

ISRAEL,
the GENTILES,
and the
SOVEREIGNTY
OF GOD

#1 Romans 9–11

1. Paul's Overarching Purpose in Romans 9–11
 - a. Express his deep mental anguish over the situation with Israel
 - b. Explain the privileged and preeminent status of the Jewish people
 - c. Explain how God and His word remain faithful despite rejection of the good news
 - d. Inoculate Gentiles from arrogance over and against the Jewish people
 - e. Ensure Gentiles are aware of the "hardening in part" of Israel and understand remnant theology
 - f. Ensure Gentiles are part of God's jealousy/zealously plan for the Jewish people
 - g. Ensure everyone knows that God is always sovereign and righteous no matter how mysterious or surprising, and is able to declare: "O, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and inscrutable His ways! (Romans 11:33)

What is righteous(ness)?

2. 9:1 **TELLING THE TRUTH** NOT **LYING**
3. 9:2 mega **SORROW**, unceasing **MENTAL ANGUISH** in my heart (see the conclusion in 10:1)
4. 9:3 I could **ALMOST** wish I myself to be a cursed thing, separated from the Messiah.
Think about this in light of the segue from Romans 8:38–39

5. 9:4 'Israelites' and their 'irrevocable gifts & calling of God' (see 11:29)
 - a. adoption
 - b. the glory
 - c. the covenants
 - d. the giving of Torah
 - e. the Temple service
 - f. the promises
6. 9:5
7. 9:6a the word of God has **NOT** failed!
8. 9:6b–13 The line of promise and God's sovereign choice
For a profound understanding of God's sovereignty and human cooperation as a Biblical both/and versus an either/or theology, see Joel S. Kaminsky, *Yet I Have Loved Jacob: Reclaiming the Biblical Concept of Election*.
9. 9:14 Rhetorical Question: No **INJUSTICE** or **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS** with God!
10. 9:15–18 God's sovereignty further explained
11. 9:19–23 God's sovereignty even further explained using potter/clay imagery
12. 9:24–29 Paul's 1st century Jewish interpretation of Hosea and Isaiah
All those called to teach the Scriptures would do themselves great good by reading Michael Fishbane's *Biblical Interpretation in Ancient Israel* and Delio DelRio's *Paul and the Synagogue: Romans and the Isaiah Targum*.
13. 9:30–10:1 The conclusion of the matter: having a heart's desire for, and praying for, the deliverance of the Jewish people