

WHAT HAPPENED TO ISRAEL'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM?

The Past (Pt. 7)

Rom. 9:14-18

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<p>God is using Israel's sinfulness, unrighteousness and rebelliousness to display His Righteousness and the Riches of His Mercy, Grace and Compassion (Rom. 3:21-25; 11:12)</p>	<p>This can't be true because this would make God unrighteous to Israel, He would be an encourager of sin (Rom. 9:14; 3:5).</p>	<p>No, it doesn't. That is what God did when Israel rebelled against God at the Golden Calf Incident and were no better than the Gentiles (Rom. 9:14-16; Ex. 32-33).</p>
<p>God has delayed the deliverance of national Israel while He carries out another plan among the Gentiles to make His Name and Power known (Rom. 11:25-26; 1:5, 16).</p>	<p>This can't be true because it would make God unrighteous (Rom. 9:14), using unrighteous people to make Himself known.</p>	<p>No, it doesn't. That is what God at the Exodus when He delayed Israel's deliverance while He carried out another purpose among the Gentiles (Rom. 9:17-18; Ex. 5:22-23, 9:14-16)</p>

1. Rom. 9:17-18: Paul says God has put Israel's national deliverance on hold while He carries out another purpose to make His Glory and Power known among the Gentiles.
 - a. That is what He did at the Exodus when He postponed His plan for Israel's deliverance while He carried out another purpose among the Gentiles to make His Name and Power known (Ex. 5:22-23; 9:14-16)!
 - b. Conclusion: He is not unrighteous today for postponing Israel's Program of national deliverance while He carries out another Mystery Program with the Body of Christ to make known His Name and Power among the Gentiles through the distinct apostleship of Paul (Rom.1:6, 16).

2. Rom. 9:19-26: Is there unrighteousness with God because His displeasure of national Israel lasts a long time? It has been 20 plus years since Pentecost. Isn't that long enough. Why is God still angry with Israel (2 Pet. 3:1-9)?

a. If God has made Israel a vessel of honor and then dishonor and then honor again, sometimes for long periods of time (Is. 45:9; Jer. 18:1-7; Hos. 1:6ff; 2:21-23; 8:8) ...

--He can likewise take the Gentiles—vessels of dishonor—and use them as vessels of honor and vessels of dishonor again in the future (Rom. 11:25).

b. This demonstrates in displaying the riches of His longsuffering kindness, He can do that for as long as He likes (Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:15).

c. Therefore, God is not unrighteous to make Israel a vessel of dishonor while He carries out His purpose among other vessels of honor—the Gentiles to make known the riches of His glory through the apostleship of Paul for as long as He likes—some 2,000 years now (Rom. 9:23).

3. The only way God would be unfaithful and unrighteous would be if He never returned to His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel. But He will:

a. Hosea spoke of a time when Israel would be accursed (not His people) but God would not leave them there. He would return to them to Himself and making them His people once again (Rom. 9:25-26; Hos. 2:23)

b. Isaiah said that even in their accursed state He would always preserve a remnant through which He would bring Israel back to Himself (Rom. 9:27-29; Is. 10:22, 28:22).

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<p>God is holding back His wrath and judgment against the vessels of dishonor while He makes known His glory through other vessels of honor (Rom. 9:22-24)</p>	<p>This can't be true because it would make God unrighteous and unfaithful because He would be forcing Israel to sin (Rom. 9:19).</p>	<p>No it doesn't. That is what God did with Israel in the days of Hosea (Rom. 9:25-26)</p>