

## **Romans Series: God's Plan for Israel (Romans 9–11) Part 2**

### **Message Summary:**

In this powerful shift from the personal promises of Romans 8, Paul turns his attention to Israel in chapters 9–11. His heart breaks for his fellow Jews who have rejected Jesus, despite their privileged position in God's story. We're reminded that while Israel is God's chosen people, salvation still only comes through Jesus. This section also addresses common theological misconceptions, like Replacement Theology, and highlights God's unchanging faithfulness to His people. If God keeps His covenant with Israel despite their rebellion, we can trust He'll be faithful to us too.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Romans 9:1–5 – Paul's sorrow for Israel
- Romans 9:6–13 – Children of the promise vs. children of the flesh
- Romans 10:10–13 – Salvation through faith in Jesus
- Romans 11:1–2, 25–27 – God's plan for Israel's future
- Zechariah 13:8–9 – God's refining of the remnant

### **Study Questions:**

Q1: Why was Paul so sorrowful over the condition of Israel?

A: Remember he was Jewish by lineage but a Roman citizen by birth. Because although they had spiritual privileges (law, covenants, promises), many rejected their Messiah. Paul's grief shows how deeply he loved his people and wanted them saved.

Q2: What does Romans 9 teach about God's choosing of Israel? Think about verse 31. Paul's is referencing a rock. Who or what is that Rock?

A: God chose Israel for a purpose—to bring forth the Rock that is Jesus. The messiah came from Israel to the world.

Q3: Why is Replacement Theology a dangerous doctrine?

A: It falsely claims the Church has replaced Israel, leading to historical antisemitism and misunderstanding of God's covenant promises. Romans 11 makes it clear: God is not done with Israel.

Q4: What does Israel's ongoing story say about God's character?

A: It proves God is faithful even when His people are unfaithful. His pursuit of Israel shows His mercy and consistency.

Q5: Because Israel is the nation that God built do they get a "pass" for salvation? How does Paul say people—Jews and Gentiles—are saved? Read through Romans 10:9.

A: they get no pass. Everyone Jew and gentile must confess Jesus as Lord and believe in His resurrection and that he is a Son of God. Salvation is by grace through faith, not heritage or works.

Q6: What does God's unchanging plan for Israel teach us about how we view our own failures?

A: Just as He hasn't given up on Israel, He won't give up on us. His promises are grounded in His faithfulness, not our perfection.

Q7: How can Christians honor Israel's role in redemptive history without compromising the truth of the Gospel?

A: By loving and supporting the Jewish people while boldly proclaiming that Jesus is the only way to salvation—for Jew and Gentile alike.

### **Family Spotlight – "The Puzzle Piece Object Lesson"**

Supplies: A puzzle (or even just 1 puzzle piece from a set)

Activity:

Give each child or family member a single puzzle piece and ask them to guess what the whole picture is. Then show the box with the full image.

Lesson:

Israel is a piece of God's big puzzle. On their own, their story may seem confusing or even incomplete. But God sees the full picture. Just like that puzzle piece, our lives make the most sense when they're part of God's bigger plan. Trust the process—even when you don't see the full picture yet.

### **Verse to Memorize Together:**

**Romans 11:29** – "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."