

Introduction

Paul's Grief Over Israel (9:1-5)

Rom 9¹ I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,

Rom 9⁴ who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service *of God*, and the promises; ⁵ of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen.

Some Who Are Descended from Jacob Will Populate Millennial Israel (9:6-13)

Rom 9⁶ But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel, ⁷ nor *are they* all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called [Genesis 21:12]."

Rom 9⁸ That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. ⁹ For this *is* the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son [Genesis 18:14]."

Rom 9¹⁰ And not only *this*, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, *even* by our father Isaac ¹¹ (for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹² it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger."

..."Two nations [Edom and Israel] *are* in your womb,
Two peoples [Edom and Israel] shall be separated from your body;
One people [Israel] shall be stronger than the other [Edom],
And the older [Edom] shall serve the younger [Israel]." (Genesis 25:23)

Rom 9¹³ As it is written [almost 1600 yrs. later], "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."
"I have loved you [Judah]," says the LORD. "Yet you [Judah] say, 'In what way have You loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob [Judah] I have loved;
³ But Esau [Edom] I have hated,
And laid waste his mountains and his heritage For the jackals of the wilderness.
⁴ Even though Edom has said, 'We have been impoverished...'" (Malachi 1:2-4)

God Is Still Just even as He Shows Mercy to Israel above Other Nations (9:14-29)

Rom 9¹⁴ What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! ¹⁵ For He says to Moses [Exodus 9:15], "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." ¹⁶ So then *it is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

Rom 9¹⁷ For the Scripture [Exodus 9:16] says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.” ¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

Rom 9¹⁹ You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?” ²⁰ But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

Rom 9²² *What* if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, ²⁴ even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Rom 9²⁵ As He says also in Hosea [2:23]: “I will call them My people, who [rebellious Samaria] were not My people, And her [rebellious Samaria] beloved, who was not beloved.” ²⁶ “And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them [Hosea 1:10], ‘You [rebellious Samaria] are not My people,’ There they shall be called sons of the living God.”

The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34, etc.) promises a reunified nation in the millennium

Rom 9²⁷ Isaiah [10:22-23] also cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved. ²⁸ For He will finish the work and cut *it* short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth.”

Rom 9²⁹ And as Isaiah [1:9] said before: “Unless the LORD of Sabaoth [Armies] had left us a seed, We would have become like Sodom, And we would have been made like Gomorrah.”

Israel Is Presently (Temporarily) Stumbling (9:14-29)

Rom 9³⁰ What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; ³¹ but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

Rom 9³² Why? Because *they did* not *seek it* by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. ³³ As it is written [Isaiah 28:16]: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

Conclusion