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The Book of ROMANS

Chapter 9

“TO ISRAEL WITH LOVE!”

In chapters 1 through 8 we learned about sin (for all have sinned) and salvation (justification, sanctification, and glorification). Now in chapters 9 through 11 we will experience:

- > ISRAEL'S PAST ELECTION (chapter 9)
- > ISRAEL'S PRESENT REJECTION (chapter 10)
- > ISRAEL'S FUTURE RESTORATION (chapter 11)

- Some may ask why do we need to learn about Israel? God is not finished with Israel for salvation; Israel is God's time piece for the first and second coming of Christ, Y'shua the Messiah!

- Many “Christian” denominations believe that God is done with Israel, in their opinion the Church has replaced Israel, this is known as “Replacement Theology.” Who are these denominations?

- Let's discover from the U.S. Membership Denominational Ranking: Largest 25 Denominations/Communities -2004 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches

(The Replacements are asterisk/bold/underlined)

*** The Roman Catholic Church - 66,407,105**

*** Seventh Day Adventist - 19,126,438 As of 2015**

Southern Baptist Convention - 16, 427, 736

*** The United Methodist Church - 8,251,042**

The Church of God in Christ - 5,499,875

*** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - 5,410,544**

*** Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - 5,038,006**

National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. - 5,000,000

National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. - 3,500,000

*** Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - 3,407,329**

Assemblies of God - 2,687,366

*** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod - 2,512,714**

*** African Methodist Episcopal Church - 2,500,000**

National Missionary Baptist Convention of America - 2,500,000

Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc. - 2,500,000

*** The Episcopal Church - 2,333,628**

*** Churches of Christ, Corsicana, Texas - 1,500,000**

*** Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America - 1,500,000**

Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. - 1,500,000

American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. - 1,484,291

*** African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church - 1,430,795**

*** United Church of Christ - 1,330,985**

Baptist Bible Fellowship International – 1,200,000

*** Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, Joplin, Mo. - 1,071,616**

*** Jehovah's Witnesses - 1,022,397**

Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., – 944,857

~ Chapter 9 offers Three Keys to God's Love for His Chosen People "ISRAEL!":

> KEY #1 - (v1-5) LOVE'S SACRIFICE!

(v1-3) Paul's great love and desire is that his Jewish brethren would come to know Jesus as their Messiah. He reveals his heart for them by saying, *"If I myself were accursed (separated) from Christ."* Just like Moses in the Exodus 32:32 – *Yet now, if You will forgive their sin – but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.*

(v4-5) Observe God's revelation to Israel regarding their Messiah:

(1) **THEIR ADOPTION** - Chosen by God through Abraham – Deuteronomy 7:6-7 – *For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.*

(2) **THE GLORY** - (The Shekinah glory of God on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:9-18) and in the Holy of Holies of the tabernacle and in Solomon's Temple.

(3) **THE COVENANTS**: Paul Enns writes in *The Moody Handbook of Theology*: The Bible speaks of seven different covenants, four of which (Abrahamic, Palestinian, Mosaic, Davidic) God made with the nation of Israel. Of those four, three are unconditional in nature; that is, regardless of Israel's obedience or disobedience, God still will fulfill these covenants with Israel. One of the covenants, the Mosaic Covenant, is conditional in nature. That is, this covenant will bring either blessing or cursing depending on Israel's obedience or disobedience. Three of the covenants (Adamic, Noahic, New) are made between God and mankind in general, and are not limited to the nation of Israel.

- **Adamic Covenant** can be thought of in two parts: the Edenic Covenant (innocence) and the Adamic Covenant (grace) (Genesis 3:16-19). The Edenic Covenant is found in Genesis 1:26-30; 2:16-17. The Edenic Covenant outlined man's responsibility toward creation and God's directive regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Adamic Covenant included the curses pronounced against mankind for the sin of Adam and Eve, as well as God's provision for that sin (Genesis 3:15).

- **Noahic Covenant** was an unconditional covenant between God and Noah (specifically) and humanity (generally). After the Flood, God promised humanity that He would never again destroy all life on earth with a Flood (see Genesis chapter 9). God gave the rainbow as the sign of the covenant, a promise that the entire earth would never again flood and a reminder that God can and will judge sin (2 Peter 2:5).

- ***Abrahamic Covenant*** (Genesis 12:1-3, 6-7; 13:14-17; 15; 17:1-14; 22:15-18). In this covenant, God promised many things to Abraham. He personally promised that He would make Abraham's name great (Genesis 12:2), that Abraham would have numerous physical descendants (Genesis 13:16), and that he would be the father of a multitude of nations (Genesis 17:4-5). God also made promises regarding a nation called Israel. In fact, the geographical boundaries of the Abrahamic Covenant are laid out on more than one occasion in the book of Genesis (12:7; 13:14-15; 15:18-21). Another provision in the Abrahamic Covenant is that the families of the world will be blessed through the physical line of Abraham (Genesis 12:3; 22:18). This is a reference to the Messiah, who would come from the line of Abraham.

- ***Palestinian Covenant*** (Deuteronomy 30:1-10). The Palestinian Covenant, or Land Covenant, amplifies the land aspect that was detailed in the Abrahamic Covenant. According to the terms of this covenant, if the people disobeyed, God would cause them to be scattered around the world (Deuteronomy 30:3-4), but He would eventually restore the nation (verse 5). When the nation is restored, then they will obey Him perfectly (verse 8), and God will cause them to prosper (verse 9).

- ***Mosaic Covenant*** (Deuteronomy 11; et al.). The Mosaic Covenant was a conditional covenant that either brought God's direct blessing for obedience or God's direct cursing for disobedience upon the nation of Israel. Part of the Mosaic Covenant was the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and the rest of the Law, which contained over 600 commands—roughly 300 positive and 300 negative. The history books of the Old Testament (Joshua–Esther) detail how Israel succeeded at obeying the Law or how Israel failed miserably at obeying the Law. Deuteronomy 11:26-28 details the blessing/cursing motif.

- ***Davidic Covenant*** (2 Samuel 7:8-16). The Davidic Covenant amplifies the “seed” aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant. The promises to David in this passage are significant. God promised that David's lineage would last forever and that his kingdom would never pass away permanently (verse 16). Obviously, the Davidic throne has not been in place throughout history. However, there will be a time when someone from the line of David will again sit on the throne and rule as king. This future king is Jesus (Luke 1:32-33).

- ***New Covenant*** (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The New Covenant is a covenant made first with the nation of Israel and, ultimately, with all mankind. In the New Covenant, God promises to forgive sin, and there will be a universal knowledge of the Lord. Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Law of Moses (Matthew 5:17) and create a new covenant between God and His people. Now that we are under the New Covenant, both Jews and Gentiles can be free from the penalty of the Law. We are now given the opportunity to receive salvation as a free gift (Ephesians 2:8-9).

(4) ***THE GIVING OF THE LAW*** – The Jews; for to no other nation had He ever given a revelation of His will. One summarized aspect of the Law is the “TEN COMMANDMENTS” (Exodus 20:2-17):

- 1 *“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.*
- 2 *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*
- 3 *“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.*
- 4 *“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed*

the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

5 *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.*

6 *“You shall not murder.*

7 *“You shall not commit adultery.*

8 *“You shall not steal.*

9 *“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

(5) **THE SERVICE OF GOD** – The temple service; regarded by them as the pride and ornament of their nation.

(6) **THE PROMISES** – of their Messiah to come! Jesus who is over all, *“the eternally blessed God!”*

> **This is the DIETY OF JESUS CHRIST** – 100% GOD, 100% MAN!

Jesus Christ presented in the acrostic **DEITY**:

D - Doubting Thomas confirms the deity of Christ in John 20:28- *“My Lord and my God.”* This is not an expression of amazement, but a confession of faith. Just as Jesus appeared before Thomas, He will appear again as God, according to Titus 2:13: *while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

E – Paul declares Jesus is equal to God – Philippians 2:5-7 - *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.* (The Jewish religious leaders understood what Jesus meant- John Ch. 8 & 10:22-31).

I - Immanuel- *“God with us”* – Matthew 1:18-23- *This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him “Immanuel” – which means, “God with us.”* Isaiah the Prophet spoke of this event some 700 years B.C. - *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

- In the Old Testament- God spoke about Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:13,14- **I AM WHO I AM.** Jesus used the term **I AM** seven times in the Gospel of John:

1. I AM the light of the world- John 8:12- (guide)
2. I AM the bread of life – John 6:35 – (daily provision)
3. I AM the door – John 10:7- (Doorway to peace with God)
4. I AM the good shepherd – John 10:11 – (our protector)
5. I AM the resurrection and the life – John 11:25 – (our life after death)
6. I AM the way, the truth, and the life – John 14:6 – (our truth in a world of deception)
7. Before Abraham was. I AM – John 8:58 (He is God)

T - Trinity – Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:16 – *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”*

Y - Yesterday, today, and forever – Jesus is the same – Hebrews 13:8- *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* Rev 1:17-18- *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.* Heb 1:8- *But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.*

> KEY #2 - (v6-24) LOVE'S CHOICE!

(v6-16) By faith or default. In this passage Paul is drawing a distinction between descendants of Abraham, whereas, not all the physical descendants are of the spiritual seed. This decision is by choice, to have faith in God, or not. (Warren Wiersbe explains verses 11-13, "God chose Jacob before the babies were born. The two boys had done neither good nor evil, so God's choice was not based on their character or conduct. Romans 9:13 is a reference to Malachai 1:2-3 saying, "*I have loved you,*" says the LORD. "*Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob I have loved; but Esau I have hated, and laid waste his mountains and his heritage for the jackals of the wilderness."* and refers to nations (Israel and Edom) and not individual sinners. God does not hate sinners. John 3:16 makes it clear that He loves sinners. The statement here has to do with national election, not individual."

(v17-18) Moses chose the mercy of God, Pharaoh chose to harden his heart. It's been said that, "The same sunlight that melts the ice also hardens the clay."

(v19-24) In verse 22 the term "*vessels of wrath prepared for destruction*" is speaking one's continual rejection of God, which fits oneself for destruction. This is a personal choice for destruction, instead of salvation.

> KEY #3 - (v25-33) LOVE'S PROMISE!

(v25) Love's promise through God's Prophets

(v25-26) – Hosea proclaims salvation for the gentiles (Hosea 2:23; 1:10);

(v27-29) – Isaiah proclaims a remnant of Israel will be saved and will cut the work short, lest all Israel would become like Sodom and Gomorrah (Isaiah 10:22-23; cp. Rev 11:8 – *And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*)

(v30-32) Love's promise through FAITH, not works!

(v33) There are 8 points regarding Christ a stumbling stone and a rock of offense:

(1) Christ is the rock - Matthew 16:16-19 - *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

(2) The rock, like Christ was struck that the Spirit of life may flow from Him to all who will drink (Ex. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4; cp. Jn. 4:13-14; John 7:37-38 - *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*);

(3) Christ is the rock to the church, the foundation and chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19-22 - *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*);

(4) Christ was to the Jews at His first coming a stumbling stone, a rock of offense! (Romans 9:32-33);

(5) Christ to Israel at His second coming the capstone of the corner (Zechariah 4:6-7 - *So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"*");

(6) Christ is to the Gentile world powers, the striking stone . . . cut out without hands (Daniel 2:34 – *You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.*);

(7) Christ is in the divine purpose, the Stone, which after the destruction of the gold image were crushed together and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth (Isaiah2:2);

(8) Christ is to the unbelievers the crushing stone of judgment that will grind those on whom it falls to powder (Matthew 21:43-44 – *"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."*)

WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME!