

WHAT HAPPENED TO ISRAEL'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM?

THE PAST. (Pt. 1)

Rom. 9:1-3

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH UNTO ETERNAL LIFE BEFORE GOD

Applies to all sinners saved in all dispensations. The Non-Pauline Scriptures cannot REVEAL this, but they can WITNESS to it.



SANCTIFICATION-Set Apart For:
God's Prophetic Program with His
People, the Nation of Israel.
Revealed in the Non-Pauline Scrip.

SANCTIFICATION-Set Apart For:
God's Mystery Program with His
People, the Body of Christ.
Revealed in the Pauline Scrip.



GLORIFICATION:
Restore God's Glory on the Earth

GLORIFICATION:
Restore God's Glory the
Heavenlies

1. How we answer this question makes all the difference in the world, not the universe.
 - a. If Paul is wrong here, he is wrong everywhere and we should just throw away the first 8 chapters of Romans. That isn't true either.
 - b. If he can't answer this, his critics are right. He is a fraud, a false prophet, not a man of God and ought to be ignored.

2. Paul's critics say: If what Paul says is true, that God has cast away His Prophetic Program with National Israel and is now carrying out a new and unique Mystery Program with a new and unique people, the Body of Christ, then God must be unrighteous and unfaithful to Israel. (Rom. 3:3, 5)

3. Most of historic Christianity has said that God is all done with national Israel and has replaced her with the Body of Christ, spiritualizing away all God's truth for Israel and applying it to the Body of Christ.
 - a. Israel gets all the curses.
 - b. The Body of Christ gets all the blessings.

4. But let's make no mistake: To say such a thing sides with Paul's critics and makes God unrighteous and unfaithful.
--God doesn't keep His promises to those He made them to.
He is a liar.

6. The simple answer to the questioning of God's righteousness and faithfulness is that He set aside the Nation of Israel only **TEMPORARILY!**
 - He is going to restart His Prophetic Program with Israel after He completes His Mystery Program with the Body of Christ.
(Rom. 11:25-32)

7. Any other answer except that God began a new and unique divine Purpose, Program and People through Paul's distinct apostleship is built on the premise that God is a liar, unfaithful and unrighteous.

8. Throwing away this explanation is the source of all divisions among believers today:
 - a. If you think your group has replaced Israel and your flesh tends toward religion and ritual, you will return to the Law and get your instructions there: Catholicism, Episcopal.
 - b. If you think your group has replaced Israel and your flesh tends toward following in the steps of the earthly Jesus, you will go to the Gospel Accounts and get your instructions there: Baptists.
 - c. If you think your group has replaced Israel and your flesh tends toward feelings and emotions, you will go to Pentecost and get your instructions there: Pentecostals.

9. But no matter which way you go in the varieties of replacement theology, the one place you never you never go IS TO PAUL, which is Satan's main goal.
 - a. This is Satan's main plan of attack against believers today—getting them to believe that they are the “real” Israel.
 - b. Then Satan let's them go wherever they want because he knows that the one place they won't go is to Paul and what God is accomplishing today through his distinct apostleship.

10. So, we come back to our original question: **WHAT HAPPENED TO GOD'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM FOR THE NATION OF ISRAEL?**

- a. Romans 9: Past--God's righteousness and faithfulness in creating Israel from nothing in the past.
- b. Romans 10: Present--God's righteousness and faithfulness in giving Israel an overly-sufficient witness through His messengers about the Christ, which they should have received in faith.
- c. Romans 11: Future--God's righteousness and faithfulness assures that God will return to His Prophetic Program for National Israel in the future after He completes His new and unique Mystery Program for the Body of Christ.

11. If you reject Paul's distinct apostleship, then you have to do away with Rom. 9-11.
 - a. The way most of historic Christianity has attempted to do this is to change the whole topic and make this passage refer to personal salvation and is not about national Israel's salvation at all--varieties of Calvinism.
 - b. But Paul already dealt with personal salvation in Rom. 1-8! He doesn't come along now, throw that away and replace it with Rom. 9-11.

12. Rom. 9:1-2: Paul gives another example of the Spirit bearing witness with his inner man and interceding with the Father, groaning, longing to take onto himself Israel's current accursed position, closing the gap between God and Israel.

13. Rom. 9:3: In Paul's agape love Spirit-led prayer to narrow the between the believer's experience and position in Rom. 1:1-13, God doesn't give Paul his agape love filled heart in the Spirit that groaned, longingly requesting to go to them in person. Instead, He inspired him to write a letter that has been in circulation for millennia and has positively affected millions upon millions—something a personal visit could not have done.

14. So, too God doesn't give Paul's agape love filled heart, Spirit-led prayer his request to close the gap between God and Israel by being separated from God for them. Instead, God uses Israel's Fall to bring the riches of His Mercy and Grace to the world. (Rom. 11:32-33)

Of course, this is impossible because Paul just said at the end of Rom. 8 that nothing could separate him from God and His love, not God Himself, not anything in creation, therefore, not even Paul himself.

b. Rather, Paul is using the same logic that God used in Rom. 8:32a: He is conveying the point that if he is willing to do the greatest and hardest thing for Israel, he would automatically be willing to do anything less—proclaiming God's salvation to Jews first and Gentiles.

15. As God's appointed announcer of national Israel's current cursed status, Paul wanted to make sure they knew that he wasn't doing it out of hatred (as the Jews of his day claimed—Acts. 21:28) but out of love.

16. Paul hinges everything he has said through chapter 8 on the fact that God's Word has not gone out for nothing and that God is not unfaithful and unrighteous and untruthful to Israel