

# A STUDY OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS CHAPTER 9 PART ONE

Men to Men Ministries

Session 24 of ?

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# IMPORTANT!

*Read Romans not to prove your own point of view.*

*Read Romans to find your view.*

*Read Romans not to ratify some theology.*

*Read Romans to create a belief*

*Read Romans to set a belief that doesn't need to be proved.*

# WHERE WE HAVE BEEN!

Chapter 1 – Paul’s greeting, God’s wrath, introduction to the first two groups: Faithful and Greeks

Chapter 2 – Two more groups: Roman Latins, High Jews

Chapter 3 – Last group: Jews in slavery, God’s faithfulness, no one righteous, what is righteousness

Chapter 4 – What will we say? Works and Faith, example of Abraham

Chapter 5 - Peace and hope, belief in righteousness, righteousness applied

Chapter 6 – Principals of sanctification, slaves to righteousness

Chapter 7 - Practice of sanctification, three parts of man, law and sin, wretched

Chapter 8 – Power of sanctification, present sufferings and future glory.



# AND THE PAGE IS TURNED.

- First 8 chapters about **individual** responsibility for a cause of unity.
- Now chapter 9 begins three chapters specifically about the Jews a cause of a people.
- It starts with Paul's great lament
  - *Paul's personal responsibility and state of wretchedness in chapter 7*
  - *Paul as a part of corporate responsibility to God's plan*  
Chapters 9,10,11

# SECTIONS OF ROMANS 9

1. Paul expresses his deep sorrow and love for his fellow Jews who have rejected the gospel of Christ (Romans 9:1-5).
2. Paul explains that not all who are descended from Israel are true Israel, but only those who are chosen by God according to his grace and purpose (Romans 9:6-17).
3. Paul defends God's right to show mercy to whom he wills and to harden whom he wills, and anticipates some objections that might arise from this doctrine (Romans 9:18-29).
4. Paul concludes that the reason why many Jews did not attain righteousness is that they pursued it by works of the law instead of by faith in Christ, while many Gentiles attained it by faith (Romans 9:30-33).



## ROMANS 9:1-5 NASB

9 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of MY countrymen, MY kinsmen according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons *and daughters*, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the *temple* service, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

# ADVANTAGES OF THE JEWS 9:4

1. God chose and called the people of Abraham to adopt them into the divine plan.
2. God revealed his glory to these people as long as they obeyed.
3. God made covenants that were exclusive to the people of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
4. God gave them a Law to set them apart from the rest of the world.
5. God provided a place of service for the nation in the grand plan for all mankind.
6. God worked through people (fathers) a line of responsible people unbroken
7. God gave them the greatest privilege of all. Providing an environment for the coming Messiah.



# BUT IN THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE PLAN FOR THE NATION – THEY FAILED

- God had a plan for Israel
- They were set apart for a divine purpose, a divine plan
- They were to be examples of righteousness and hope
- But they failed in the advent of the Messiah
- They were so caught up in trying to do something much less important.
  - *Lifestyle became more important than faith.*
  - *Keep the law but lose the spirit of the law.*
  - *They kept the temple for God and missed God.*



# THE PROBLEM STATEMENT

SO WHY DO THE GENTILES

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God can do whatever he wants  
without compromising his  
Righteousness

WHY DOES GOD SEEM TO FAVOR  
THE HEATHEN GENTILES?

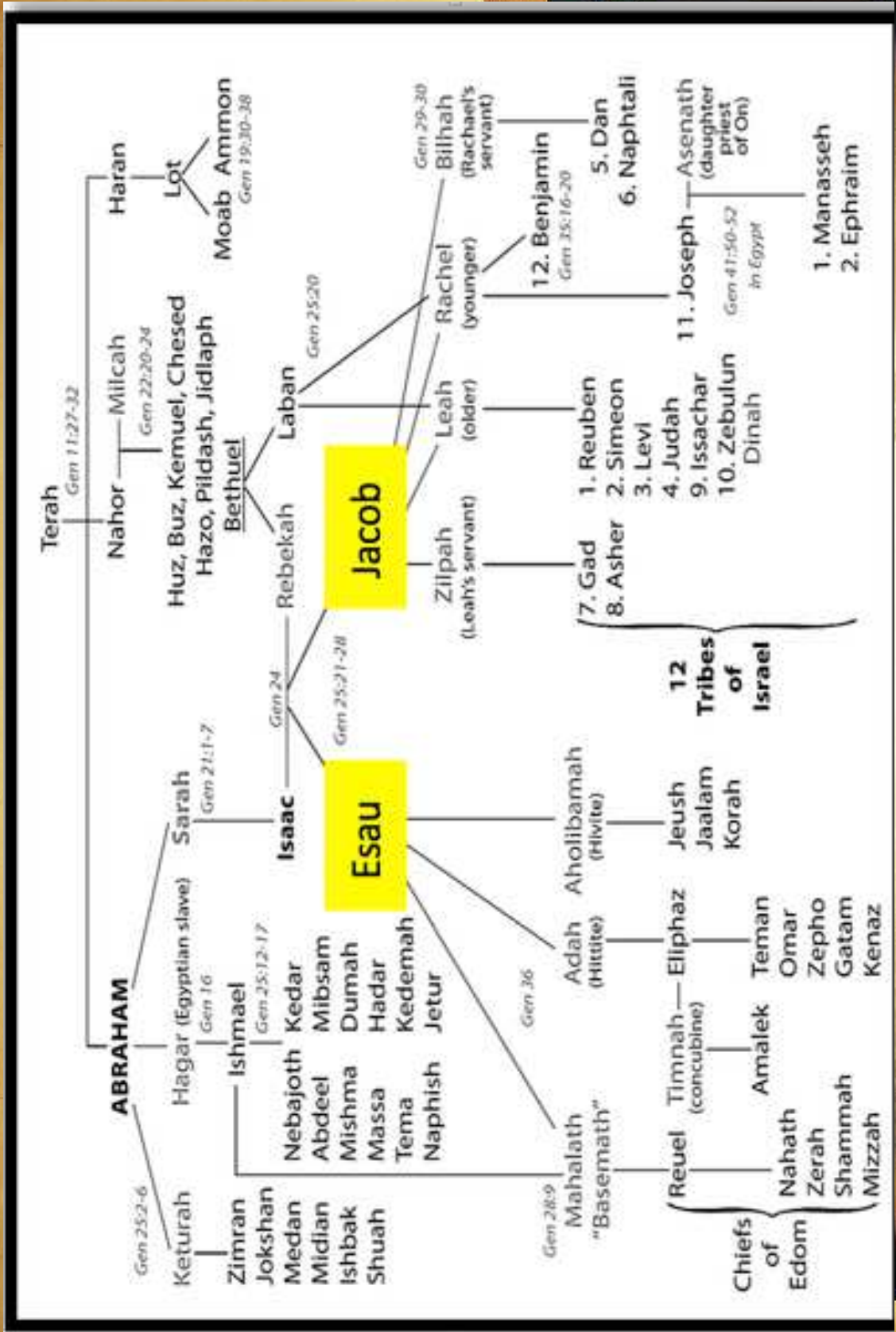
WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, NOT THEM



DID GOD'S  
PLAN FAIL?

DID GOD FAIL?





# GOD'S PLAN CAN USE WHOMEVER HE WILLS. BUT THE PLAN IS THE THING.

- God chose Abraham over all other peoples – Person for a nation – Perfect plan
- Abraham tries to work out God's plan by his own way - Person who fails – God's plan was different than the person.
- Issac over the firstborn Ishmael – God's plan for mankind is through Sarah and Abraham as was promised – God's plan never thwarted by man's efforts.
- Jacob and Esau – Choice by temperament – God's choice of a person for the perfection of the total plan.



# EXAMPLES OF GOD'S PLAN EXERCISED BY PREFERENCE TO THE PLAN AND NOT PERSONS FROM ISRAEL'S PAST

God's plan is more important than the person. The choice to put the responsibility of the plan in the person most likely to carry it to the final goal. The choice was not because of some arbitrary heavenly dice game but by the best to carry out the plan.

1. Abraham and his children - Ishmael was first born - God's plan was for the second child Issac. God made a choice of who would be best for his plan.

*V 9 It is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are*

2. **It's the plan man!**

Moses Exodus 9:16 God still makes choices base upon the most likely to fill His plan.

*V 15 I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion*

4. Pharaoh

*V 15 I raised you up for this for this purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.*

5. Potter and the clay

*Does the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and som for common use?*



# QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED.

- **V14 What then shall we say?**
- **V14 Is God unjust?**



# LAST QUESTIONS IN CHAPTER 9

- V 30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith? But the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained it?
- Why not?.. Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works.

**See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in Him will never be put to shame.**

Being an Israelite brings no favor outside of faith  
Being a Gentile brings no favor outside of faith.

# GOD'S PLAN INCLUDED ISRAEL

- Not on good works but by grace. A gift to one who has faith.
- God's plan through history was for Israel to be a big part of the BIG PLAN
  - *The coming of the Savior of the world*
  - *The Messiah*
  - *You may call it an election or proclaimed destiny*
  - *But it was set as a plan and he used a nation of people, and a few specialty unique persons*
  - *It was a plan for all the world*
  - *God used circumstances, including stupid choices, sinfulness, detours, and rejection,*

***THE PLAN CONTINUED ON.***



# SCRIPTURE FORETELLING THE REJECTION

- Hosea 2:23 “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people, and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one”
- Hosea 1:10 “In the very place where it was said to them ‘You are not my people.’” there they will be called the ‘children of the living God.’”
- Isaiah 10:10:22-23 “Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality
- Isaiah 1:9 “Unless the Lord Almighty has left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, we would be like Gomorrah.