

Ministry of The Holy Spirit
Israel: Zeal Without Knowledge
Romans 10

Last time...the mystery of Israel and the will of the Sovereign Creator for Israel

For 19 centuries the Biblical topic of Israel was a mystery

- believed by most Christians to be “done” and “finished”
- believed by a remnant of Christians to be “I don’t know how but God said...”

But suddenly, Israel was again a nation

In Is 11:10-12, 2 signs of judgment of the nations

1. Jesus being made sin and judged for the sins of the world
2. Israel again a nation, a sign of God’s judgment when Jesus returns as King of kings and Lord of Lord

Initiated the “beginning of sorrows” in Matt 24:4-8,
the time in which we now live,
the time preceding Jacob’s Trouble/70th Week/DoL

Nearly all, if not all of us, have only known a world that included the nation of Israel

But it was not so for over 1900 years

So these are prophetically significant and exciting times and the Biblical topic of Israel is “fresh” in the history of the Church...and

- the God of Jacob is NOT done with Israel!
- the plan of God is impossible to understand apart from Israel

This time...Israel has a zeal for God but without knowledge of God

All of which

- begs questions about Israel and USA today
- gives us followers of Jesus Christ a clarion Call to Action

As the teaching/doctrine of Israel continues, the Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, continues to lean heavily in the prophet Isaiah, the Messianic prophet, as Scripture interprets Scripture

v1-4

v1 Brethren...the saints in Rome, believers, children of God born-again of the Spirit of God

Pauls’ heart and prayer...with great heaviness and continual sorrow (Ch 9:2)...
is the salvation of Israel

- the unbelieving/disbelieving descendants of Jacob
- children of the flesh and disobedience (Ch 9:8)

His great burden of heart is that they would be saved...by grace thru faith...
from the wrath of God and eternal death

Per Scripture... 1 Tim 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9, Ezk 18:32... Paul is praying in the will of God, he is in one accord with the God of Israel

But still, Israel must make the right/Godly choice: God's only way of salvation

v2 The spiritual condition of the disbelieving Jews:

1. have a zeal/fervor/great passion for God
2. but not according to knowledge/understanding...
 - of the revelation of God has given of Himself in His Word
 - which comes only by faith

Paul (formerly known as Saul of Tarsus, the chief persecutor of the early Church) can SO relate to them!

"I was just like you!

Been there, done that!"

Gal 1:13-14 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

Again, Paul is in one accord with the God of Israel

Is 48:1 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, *but* not in truth, nor in righteousness.

What is not known/understood by the Jews due to unbelief?

Is 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Is 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (i.e. this is God's doing, not Israel's)

Is 42:1-7

Is 53

the Jews believe God's servant = Israel

the Father's sacrifice for sin – His servant

The Jews do not read this chapter or again say this is about Israel

Woe the curse of religion, fruit of the flesh (salvation by one's works)

Those in this cursed camp include:

- Mormons
- Muslims
- JW's
- Jesuits
- etc

v3 The disbelieving Jews were/are

- ignorant...foolish, not believing God's testimony...of God's righteousness
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.
John 5:24 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**
John 8:24 **I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.**
- striving to establish their own righteousness...self-righteousness
Acts 15:1, infecting the early Church and resulting in 1st Church Council
Judaizers that followed Paul and corrupted the Gospel of Christ
- not submitting their will/intellect/reasoning to the righteousness of God –
by faith (Heb :11:1)
Gen 15:6
Hab 2:4
Rom 1:17 from faith to faith...from, then in (Rom 12:3b)
Rom 3:22 by faith of Jesus Christ (Heb 12:2)

The same can be said of all those in the cursed camp of religion

v4 Jesus Christ...and Jesus Christ/Immanuel alone, NONE of man-kind...is the

- end
- perfect completion/fulfillment (Matt 5:17)
- conclusion

of the law for righteousness...right-ness with the holy God (Rom 7:12)
for everyone...whosoever...that believes

This verse is the “.” (period) of God's Plan of Redemption for man-kind...
nothing more to follow, nothing can be added to...
take it or leave it, your choice

No Jew, no matter how pious or zealous, EVER kept the Law perfectly
Therefore EVERY Jew was condemned as a Lawbreaker by the Law

Rom 3:19-20

Gal 3:24...by faith

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

v5-8

In v5, the Apostle Paul is quoting Scripture

Lev 18:5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: *I am* the LORD.

Q: Keep how? What is the standard of “acceptable” obedience?
Perfectly (James 2:10)

Matt 22:36-40...did not obey this perfectly either

In v6-8, Paul is quoting Scripture

Deut 30:11-14

Notice how, here in Rom 10, the Holy Spirit interprets Deut 30:11-14

- “commandment”
“Christ”
John 1:1, 14
- “sea”
The deep, the abyss...Hades, the abode of the dead pre-Ascension
- “the word in your mouth and in your heart”
the word/*rhema*/utterance of faith, preached by the Apostles

What does v8 mean in practice?

v9 if...every person has a choice and must make it (no decision is a decision)

you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus

- believe/agree with/subscribe to God's testimony by uttering/saying so
 - Matt 16:16, John 1:29
 - "I am saying, I am telling you that I believe
 - what God has said about Jesus Christ
 - in Jesus Christ!"
- the right choice
 - Matt 10:32-33
 - Matt 16:18b

shall believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead

- 1 Cor 15:3-4
- John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**

you shall be saved...from the wrath of God and eternal death, the wages of sin

Ps 86:5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee

(Jesus, v4, Who satisfied God's perfect justice)

1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

v10 Every person must choose to believe God or not...the wise choice is to believe with

- their heart unto righteousness...as if walking thru a door into God's righteousness and away from self-righteousness
- their mouth unto salvation...expressing the contents of the heart – agreement with God

v11 The Apostle Paul again quoting Scripture, the Final Authority, as in Ch 9:33

Is 28:16b he that believeth shall not make haste

(hurry to the excitement or pleasure of the flesh)

v12-13 "Whosoever" in v11 means there is no distinction between Jews and Gentiles
Jesus is Lord of all and not a respecter of persons when it comes to salvation

Acts 10:34-36 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

And salvation comes

- by the work of God...the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this
- from faith to faith
 - from the faith of Christ who came to do the Father's will
 - to the faith of a sinner investing his measure of faith in Christ...
 - deciding Jesus has the power to save their soul from the wrath of God and eternal death
 - calling upon His name/authority for the help He alone can give
 - Ps 22:29b none can keep alive his own soul
 - Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
 - James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted (and Living) word, which is able to save your souls.

Again Paul is quoting Scripture

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

As did the Apostle Peter in the 1st Sermon

Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Therefore, the choice every person must make:

- A. To call on the name of the Lord to save them...
and stand before the Almighty "in Christ"
- or
- B. To not call on the name of the Lord to save them...
and stand before The Almighty on their own merit

God does not make that choice for any person

(much less every person, per the dogma of Calvinism)

So what does God do?

v14-15 OTL God sends preachers of the Gospel to make Jesus known and to issue invitations to come out of darkness into His Light

Working from the perspective of man-kind facing a decision about Jesus Christ:

- How can they call on Him Whom they have not believed/trusted?
- How can they believe/trust of Him Whom they have not heard?
- How can they hear of Him without a preacher?
- How shall someone preach to them unless that someone is sent to them?
- How blessed are the feet of those who are sent to preach the gospel of peace!

Is 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Matt 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

God has chosen to send preachers into the darkness of the hostile world

Who are the preachers?

Matt 28:18-20

John 20:21-22 Then said Jesus to them again, *Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.* And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, *Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

John 17:20

Acts 1:1, 8

Acts 2

Rom 5:1

The preachers are those who believe, having rejected self-righteousness and having submitted themselves to the righteousness of God

They are sent to the ignorant/foolish/disbelieving, presenting them with the testimony of God so they might make 3 informed decisions about Jesus Christ

1. To hear the preacher
2. To believe in Him that is preached
3. To call upon Him to save them

v16-21

v16 With v2, Paul's testimony of the unbelieving Jews – they have chosen to NOT believe the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who came to take away the sins of the world so that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish but have everlasting life

This was also the Father's testimony to the Son, recorded by Isaiah and quoted here Is 53:1, the Father's testimony to the Jews of His Suffering Servant Who would be His sacrifice for sin

The Jews did not hear...hearing with understanding, that comes only by faith

v17 Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God...
receiving/believing the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God that

- is quick/alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart
- divides the children of God from the children of the flesh...Matt 10:34
- without which it is impossible to please God
- with which God is pleased

Faith comes not by the traditions of man (the curse of religion) that make the Word of God of none effect

v18-21 Has Israel an excuse for not believing the Word of God?
No!

- They have heard (Ch 9:4-5, John 5:39)
- Their utterances about the Word of God (Law) went throughout the world... into all the places they were driven for their rebellion against their God
- They were foretold that Gentile preachers were coming, sent by their God

Deut 32:21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is* not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with *those which are* not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

Is 65:1-5

spread out my hands...extended My hands
rebellious people...disbelieving and defiant
sacrifice in gardens...not the Temple and not to Him
altars of brick...man-made, self-righteousness
remain among the graves...dead in their sin
eat swine's flesh...unclean
abominable things in their vessels...gross sexual sin in their
bodies in keeping what they did believe – lies

Israel did not seek their God by faith, but rather to “earn” God by their works

Deut 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Prov 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Matt 7:7 **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you**

Is 55:6-7 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

“wicked” and “unrighteousness” = self-righteousness (Matt 5:20)

Is 30:8-15 worldly/faithless Israel despising the Word of God

v2...Faith, not human reasoning, leads to knowledge/understanding

Application/Exhortation

1. Israel

Israel is back in the land promised to AI&J but they are there in unbelief, living according to

- The curse of religion
- The curse of human reasoning/philosophy (secular humanism, atheism)

Without faith, without which it is impossible to understand the Word of God, how can Israel possibly understand the depth of the meaning and significance of

- the Russia/Iran/Turkey alliance against them?
 - Putin/Raisi/Erdogan summit in Tehran this coming week
 - to take a spoil...financial reasons (seemingly natural gas), not religious or political reasons

- the “closing door” in Russia – no more Jews allowed to leave Russia?

how can Israel possibly understand what lies in the near future in the plan of God

- Jer 30:7
- Ezk 20:33-44
- Dan 9:26-27 deception foretold in John 5:43
- DoL (Joel, Zephaniah, etc and Rev 6-19)

how can Israel possibly understand in Whom their salvation lies?

2. USA

1 Cor 10:6, 11

This nation also has no understanding of the Word of God, having despised it,
as Israel did (Is 30:9-13) for the past 60 years (since 1962)

A generation has grown up with a foundation of sand and not the Rock of God's Word
This is a nation afflicted with mental illness...by choice and by consequence

How can this nation possibly understand the depth of the meaning and significance of

1. race relations (part of "the beginning of sorrows")
2. violence that plagues the cities (Days of Lot and Days of Noah)
3. sheer madness and confusion of over something as simple as "gender"
(not knowing and fighting over what a woman is)...mental illness
4. that which very well may fracture the nation like it did the first time –
States rights vs Fed Gov't
 - The Civil War
 - Now, the "right" to kill babies in their mother's wombs

2 Kings 24:1-4

the most violent (in words and in deeds) of all issues plaguing this nation
following Molech

Harvard Law professor regarding 6 SCOTUS justices: no peace, pariahs
Floating Abortion ships in Gulf of Mexico by CA doctor

5. the deep space photos from the James Webb Space Telescope that so vividly declare
the glory, majesty, and power of the Almighty Creator?
(and National Geographic, Planet Earth ignoring the Obvious)

How can this nation in which so many despise the Bible and have a blatant contempt for the
truth hope to navigate the course it has set against God?

3. us personally

1 Chron 12:32 in these perilous times when people are lovers of their own selves and
lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God

We are preachers to the ignorant having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof

- Jews
- Mormons
- Muslims
- JW's
- Jesuits
- Atheists
- Humanists
- All afflicted with the curse of religion and the curse of philosophy which oppose
the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ

Preaching Good News to those in darkness is our Call to Action!