The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God



(Romans 11:7-32)



Theology matters!!!

Prophecy matters!!!

Eschatology matters!!!

- Amillennialism
- Post-millennialism
- Pre-millennialism

Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification! Five Cycles:

- 1: The Universal Need of Justification, 1:18-3:20
- 2: The Only Means of Justification: Faith! 3:21-4:25
- 3. Benefits of Justification, 5:1-7:25
- 4. More Benefits of Justification, especially "security!", 8:1-39
- 5. Application to Israel of these Benefits, 9:1-11:36.

Each "CYCLE" has 2 parts...

- 1. Presentation of the topic
- 2. Hypophora: Posing and answering potential questions regarding the topic.

THE SETTING ASIDE OF ISRAEL: Romans 9-11

Paul's Grief Over Israel, Romans 9:1-3

God's blessings on Israel, Romans 9:4-5.

God's explanation, Romans 9:6-13.

"For they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel."

Isaac...not Ishmael

Jacob...not Esau

Romans 9:14ff...Cycle 5 Hypophora

- "There is no injustice with God, is there?" (14)
- "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" (19)
- "What shall we say then?...Gentiles...attained righteousness...but Israel did not...<u>WHY??</u> 30-31.

Romans 9:14ff...Cycle 5 Hypophora

- "Surely they have never heard, have they?,
 10:18-21.
- God has not rejected His people, has he? 11:1-10.
- They did not stumble so as to fall, did they?, 11:11-32.

- Is Only Partial, 1-5
 - ✓ Proof 1: Paul himself, 1
 - ✓ Proof 2: God foreknew them, 2
 - ✓ Proof 3: The 7,000 in the day of Elijah, 3-4
 - ✓ Proof 4: The present remnant, 5.
- Is His Sovereign, gracious privilege, 5-7.
- Was foretold in the Old Testament, 8-10.

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- Has brought benefits to the Gentiles, 11-15.
- Is intended to move Israel to jealousy, 11, 14.
- Is intended to draw Israel to salvation, 14.

Consider some of the various "means" God uses to draw men to salvation...

- Romans 11:14, The Gentiles spurring Israel to jealousy!
- Romans 2:4, The kindness of God
- Acts 14:16-17; 17:26-27, Common Grace
- Acts 26:14, "The goads"

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The Olive Tree of Romans 11:16-24

- Is Not the Church...we are the "wild branches grafted in," 17.
- Is Not Israel...they are the "natural branches," 21.
- Could be "the place of God's blessing on earth." (Fruchtenbaum, DK)

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- Should serve as a warning to us, 19-24

Note The "Chiastic Structure" in v. 22

SEVERITY SEVERITY KINDNESS

Many people cite vv. 20-22 to teach that you can lose your salvation! But too many passages assure us that you cannot, including Romans 8:29-39 This is speaking "nationally" and "collectively," not individually!!

- Led to a "mystery," 25a.
- Is only partial, 25b...recall 1-5!
- Is not permanent...it will be reversed, 25b-27.

"and so all Israel will be saved...."

At the time of the Second coming...

- MANY Jews will have been slain during the Tribulation.
- The rest of the unbelieving Jews will be separated out in the Matthew 25 judgments of the "virgins" and the "talents."
- Thus, only believers will remain to enter the kingdom, and "all Israel will be saved."

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- Does not negate God's love for them, 28-29.
- Will finally result in God's mercy, 30-32.
- Is a reflection of the wisdom and knowledge of God, 33-36.



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