

God's Plan for His People

Romans 9:1–13

Introduction and overview of Chapters 9–11:

“The Problem of Israel”

I. The story of Israel has always pointed to Jesus.

w. 1–5

II. God will do what He said He will do.

v. 6a

III. God will accomplish His plans through His people.

vv. 6b–13

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Discuss what you think of when you hear the word “Israel.”
2. What is the “problem of Israel” and how does it relate to v. 6?
3. What is the difference between a collectivistic vs. individualistic culture? How does this help us understand Paul’s audience in Romans?
4. How do you see Paul’s passion for unbelieving Israel? How do you respond to and view those that are not believers? Should we have his sorrow and passion?
5. Discuss the various things listed by Paul that “belong” to the Israelites in verses 4 & 5. Discuss how these things were confused with salvation for Israelites. Review Romans 3:21–4:12. How was Abraham justified and reconciled with God?
6. In v. 6 he states: “But it is not as though the word of God has failed.” How do you understand this? Why is the important case he is trying to make about Israel in chapters 9–11? Isaiah 40:8, Gal. 3:7–9, Acts 28:26–28.
7. Read Romans 9:6–13. How does this help you understand God’s election of Israel?
8. Discuss the concept of “election.” How does this give us confidence in God’s plans? Rom. 8:28–30, Deut. 7:6–11, Gal. 4:22–23, Eph. 1:3–6

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16–17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

