations the Lord had given him. All the people answered with one voice, “We will do everything the Lord has commanded.”

They agreed to the covenant not just once, but twice!

The terms of this covenant are never again ratified!

1 Peter 2:9 NIV

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Exodus 32:9-10 NLT

Then the Lord said, “I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation.”

If God would have done so his promises to Abraham would have still been fulfilled because Moses was a direct descendant of Abraham.

Deuteronomy 29:1 NLT

These are the terms of the covenant the Lord commanded Moses to make with the Israelites while they were in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant he had made with them at Mount Sinai.

This covenant was vastly inferior to the original covenant he made with his people in Exodus.

The Israelites broke this covenant as well, and not just in one area but in all areas.



Covenants By God

Of all the covenants ever made by God with people there is only one that remains.

The everlasting covenant or the new covenant in which Jesus is the guarantor.

Hebrews 7:22 NLT

Because of this oath, Jesus is the one who guarantees this better covenant with God.

Hebrews 9:15 NLT

That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

God Fulfills His Promises

- This covenant was sealed in blood.
- The Israelites breached their covenants by not fulfilling the conditions laid out by God.
- God who takes covenant very seriously fulfilled the unconditional promises to the last detail.

Romans 11:7 NIV

What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened.

Israel failed to obtain the promises but the election obtained them. The election was the believing remnant of Israel and the Gentiles now.

Romans 9:6 NLT

Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel? No, for not all who are born into the nation of Israel are truly members of God's people!

The Israelites missed God's promises and he gave it to another people—the election.

Acts 13:27 NLT

The people in Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize Jesus as the one the prophets had spoken about. Instead, they condemned him, and in doing this they fulfilled the prophets' words that are read every Sabbath.

They Missed God

- They misunderstood the nature of the promised blessings, for they thought they were natural and earthly, instead of spiritual and heavenly.
- They didn't understand that the promises were, not for the natural seed of Abraham, but for this spiritual seed.
- Israel failed to obtain what it sought because they sought the repossession of the land of Canaan.

Romans 4:13-14 NLT

Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith. If God's promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless.

Galatians 3:16 NIV

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people but “and to your seed” meaning one person who is Christ.

Paul states that those who have put their faith in Christ are the elect now.

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 NLT

This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you and it is not beyond your reach. It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, 'Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey? It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey? No, the message is very close at hand it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it.

RECAP

- God's plan is for the whole earth and not just a specific people.
- If we are in Christ then we are a seed of Abraham.
- God's promises are fulfilled in us.
- The way to God is through a faith in Christ which unlocks all of God's promises.



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