

Ministry of The Holy Spirit
Israel: Not All Are Of
Romans 9:1-13

Last time...the letter to the saints in Rome reached a crescendo:

- Those that love God (Jew and Gentile) are the called...and much more (v28-31)
- We are absolutely and completely forgiven forever (v32-34)
- Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (v35-39)

This time...given the doctrinal masterpiece of salvation in Ch 1-8, where does this leave Israel in the plan of God?

The Holy Spirit tells us in Romans 9, 10, and 11...3 chapters that
Augustine, the originator of Replacement Theology, and
Martin Luther, a virulent anti-Semite,
must have

- chosen to ignore with a “pick-and-choose” belief
- not taken at face value, not taken God literally at His Word
- interpreted thru human reasoning vs thru Scripture

In Rom 9:1-13, not all Israel is of Israel

A distinction is made between the children of the flesh and the children of God

v1-2 I...the Apostle Paul,

Jesus’ choice to be the 12th Apostle replacing Judas to whom He gave this calling:

Acts 9:15 he is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the
Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.

say the truth in Christ...Who is the Truth, the absolute and unchanging Truth of God

Thus, these are inspired words of God

I lie not...am not being deceptive, am not teaching a doctrine of man or my opinion

my conscience also...a seriousness of tone akin to

Rom 1:9a

As the LORD God of Israel/LORD of hosts/LORD liveth, before whom I stand

1 Kings 17:1 Elijah

1 Kings 18:15

2 Kings 3:14 Elisha

2 King 5:16

I have great heaviness/sadness and continual sorrow/grief...the unrelenting heartache of
estrangement of a loved one

After the “rapture”/ecstatic joy of Ch 8, now great sadness and grief.

About...

v3-5 ...his brethren/countrymen – the Jews

Paul had been previously inspired to write to believers/followers of Jesus Christ

- in the churches of Galatia, Jewish primarily
Gal 1:8-9 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel (1 Cor 15:3-4) unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
- in Corinth, Gentile primarily
1 Cor 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema

Accursed, anathema...which would apply to many/most of the Jews because they have

- rejected Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, their Messiah
- not believed God's testimony of His Son
John 3:16
John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

So grieved is Paul that he pours out his Christ-like love for them – that he would be accursed in their place, trade places with them, as Christ did for all of man-kind

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree

To be crystal clear of whom he speaks, he outlines the uniqueness of the Israelites

- a people, a nation, the 12 tribes of Jacob
- to whom God gave
 - the adoption as sons
Ex 4:22-23 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel **is my son**, *even* my firstborn (has the pre-eminence): And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn.
 - Ex 5:1 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let **my people** go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

Ex 8:23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people

○ the glory/honor

Deut 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high **above all nations of the earth**

Deut 29:29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong unto us* and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

○ the covenants (of AI&J)

Gen 12:2-3 And I will make of thee a **great nation**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all **families of the earth be blessed**.

Gen 17:4-8 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make **nations** of thee, and **kings** shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all **the land** of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Gen 26:2-4 And the LORD appeared unto him (Isaac), and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and **I will be with thee**, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall **all the nations of the earth be blessed**;

Gen 28:3-4 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee (Jacob), that thou mayest be a multitude of people; And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit **the land** wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

Gen 35:9-12 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him. And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a **nation** and a **company of nations** shall be of thee, and **kings** shall come out of thy loins; And **the land** which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

- the giving of the Law

Ps 147:19-20 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation

Rom 3:19-20

- the service/worship of God

- tabernacle, the tent of testimony
- Temple

- the promises

- of what He was going to do
- thru the prophets

Jer 31:31-34 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD:

for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Heb 8:6

But now hath he (Jesus) obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

- whose are the fathers...they are the descendants of the patriarchs AI&J
- of whom would come the Christ in the flesh
 - the righteous line of the promised Seed of the Woman: ASNSAIJJD
 - Lord of all
 - God-blessed forever

v6 But...here we are, in Paul's day as in our day with most of the Jews not believing what God has said, not being faithful with that which God has given to them

So, is the Word of God empty and powerless?

Has the unbelief of the Jews rendered as useless the Word of God?

Quite the opposite!

Is 55:10-11 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

What does God purpose to do with His Word?

Divide – Jesus-kind (2 Cor 5:17) from man-kind (fallen God-kind)

Matt 10:34-35 **Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.**

John 6:28-29

Deut 30:15-20 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, *and*

that ye shall not prolong *your* days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

And the God of Israel is the all-knowing God, foreknowing from before the foundation of the world exactly how His Word would divide every family and people, including His own, the Jews.

So...they are not all Israel which are of Israel

All Jews are of, originate from, Israel...the adopted name of Jacob

But not all Jews, the descendants of Jacob, are the people of God

Rom 2:28-29

Being circumcised does not save

Being Jewish does not save

Jesus saves

v7-9 Just being a physical descendent of Abraham does not make them children of God
Consider Ishmael by Hagar the Egyptian handmaid and his line...not Israelites
Consider Abraham's 6 sons with Keturah and their lines...not Israelites

The children of God, the righteous line of the Messiah, comes thru Isaac by Sarah

Gen 21:12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad (Ishmael), and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Gal 4:22-31

Sinai/Law and Moriah/Cross...John 1:17, Matt 5:17, John 8:32

Ishmael and Isaac are types:

- flesh (man-kind) vs spirit (Jesus-kind)
- works of the flesh vs faith in the promise of God

The promise/covenant of God to Abraham came thru Isaac by Sarah...
when it was impossible for the flesh!

Rom 4:16-25

Heb 11:11-12

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was

past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

As Ishmael of Abraham/Hagar and 6 sons of Abraham/Keturah are types...

are the children of the flesh

Rom 7:18

do not believe the Word of God...do not the work of God

trust Self

love the world

and are not the children of God

so Isaac of Abraham is a type

the children of God and the seed of Abraham

born-again of the Spirit of God

believe the Word of God...do the work of God

trust the Lord

love the Lord

and no longer children of the flesh

Additionally...

v10-13 As was true for the sons of Abraham, so it was true for the sons of Isaac

The All-knowing God foreknew from before the foundation of the world that Rebekah would have twins by Isaac...2 radically different people

- a carnal son: Esau, a sinner who would despise his birthright (the blessing of Abraham) for a bowl of soup to satisfy the lust of his flesh...a child not of God
- a spiritual son: Jacob, a sinner and a real scoundrel who would wrestle with God but would believe, surrender his self-will, and follow the Lord...a child of God

And foreknowing both of them and all the choices they would make, God

- chose (election) the son that believed/trusted Him
- rejected the son that did not believe/trust Him

So in the children of Abraham and in the children of Isaac we have a microcosm of all people

1. man-kind: dead in sin and in condemnation, the children of disobedience
2. Jesus-kind: born again of the Spirit of God by faith, the children of God

As Ishmael of Abraham and Esau of Isaac are types...
are the children of the flesh and of disobedience
Rom 7:18
do not believe the Word of God...do not the work of God
trust Self
love the world
and are not the children of God
so Isaac of Abraham and Jacob of Isaac are types...
are the children of God
born-again of the Spirit of God
believe the Word of God...do the work of God
trust the Lord
love the Lord
and are no longer children of the flesh and of disobedience

Therefore...just being Jewish descendants of Abraham thru Isaac and Jacob does not
save anyone from the wages of sin (eternal death) and the wrath of an offended
and holy God

As are Ishmael and Esau, so are the unbelieving descendants of Jacob/Israel –
children of the flesh and the children of disobedience (Heb 11:6)
Examples: Saul of Tarsus, Caiaphas and Annas etc, persecutors of Church
As are Isaac and Jacob, so are the believing descendants of Jacob/Israel –
children of God
Examples: Paul the Apostle, other 11 Apostles, 3000, 5000, etc

John 8:31-47 <i>ff</i>	v31 = ye/believers, v33 = they/unbelievers
John 1:10-13	
Gal 3:22-29	
Eph 2:8-9	Jew and Gentile

Salvation...new birth, made new, eternal life...is a work of God and a gift of God to
whosoever believes what He has said and done

Israel: they are not all Israel (children of God) which are of Israel (children of Jacob)

Application/Exhortation

Are all Jews saved because God created/chose that people to reveal Himself to all man-kind?

Does just being Jewish save a person from eternal death?

No

How is a Jew saved?

By the righteousness of God which is by the faith of Christ Jesus

By grace thru faith and that not of themselves but of the gift of God

No different than how a Gentile is saved

God is Spirit (John 4:24)

His children are of/born of His Spirit

God is righteous

His children have received the righteousness of God which by the faith of Jesus Christ

Right now, there are 3 kinds of people living on earth (1 Cor 10:32)

1. unbelieving Jews...still in condemnation, children of disobedience
2. unbelieving Gentiles...still in condemnation, children of disobedience
3. the Church...believing Jews and Gentiles no longer in condemnation,
the children of God

Do not get the people groups confused, for God does not

I am a Scottish, Irish, Scandinavian Gentile born again of the Spirit of God because I believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who came to take away the sins of the world and laid down His sinless life for me personally as payment for my sins against God

By supernatural birth...at age 34 years...I am a child of God of the seed of Abraham

That is who I am!

Jesus Christ is why I am who I am!

My identity is in Jesus Christ and in Him alone

He is my only hope for Life and Light and Love

If I were 100% Jewish, I would be a child of God ONLY because I believed Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God of AI&J, Who came to take away the sins of the world and laid down His sinless life for me personally as payment for my sins against the holy God

If your identity is wrapped up in being

- Jewish...when being Jewish does not save anyone
- American (offensive)/USA...when that does not save anyone
- Republican or any other political affiliation...when that does not save anyone
- your race or gender or etc...when that does not save anyone

you are clinging to nothing-ness and are in eternal peril!

There is hope of eternal life in none of those “identities”

But back to the original question in this message:

Where does this doctrinal masterpiece of salvation leave Israel in the plan of God?
Israel as a nation exists again...just as God promised!

Is 11:11-12 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

But, they are not all Israel (children of God by faith and re-birth of the spirit)
that are of Israel (children of Jacob by the flesh)

Is God done with Israel?

God forbid...what kind of crazy thinking is that?
There are promises to the children of Jacob/Israel not yet fulfilled
God cannot lie and cannot change (PTL!!!)

Has Israel surrendered all her promises from God to the Church?

God forbid...what kind of crazy thinking is that?
God is not confused about the people groups on earth
God cannot lie and cannot change (PTL!!!)

Israel...one unbelieving Jew at a time, wherever they may live...needs to

- hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- confess their sin
- repent of their sin
- profess Jesus Christ as Lord of all forever

We support a ministry of Jewish children of God in the midst of Jewish children of the flesh in the nation of Israel

They preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Jews

They teach Jesus Christ and Him crucified to those of v3-5

They do it with the heart of v2

We are to do the same to the Jews living in our midst, just as we are the Gentiles

God is the God of Israel and the Gentiles

Rom 2:7-11

None can be saved but by grace thru faith in Jesus Christ