



**Romans 9-11,
Overview**

- **Chapter 9 Israel's Past, selected, chosen by God to reveal God's person and plan to the world.**
- **Chapter 10 Israel's present, rejection of Messiah that results in God setting aside His people, the Jews, for a time.**
- **Chapter 11 Israel's future, one day all Israel (not all Israelites are God's chosen) will be saved, restored, reunited in the people of God. Paul's audience=Roman church =Jews and Gentiles, he speaks to both.**

God's Sovereignty

Romans 9:19-33. *"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? ²² 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?²⁵ As He says also in Hosea:*

*"I will call them My people, who were not My people,
And her beloved, who was not beloved."*

²⁶ *"And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them,
'You are not My people,'
There they shall be called sons of the living God."*

²⁷ *Isaiah 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."*

²⁹ *And as Isaiah said before:*

*"Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed,
We would have become like Sodom,
And we would have been made like Gomorrah."*

³⁰ *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. ³² 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:

“Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense,
And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

Some might say, or at least think: “OK Paul, if God is totally in charge, He’s sovereign, chooses some, overlooks others, how can I be blamed for lack of faith? Maybe I can’t help it if I don’t believe? It’s God’s fault not mine...right?”

Another translation: Well then, you might say, “Why does God blame people for not responding? Haven’t they simply done what he makes them do?” ²⁰ No, don’t say that. Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, “Why have you made me like this?”

This attempt to blame God for everything that goes wrong is as old as the Garden of Eden.

Adam said, “It’s not my fault God, the woman You gave me made me eat of the fruit.” *Blame God game.*

Paul answers the question by asking 3 questions of his own.

1. Who Are We to Argue with God About His Sovereignty?

[Romans 9:20-24](#) God chooses our parents, genetic structure, time/place of our birth, born w/some pre-determined facts about us. Then he LIKE A POTTER **shapes our lives with the clay of our hearts.** Just like the clay can’t complain how it’s shaped, Paul says God has the same authority over our lives, even us... [Romans 9:24](#). *Ok you want to talk about God’s sovereignty.*

2. What Did the Prophets Say? [Romans 9:25-29](#)

- Gentiles-Hosea ([Romans 9:25, 26](#)) God had foretold He would turn away from Jews/call Gentiles.
- Remnant-Isaiah (27-29) God also foretold that He knew only a remnant of Israel would be saved. Believing Remnant of Jews and the believing Gentiles=“my people”.

3. Why Has God Sovereignly Turned to The Gentiles

([Romans 9:30-33](#)) Gentiles believed, accepted Jesus as Messiah, Jews stumbled over believing in Him, they rejected him.

PRAISE GOD...PAUL DID NOT STOP HERE! If we stop here, then we would just conclude, God chooses and we are robots, He makes all the choices and we have no free will...THAT IS NOT TRUE.

- God is completely Sovereign, but we have responsibility of choice too. Move to the tension of these 2 truths: God’s sovereignty and man’s free will.
 - ✓ God knows everyone, everything, and before anything is done by anyone. Yes, it is beyond our comprehension.

- ✓ Do you understand how a baby is born? Do you understand how a chicken became a chicken before there was an egg?

Israel Willfully Rejected - [Romans 10](#) Paul affirms again his love for them.

However, as we know...they rejected the Messiah (God's Son).

3 Reasons for Rejection - [Romans 10:1-13](#)

- 1. They were sincere, but sincerely wrong about Jesus [Romans 10:2](#).** *Their zeal for God was great but w/o knowledge, they did not know the "righteousness that comes from God."*
- 2. They were proud and self-righteous [Romans 10:3](#)** *established their own righteousness, proud of their own good works, would not admit a need for a Savior.*
- 3. They misunderstood their own law [Romans 10:4-13](#).** *Everything about the Jewish faith pointed to a coming Messiah: the sacrifices, priesthood, temple services, religious festivals, covenants. Law showed them they were sinners, needed a Savior, instead of letting the Law lead them to Messiah, they held on to the Law to make them righteous.*

The Jews knew of heaven and hell (They just thought by being a Jew that they were chosen for "THE KINGDOM OF GOD)." **Question here:** Did God know that His chosen (the apple of His eye) would reject His Son?

Answer: Yes...He knows everything. He knows His creation and how they are put together (potter forms the clay).

Remedy For Their (Israelites/Jews) Rejection -

[Romans 10:14-17](#), "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!'¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our report?'¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

- **Only way anyone can be saved is [Romans 10:13](#), "¹³ For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."** Reverse logic: [Romans 10:14, 15](#). Before they call they must believe, in order to believe, must hear for its hearing the Word that creates faith [Romans 10:17](#). Emphasis is on the oral communication of the gospel. Today we have many opportunities to tell others about Christ: internet, books, media, etc.

Truth: Remedy for rejection is hearing and believing.

Most of you are thinking of family members, friends, Jewish heritage, asking “Is God going to get tired of holding out His hand, will His patience with Israel wear out? Is there any future for the nation?”

Paul answers those questions in Chapter 11.

Future: Israel Miraculously Saved - [Romans 11](#)

- **Partial Rejection - [Romans 11:1-10](#)**

Paul asks what many have been thinking [Romans 11:1](#). Did God reject his people? No...Paul says look at me; I’m a Jew that has embraced Jesus. If God had permanently cast off the entire nation, no Jew could be saved. Yet Paul had been called by God, converted by faith to Christianity ([Acts 9](#))

- **Purposeful Rejection - [Romans 11:11-24](#)**

Three purposes God planned to accomplish thru the “transgression of the Jews”:

1. Salvation would come to Gentiles [Romans 11:11b](#).
2. Gentile faith would move the Jews to jealousy [Romans 11:11b](#).
3. One day Israel’s fullness will bring greater riches to the entire world [Romans 11:12](#)

- **Promised Restoration - [Romans 11:25-36](#)**

Mystery...What all can God do? Why ask the question?

- ✓ Partial hardening = key word “fullness of the Gentiles, last Gentile is saved, church age ends.”
- ✓ Then God will turn again to the Jew and “All Israel will be saved”
All Israel will accept Jesus. *When will this happen, when will the fullness of the Gentiles actually happen?*
 - No date on the calendar. [Zechariah 9-14](#) sounds very much like it’s time...The Messiah’s Return to take us home!

It’s all God’s Plan, His purposes, His calling, His gifts, His mercy...and God does not change.



He centers in on the target and always hits the mark.