

Romans 9: 25-33

Men to Men Bible Study

The primary goal of this study is to provide a place for free and open discussion of the scriptures.

I am not here to tell you what to think but encourage you to think!

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25 As He says also in Hosea, "I will call those who were not My people, 'My people,' And her who was not beloved, 'beloved.'"

26 "And it shall be that 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 cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved;

28 for the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly."

29 And just as Isaiah foretold, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, We would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah."

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith;

31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law.

32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,

33 just as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

What is a Jew?

- Judaism as a primarily a religion
- Jews as an ethnic group
- Jews as a culture
- Jews as a nation
- Jews as a family



Foundational Belief of Judaism

1. God exists.
2. God is one and unique (the Jewish Shema from Deuteronomy 6:5, that the Lord is one).
3. God is incorporeal (does not have a body and is not affected by physical occurrences).
4. God is eternal.
5. Prayer is to be directed to God alone and to no other.
6. The words of the prophets are true.
7. Moses' prophecies are true, and Moses was the greatest of the prophets.
8. The Written Torah (first 5 books of the Bible) and Oral Torah (teachings now contained in the Talmud and other writings) were given to Moses.
9. There will be no other Torah.
10. God knows the thoughts and deeds of men.
11. God will reward the good and punish the wicked.
12. The Messiah will come.
13. The dead will be resurrected.

Two prophets pointing in the same direction Romans 9:25-29

- 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 10:22-23 “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.

Hosea – Minor Prophet

- In describing the Adulterous nation he is quoted by Paul, “I will call those who were not My people, “My people,” And her who was not believed, ‘beloved.’” Paul quoted this to remind the Jews in Rome that it is a reality that Israel could have something so dear as a promise to change the world and yet miss it by disobedience.
- You are not My people: These passages from Hosea 2:23 and 1:10 show the mercy of God. God told the prophet Hosea to name one of his children Lo-Ammi, meaning “Not My People.” Yet God also promised that this judgment would not last forever. One day Israel will be restored and once again be called sons of the living God.

HOSEA				
PERSONAL The Agony of an Unfaithful Mate		NATIONAL The Tragedy of an Unfaithful People		
Marriage _____		Series of sermons declaring the sin of the people and the character of God _____		
Children _____				
Separation _____				
Reunion				
CHAPTERS 1-3		CHAPTERS 4-14		
Adulterous wife yet faithful husband		Adulterous nation yet faithful God		
God: "Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry." (1:2)	God: "Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet an adulteress." (3:1)	Nation is guilty. God is holy.	Nation needs judgment. God is just.	Nation has hope. God is love.
Theme: God's faithful love toward His unfaithful people				
Key Verses: 2:19-20; 3:1; 11:1-12				
Christ in Hosea: Christ's being "called out" from hiding in Egypt as a child is pictured in Hosea's record of Israel's exodus from Egypt (1:1; see also Matthew 2:15). In Hosea's redemption of Gomer from the slave market, Christ is pictured as the loving, faithful Redeemer of sinful humanity.				

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ISAIAH

	The Judgment of God	The Deliverance of God		
		THE SUPREMACY OF THE LORD	THE SERVANT OF THE LORD Servant Songs: 42:1-9 49:1-13 50:4-11 52:13-53:12	THE FUTURE PLAN OF THE LORD
	CHAPTERS 1-39	CHAPTERS 40-48	CHAPTERS 49-53	CHAPTERS 54-66
Emphasis	The law and judgment for disobedience	God's grace and deliverance Comfort . . . Promise . . . Hope . . .		
"Bible within Bible"	Old Testament	New Testament		
Theme	The justice and mercy of God			
Key Verses	2:3-5; 6:1-3; 53:1-12			
Christ in Isaiah	His first and second advents are prophesied throughout the book (child of a virgin in 7:14, the shoot from the stem of Jesse in chapter 11, the Suffering Servant in chapter 53).			

Questions

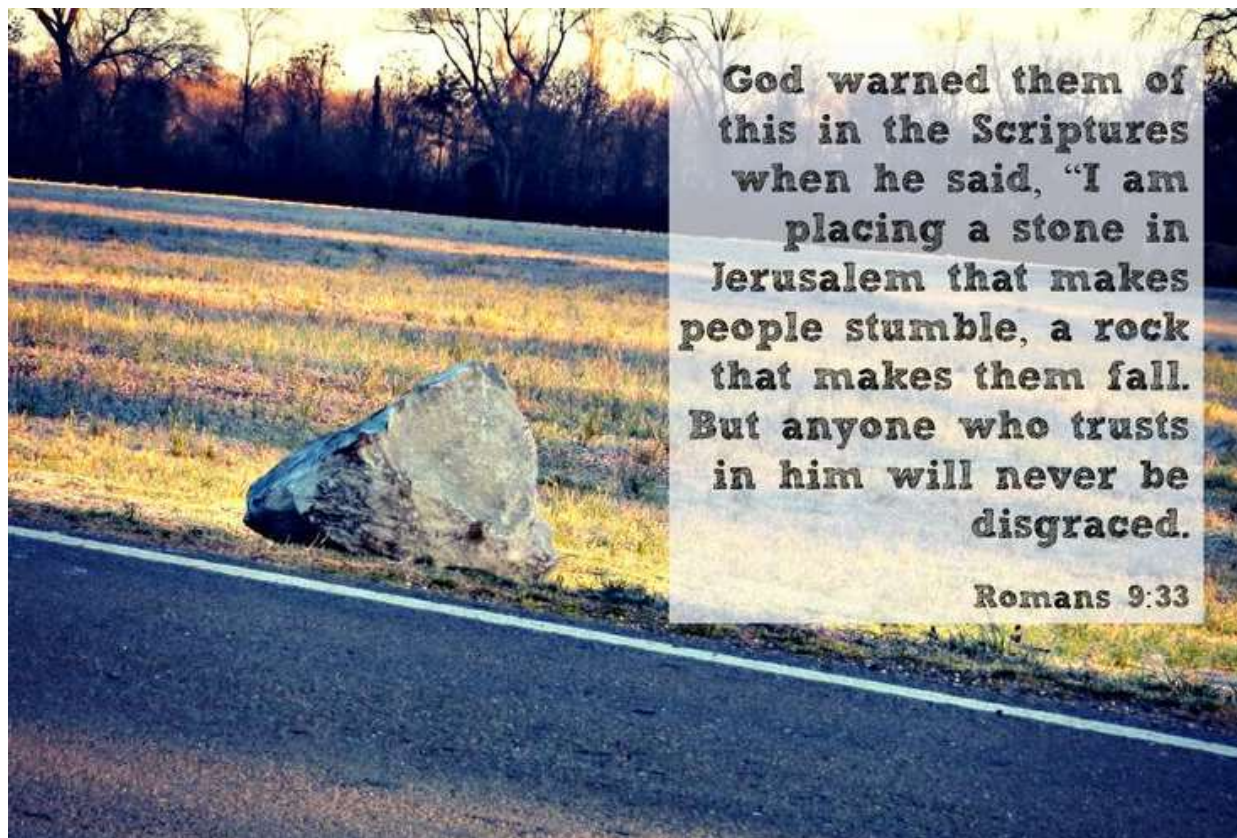
- **V 30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith? But the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteous, have not attained it?**
- **Why not?.. Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were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

Reasons for Rejection

- 1. Their expectations were not met**
- 2. The personal qualifications of Jesus were below standard**
- 3. All the Torah was misquoted**
- 4. Jesus could not be divine.**
- 5. The teachings of Jesus were non-political and they wanted a politician.**
- 6. Jesus seemed to accept Gentiles and sinners**
- 7. No man could forgive sins only God**



**God warned them of
this in the Scriptures
when he said, "I am
placing a stone in
Jerusalem that makes
people stumble, a rock
that makes them fall.
But anyone who trusts
in him will never be
disgraced.**

Romans 9:33

Stumbling
Blocks or
stepping
stone