

## ISRAEL'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

### PART 3 – ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF PREDICTED

ROMANS 9:25-29

#### INTRODUCTION:

In chapters 9-11 Paul turns his attention to the nation of Israel and her place in God's plan of redemption. In chapter 9 Paul deals specifically with Israel's unbelief and how that fits God's plan. We have learned that her unbelief does not change the promises God made to Abraham and David, they will be fulfilled in the future. We learned that God in His sovereignty chose Isaac and Jacob (Israel) to be the sons of promise, but He did not choose Ishmael or Esau. Then we spent two weeks looking at God's sovereign election of some but not all and learned that God's glory is demonstrated in the chosen and those not chosen. Israel's unbelief does not in any way change God's person, He remains righteous and just at all times.

This morning we will look at the third part in which Paul shows us that Israel's unbelief was predicted by the Old Testament prophets, so her unbelief is consistent with God's plan of redemption.

#### I. ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF PREDICTED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT (Romans 9:25-29)

- a. Paul in this third part uses two quotes from the prophet Hosea and two quotes from the prophet \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. These two prophets show that the Jews unbelief and their rejection of their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ fits into what was \_\_\_\_\_ to them from God.

#### II. HOSEA (Romans 9:25-26)

- a. Paul does not quote word for word from Hosea in this first quote, but \_\_\_\_\_ under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit what God spoke through the prophet Hosea.
- b. He paraphrases from Hosea 2:23 and writes, "As He [God] says also in Hosea, 'I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY \_\_\_\_\_, 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.''" (Romans 9:25, NASB95)

- c. You must have some background on \_\_\_\_\_ to fully understand the truth that Paul is trying to teach us here.
- d. This woman bore three children to Hosea in chapter one and each was given a \_\_\_\_\_ that meant something.
  - i. Jezreel = God sows or scatters
  - ii. Lo-ruhamah = Not pitied or no mercy or compassion
  - iii. Lo-ammi = not my people
- e. The names of Hosea's three \_\_\_\_\_ represented the attitude of God toward Israel.
- f. The Lord goes on speaking through Hosea and says that His people will not be permanently \_\_\_\_\_ by Him.
- g. Until that day, the children of Israel will not only be treated as not belonging to God's family, but God will treat the \_\_\_\_\_, who were not His people as His people.
- h. Israel's ultimate act of unfaithfulness was her \_\_\_\_\_ of her Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- i. Even as exciting it is to speak of Israel's eventual redemption and her being restored to the land of promise, Paul's focus in this passage is the nation of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ which has caused her to be alienated from God at the present time.

#### III. ISAIAH (Romans 9:27-29)

- a. Paul moves from quoting Hosea, to Hosea's contemporary, the prophet \_\_\_\_\_. Paul also gives two quotes from Isaiah.
- b. Paul first writes, "*Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, 'THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT WILL BE SAVED;'*" (Romans 9:27, NASB95)
- c. Paul's point in all this is that as terrible those two events were, the conquering and the scattering of Israel and Judah, even more terrible, even of greater importance and greater tragedy was Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah Jesus Christ and the consequences that followed that rejection, the conquering, the slaughtering and the scattering of the Jews that they have not yet recovered from.

- d. Paul goes on and quotes from the next verse in Isaiah 10 finishing what he began quoting in 27, he writes, “*FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE EARTH, THOROUGHLY AND QUICKLY.*” (Romans 9:28, NASB95)
- e. To emphasize this point of God’s swift and thorough judgment on Israel’s for her \_\_\_\_\_ and rejection of the Messiah, Paul quotes again from Isaiah.

### CONCLUSION:

The only way to be saved from the judgment of the Lord is by His mercy. In His great mercy and grace, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our substitute and suffer God’s judgment for our sin. Jesus Christ suffered God’s wrath against sin on our behalf, He paid the penalty for sin by dying in our place. He was buried and the third day He triumphed over death, proving that sin was paid for and death was forever conquered. God’s judgment on sin and unbelief is coming, the only way to avoid it is to put your faith in Jesus Christ and His death on your behalf and His resurrection. Israel’s unbelief and rejection of her Messiah did not catch God off-guard, instead God had revealed it hundreds of years before through the Old Testament prophets, they had predicted what would happen in their own lifetime and what would happen in the time of the Messiah. The nation of Israel has been set aside for a time, but they have a future yet to be fulfilled. Paul will speak of this near the end of chapter 11, in verses 25-27 he writes, “*For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.’ ‘THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.*” (Romans 11:25–27, NASB95) Just as their unbelief and rejection of the Messiah was predicted by the prophets, so also the salvation of the remnant and their restoration is predicted.