

WHAT HAPPENED TO ISRAEL'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM?

The Past (Pt. 2)

Rom. 9:4-5

1. Answering the question about what happened to the Nation of Israel is so important that Paul breaks into his presentation of God's complete salvation package for today—justification, sanctification and glorification—without finishing it.

2. Just before the Israelites entered Canaan, God proclaimed to the whole universe that nothing could separate Him from His Nation of Israel (Num. 22-23).
 - a. But if God broke this promise and has permanently cast away the Nation of Israel (as most of historic Christianity says!) then you should throw away the first 8 chapters of Romans as well because Paul's critics would be right—God would be unfaithful, unrighteous and untruthful.

3. If God broke His promises to Israel, why should we believe He will keep us promises to us in the Body of Christ? That is what is at stake—EVERYTHING!!

4. 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.

5. Rom. 9:3: In Paul's agape love filled heart, Spirit-led prayer to narrow the gap between the God's ultimate purpose for the Nation of Israel and her fallen accursed status in that day, Paul groaned and longed to narrow the gap by becoming separated from God himself if it meant Israel would be brought back to God.
 - a. Of course, God could not do that per Rom. 8:31-39!
 - b. Instead, God made the provision during this Transition Period for Paul to take his message to the Jews first and the Gentile, so that some of them might be saved (Rom. 11:13-14)

6. 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.

7. 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

8. FIRST TRIAD:

Adoption—Glory—the Unconditional Grace Covenants:

a. God gave them a sonship position. This was God's ultimate purpose for the Israelites from the Exodus (Ex. 4:22).

--Their mistake was entering the Law Covenant, declaring that they could obtain these blessings through their own works. This utterly failed and brought them under the Curses of the Law rather than the blessings (Ex. 19:8).

Adoption—Glory—the Unconditional Grace Covenants:

--Israel will receive these blessings in the future earthly Kingdom when they fall on God's grace and rely on His Jehovah Name to do everything for them (Hos. 14:1-9) to fulfill their sonship position in the re-establishment of God's Glory on Earth.

b. God's Glory dwelt with them (Ex. 14:19; 16:10; 40:34-35)

c. God gave them His Grace Covenants summed up in His Jehovah Name—Abrahamic (Gen. 12:1-5 with 15:6ff), Davidic (2 Sam. 7:10-16), New (Jer. 31:31-37).

9. The LORD, I AM _____ whatever you need (Ps. 23):
- a. I AM your shepherd (Jehovah Rohi) (23:1)
 - b. I AM your provider (Jehovah Jireh) (23:1)
 - b. I AM your peace (Jehovah Shalom) (23:2)
 - c. I AM your healer (Jehovah Rapha) (23:3)
 - d. I AM your righteousness (Jehovah Tsidkenu) (23:3)
 - e. I AM with you (Jehovah Shammah) (23:4)
 - d. I AM your comfort (Jehovah Ezer) (23:4)
 - f. I AM your banner/conquering hero—(Jehovah Nissi) (23:5)
 - g. I AM your sanctifier (Jehovah M’Kaddesh) (23:5)
 - h. I AM your portion (Jehovah Manah) (Ps. 23:5)
 - i. I AM your inheritance (Jehovah Cheleq) (Ps. 23:6)